

**Table S1**

The ranking of cover types against each other using Manly's selection ratio ( $w_i \pm SE$ ). '+++' denotes significant preference to one cover type, whereas '---' denotes significant avoidance. For each species, rank scores were derived by adding together the significant scores, e.g. freshwater marshes, in common buzzard, scored '+++' six times because it was significantly preferred to six other cover types, thus receiving a score of +6 (and rank of 1), whereas grassland was significantly preferred to one cover type and significantly avoided relative to one cover type, so it received an overall score of zero, similar to three other cover types, which were thus all given a rank of 2 jointly.

<u>Common buzzard</u>											
Cover type	$w_i \pm SE$	FM	RC	GR	RB	SP	AL	SM	LG	Score	Rank
FM	2.591 ± 0.173	0	+	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	6	1
RC	1.390 ± 0.434	-	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	2
GR	1.281 ± 0.238	---	-	0	+	+	+	+	+++	0	2
RB	1.196 ± 0.268	---	-	-	0	+	+	+	+++	0	2
SP	1.128 ± 0.268	---	-	-	-	0	+	+	+	-1	6
AL	0.825 ± 0.063	---	-	-	-	-	0	+	+++	0	2
SM	0.578 ± 0.071	---	-	-	-	-	-	0	+	-1	6
LG	0.321 ± 0.076	---	-	---	---	-	---	-	0	-4	8
<u>Western marsh harrier</u>											
Cover type	$w_i \pm SE$	RB	FM	SP	RC	GR	SM	LG	AL	Score	Rank
RB	2.764 ± 0.366	0	+	+	+	+++	+++	+++	+++	4	1
FM	2.552 ± 0.160	-	0	+	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	5	2
SP	1.828 ± 0.312	-	-	0	+	+	+	+++	+++	2	3
RC	1.197 ± 0.375	-	---	-	0	+	+	+	+	-1	4
GR	1.062 ± 0.203	---	---	-	-	0	+	+	+++	-1	4
SM	0.908 ± 0.079	---	---	-	-	-	0	+	+++	-1	4
LG	0.780 ± 0.107	---	---	---	-	-	-	0	+++	-2	7
AL	0.256 ± 0.037	---	---	---	-	---	---	---	0	-6	8
<u>Hen harrier</u>											
Cover type	$w_i \pm SE$	GR	SM	RC	SP	FM	LG	AL	RB	Score	Rank
GR	3.878 ± 0.964	0	+	+	+	+++	+++	+++	+++	4	1
SM	1.594 ± 0.251	-	0	+	+	+	+	+++	+	1	2
RC	0.874 ± 0.868	-	-	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	3
SP	0.835 ± 0.581	-	-	-	0	+	+	+	+	0	3
FM	0.781 ± 0.289	---	-	-	-	0	+	+	+	-1	5
LG	0.712 ± 0.277	---	-	-	-	-	0	+	+	-1	5
AL	0.468 ± 0.129	---	---	-	-	-	-	0	+	-2	8
RB	0.396 ± 0.393	---	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-1	5
<u>Black kite</u>											
Cover type	$w_i \pm SE$	RC	FM	RB	AL	LG	SP	GR	SM	Score	Rank
RC	5.154 ± 0.963	0	+	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	6	1
FM	3.071 ± 0.443	-	0	+	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	5	2
RB	1.945 ± 0.837	---	-	0	+	+	+	+	+	-1	3
AL	0.794 ± 0.154	---	---	-	0	+	+	+	+++	-1	3
LG	0.700 ± 0.273	---	---	-	-	0	+	+	+	-2	5
SP	0.410 ± 0.207	---	---	-	-	-	0	+	+	-2	5
GR	0.293 ± 0.291	---	---	-	-	---	-	0	+	-2	5
SM	0.063 ± 0.063	---	---	-	---	-	-	-	0	-3	8

AL: agricultural land; FM: freshwater marshes; RC: rivers and canals; GR: grassland; RB: reedbeds; SP: salt pans; LG: lagoons; SM: saltmarshes