



Birdie of the Month 12- the Sparrowhawk

Sparrowhawks (*Accipiter nisus*) are fierce, small/medium birds of prey.

They're adapted for hunting birds in confined spaces like dense woodland. They can regularly be seen around Childwall Golf Club on the open fairways and in the wooded copses. Gardens are also an ideal hunting ground for them.

Adult male Sparrowhawks have a bluish-grey back and wings and orangey-brown stripes on their chest and belly.

Females and young birds have a brown back and wings, and brown stripes underneath.

Sparrowhawks have bright yellow or orangey eyes, yellow legs and talons.

Females are larger than males which is the case with all birds of prey.

Keep an eye out for Sparrowhawks hunting around the course where they will ambush small birds and Woodpeckers.

They can be seen over towns, with their flapping flight interspersed with glides and classic raptor silhouette.

For more information scan the QR Codes below.



Male Sparrowhawk with bluish-grey back and wings; orangey-brown stripes on their chest; bright yellow eyes and legs



Female Sparrowhawk with a brown back and wings; brown stripes on their chest; bright yellow eyes and legs



Sparrowhawk hunting in woods