## COLLARED SPARROWHAWK vs BROWN GOSHAWK

AN IDENTIFICATION COMPARISON TABLE

Characteristic	COLLARED SPARROWHAWK		BROWN GOSHAWK		
Sex	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Length (Avg cm)	29-33	35-38	38-45	45-55	
Body	Small, lightly built			-	
Eyes & Eyebrows		Boggle-eyed, wide-eyed, stares		ares.	
, ,	33 , , , ,		Heavy brow (beetle-browed)		
Head & Bill	Much more robust bil	l.	Bill is quite small.	•	
	Has the smaller head.		·		
	Female cere grey / cream		Female cere yellow/green		
Legs	Long, thin, wiry, spindly		More solid, sturdier		
Toes	Last segment of middle toe projects beyond		Tip of middle toe does <b>not</b> project beyond		
	claws of the other toes.		claws of the other toes.		
	Finer toes.				
Tail (beware of	Sharp cornered tail.		Longer, rounded.		
worn tails)	Tail slightly forked when folded (bird perched).				
	Long, square (Female) or notched (Male).				
Flight Action	Rapid with bursts of quick wing-beats.		Rapid, powerful with bursts of quick deep		
			wing-beats.		
	Low, direct flight is variously flickering and		Can go under low canopy at high speed.		
	jerky (hedge hunting).		Very manoeuvable		
W. 0 :	Undulating (like cuckoo-shrike).		11		
Wings - Soaring:	- Horizontal or upswept.		- Horizontal or upswep fanned.	ot (soars in spirals). Tail	
- Gliding: - In flight:	- Slightly bowed or drooped wings.		- From front: slightly bowed, with tips bent up.		
- III IIIgiit.	<ul><li>From front: Looks longer winged.</li><li>From under/silhouette: Curved trailing edge</li></ul>		- From under/silhouette: Adult has straight		
	to wing.		trailing edge to wing.		
Landing	Rapid tail-wagging on landing.		Wags tail sideways on landing.		
Food / Hunting	Prey usually small passerines - usually in		Less frequently takes pursued small birds in		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	flight.		flight.		
	Regularly patrols territory - in fast, low flight.		May hunt in pairs, one flushing, one hunting.		
	Prey taken after turning & twisting pursuit.		Often hunts from perch, waiting half		
			concealed.		
	Always waits in foliage, launches attacks at		Skulks, unobserved in cover. Takes more of		
5	small birds passing by.		its prey from ground than sparrowhawk.		
Behaviour	Trusting, approachab				
Habitat	Woodlands, riverine vegetation, inland scrub,		Wooded habitats and riverside, open forest,		
Ninat	gorges, temperate rainforest			farmland. Often only glimpsed when flushed	
Nest	Small stick nest, usually high but sometimes lower (10 metres)		Large stick nest high in tall tree. Sometimes		
Voice (near nest)	,		quite low (6 metres)		
voice (near nest)	Ki-ki-ki (shrill chattering). Kwiek-kwiek-kwiek (slower).		Keek-keek-keek (pitch rise). Kik-kik-ki-kikik (descending).		
	Higher pitched, weaker, more rapid.		ee-you-wick,ee-you-wick (drawn out).		
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