



## Collared Sparrowhawk

<b>Name</b>	<b>Scientific</b>	<i>Accipiter cirrhocephalus</i>
	<b>Common</b>	Collared Sparrowhawk.
<b>Description</b>	This is a small, slightly built hawk, the females being slightly larger than the males. The feathers are grey or brown above; the breast and underparts are beautifully striped chestnut and cream. The bill, eyes and legs are yellow.	
<b>Habitat</b>	They prefer forests and woodlands, especially in areas where there are many small birds which they can hunt.	
<b>What it feeds on</b>	Mainly small birds, including caged birds such as canaries and budgerigars.	
<b>Where it feeds</b>	Prey is usually taken in flight.	
<b>Breeding</b>	Breeding can take place between August and December. A nest is usually built in a fork of a tall tree and is made from sticks, often lined with green leaves. The same nest is used each year and often increases in size as more sticks are added. 2 or 3 eggs are usually laid and incubated mostly by the female.	
<b>Did you know?</b>	This bird looks a lot like the brown goshawk but is smaller in size.	

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