

197 Eurasian Woodcock

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Woodcock (23-XII).

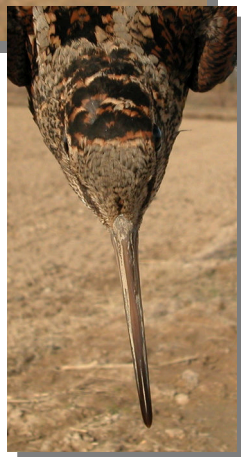
EURASIAN WOODCOCK (*Scolopax rusticola*)

IDENTIFICATION

34-36 cm. Grey upperparts; with black and buff streaked; grey underparts, with transversal lines; grey and brown crown, with pale transversal lines; brown wings con pale buff bands; dark tail, with reddish tinge; long bill, darker on tip.



Woodcock. Pattern of head and crown.

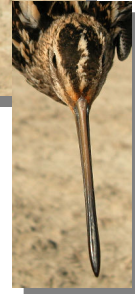


SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Common Snipe** (25-28 cm), which is smaller and has longitudinal lines on crown.



Common Snipe



SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile similar to **adults** but with tips of primary coverts broad buff edged; fresh plumage.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring maintain tips of primary coverts broad buff edged; pale flight feathers; primaries with worn tips.

Adult with narrow pale tips on primary coverts; dark flight feathers; primaries with fresh tips.

CAUTION: wear on primary tips in not evident in early winter.

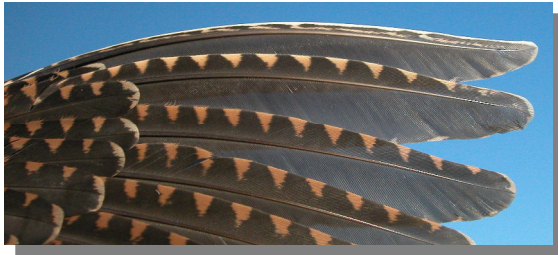


Wood cock. Ageing. Pattern of tips of primary coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.

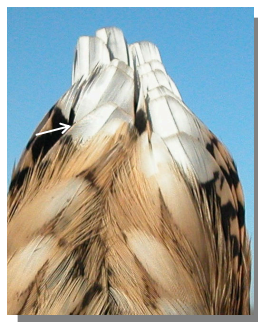


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Woodcock. Ageing. Pattern of primaries: top adult; bottom 1st year.



Woodcock. Ageing. Pattern of tail feathers (from below): left adult; right 1st year.

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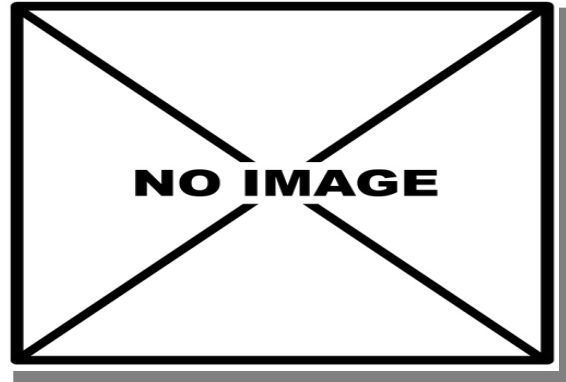
Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in September. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, all or most of tail, lesser and median coverts and inner secondaries with their coverts; usually finished in October. **Adults** have a **prebreeding** moult including some body feathers, wing coverts and tail feathers.

PHENOLOGY

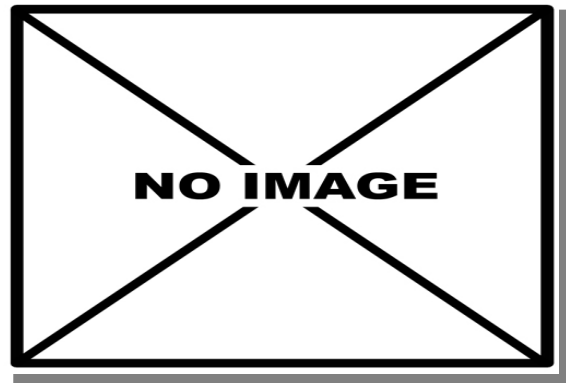
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STATUS IN ARAGON

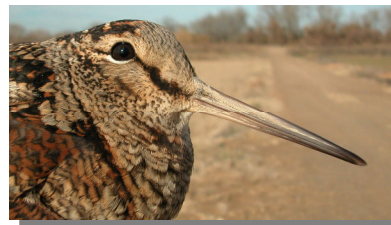
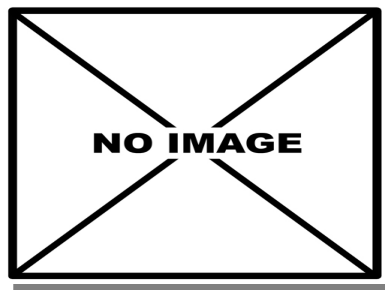
Breeds scarcely in forests with wet soil of Moncayo and Pyrenees. Wintering or in passage widely distributed throughout the Region



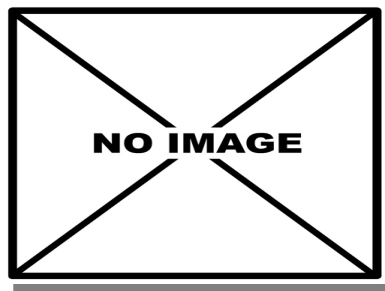
Woodcock. Adult ().



