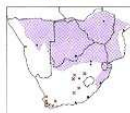




SNAKE-EAGLES



1. BROWN SNAKE-EAGLE *Circaetus cinereus* (142)

66-71 cm

Ad. distinguished from all other dark brown eagles by its unfeathered, creamy white legs. At rest it appears to have an unusually large head with big yellow eyes. In flight the dark brown underwing coverts contrast with almost white primaries and secondaries.

Juv. resembles ad. and differs from juv. Black-chested Snake-Eagle by its darker brown coloration, but differentiation can be difficult. **Habitat.** Savanna, avoiding open grassland and forests. **Status.** Locally common to rare resident; nomadic within subregion. **Call.** Rarely calls. A croaking 'hok-hok-hok-hok' is uttered in flight. (Bruinslangarend)



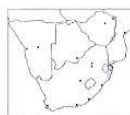
2. BLACK-CHESTED (BLACK-BREADED) SNAKE-EAGLE

Circaetus pectoralis (143)

63-68 cm

In flight, ad. most closely resembles ad. Martial Eagle (p. 100) but differs in having white underwings, with the inner primaries and secondaries barred with black. At rest, the exceptionally large, bright yellow eyes contrast with the dark head. It lacks the black spots of Martial Eagle on the lower breast and belly.

Sexes alike but female is larger. Juv. differs from ad. and juv. Brown Snake-Eagle by being warm rufous when recently fledged, becoming pale brown below, with a pale underwing and undertail, both lightly barred. **Habitat.** Frequents a wide range of habitats, from desert to savanna. **Status.** Locally common to scarce resident; nomadic within the subregion. **Call.** Rarely calls; a melodious whistle, 'kwo-kwo-kwo-kweeu'. (Swartborsslangarend)

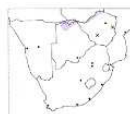


3. SOUTHERN BANDED SNAKE-EAGLE *Circaetus fasciolatus* (144)

55-60 cm

Ad. resembles ad. African Cuckoo Hawk (p. 116) but is much larger, with a large, rounded head and relatively short tail. In flight it may be distinguished from Western Banded Snake-Eagle by its darker underwings and the three (not two) black bars on the tail: the ranges of these two species are not known to overlap.

Juv. is dark brown above, and pale below, with dark streaks on the face, throat and upper breast. **Habitat.** Coastal evergreen forest, riverine forest and open woodland in marshy areas. **Status.** Uncommon resident. **Call.** A harsh 'crok-crok-crok' and high-pitched 'ko-ko-ko-ko-keear'. (Dubbelbandslangarend)

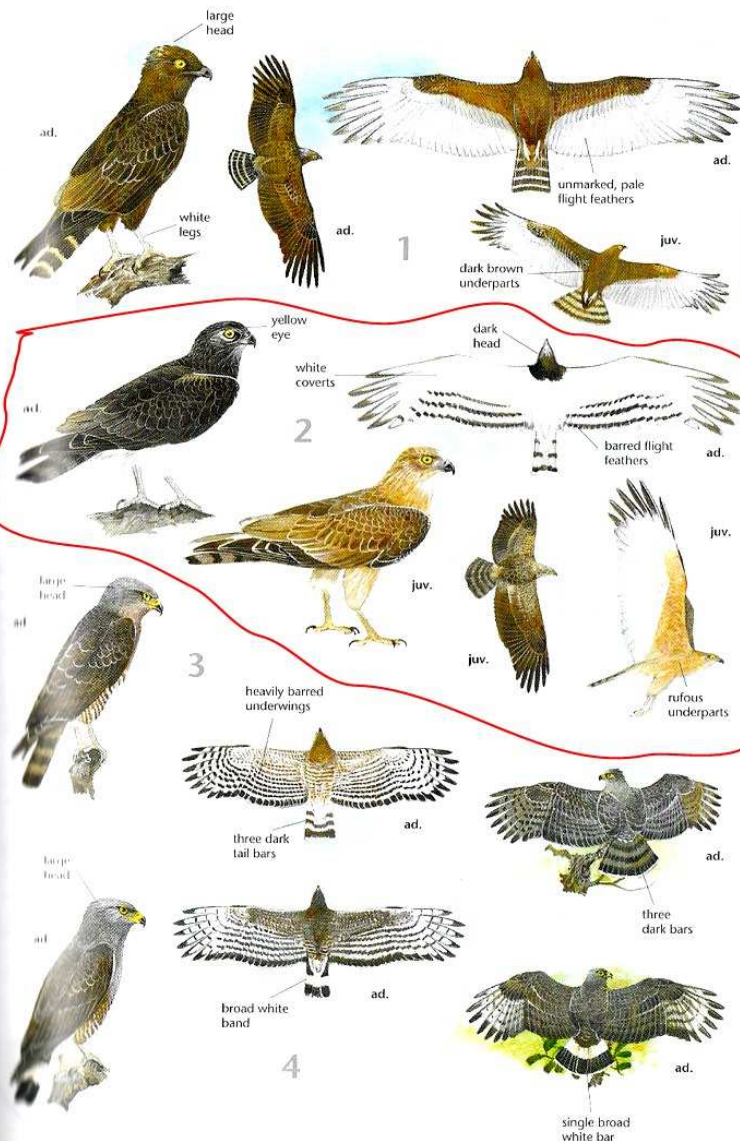


4. WESTERN BANDED SNAKE-EAGLE *Circaetus cinerascens* (145)

55-60 cm

Differs from the similar Southern Banded Snake-Eagle by being stockier and less heavily barred below, and by having a shorter, dark tail with a diagnostic broad, white bar across the middle, visible both in flight and at rest.

Juv. is paler below than ad. and is not easily distinguishable from juv. Southern Banded Snake-Eagle; the ranges of the two species do not overlap. **Habitat.** Woodland fringing large tropical rivers. **Status.** Uncommon resident. **Call.** A high-pitched 'kok-kok-kok-kok'. (Enkelbandslangarend)



2. Schwarzbrust-Schlangennadler (*Circaetus pectoralis*)

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5. Einfarb-Schlangennadler (Circaetus cinereus)
6. a Zwergadler (Hieraaetus pennatus) heller Morph
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7. Fleckennadler (Hieraaetus ayresii)
8. Afrikanischer Habichtsadler (Hieraaetus spilogaster)

1. Black-chested Snake-Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*.
 2. Western Banded Snake-Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens*. 3. Southern Banded Snake-Eagle *Circaetus fasciolatus*. 4. Long-crested Eagle *Lophaelus occipitalis*. 5. Brown Snake-Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*.
 6a. Booted Eagle *Aquila pennatus* pale morph; 6b. Dark morph.
 7. Ayres's Hawk-Eagle *Aquila ayresii*. 8. African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster*.

