



SHORT-TOED EAGLE

(*Buteo buteo*)



DIMENSIONS:

wingspan 110-130 cm

length 50-55 cm

The male is smaller than the female



WHERE TO SEE THEM:

tree canopies
or in flight



The legs are powerful, brightly colored yellow, with sharp and curved talons. The beak is black with lighter shades at the base

It is a diurnal raptor with a characteristic short, fan-shaped tail



The diet is very varied and consists of rodents, insects, small birds, and reptiles



It is a monogamous species, and once the pair has formed, they remain together for life. It nests on trees, building a very voluminous nest, and is one of the few raptors that builds a new one every year without reusing the previous year's nest

In flight, it is elegant and light, extremely skilled at exploiting updrafts, able to remain in flight for long periods without the need to flap its wings

Even its courtship flights are spectacular, consisting of ascents at altitude interspersed with steep dives ("pendulum flights")

