

Have You Seen These Birds?

Please contact Barry O'Donoghue 087-9110715 or harriers@environ.ie for sightings or information on **Hen Harriers**.
See reverse for details.



Ballyhoura's
(Cork/Limerick) Right Yellow



Kerry
Right Red



West Clare
Right Green



Slieve Aughties
(Clare/Galway) Right Black

Hen Harriers are a large Bird of Prey, rare and threatened in Ireland. Females and young are mottled brown with noticeable patterns and have a white rump on their tail, giving them the name ringtails. Adult males are silver/grey with black wing tips with protruding “fingers”. A scheme has been initiated to find out where our Hen Harriers are going, and coloured tags on the back of wings will help tell us this.

Records from the public are the key to this information!

The colour of the left wing tag will tell us what year the bird was born. All birds born and tagged in **2008** have a **GREEN** tag on their **LEFT** wing. In **2006** this colour was **Blue** and in **2007** it was **Red**. The tag on the right wing identifies where the bird has come from, one of four places in 2008, see overleaf. Each individual bird has its own symbol written on both tags.

Tagged birds can and have been found outside of the four areas where tagging has taken place. Sightings of non wing-tagged Hen Harriers are also welcome!



Male Hen Harrier (top) passing food to his Female
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