Woodcock. Juvenile ().

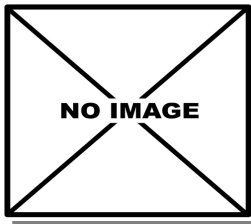
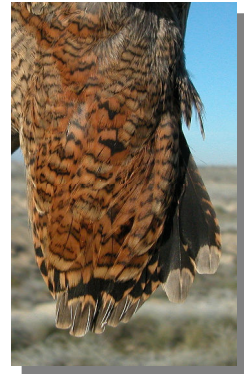
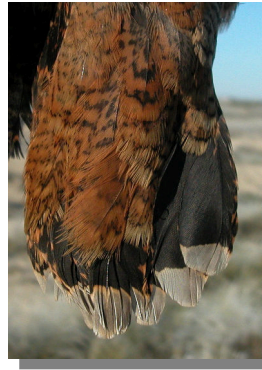
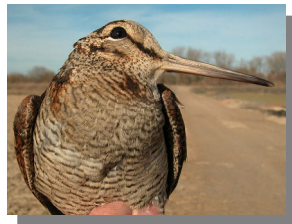
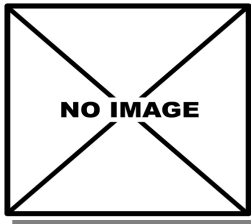


Woodcock. Head pattern: top adult (); middle 1st year (23-XII); bottom juvenile ().

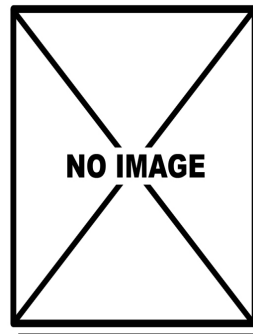


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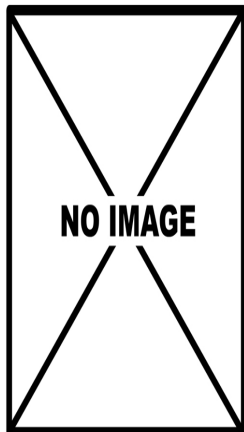
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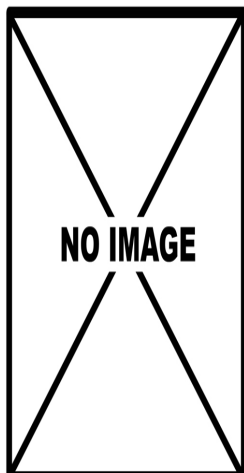
Woodcock. Breast pattern: top left adult (); top right 1st year (23-XII); left juvenile ().



Woodcock. Tail pattern: top left adult (); top right 1st year (23-XII); left juvenile ().



Woodcock. Adult: pattern of primary coverts (16-XII).



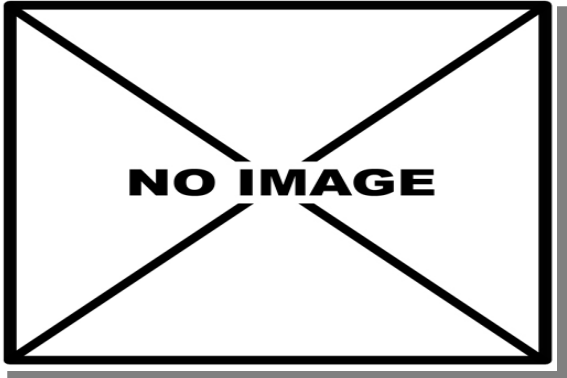
Woodcock. Upper-part pattern: top left adult (); top right 1st year (23-XII); left juvenile ().



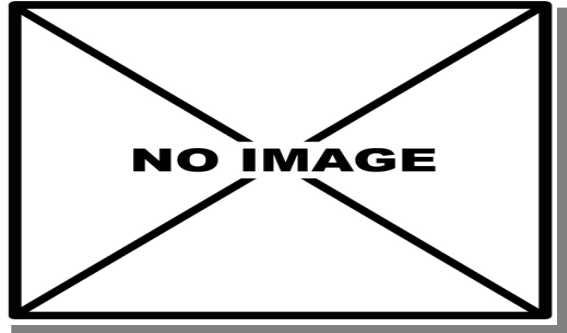
Woodcock. 1st year: pattern of primary coverts (16-XII).

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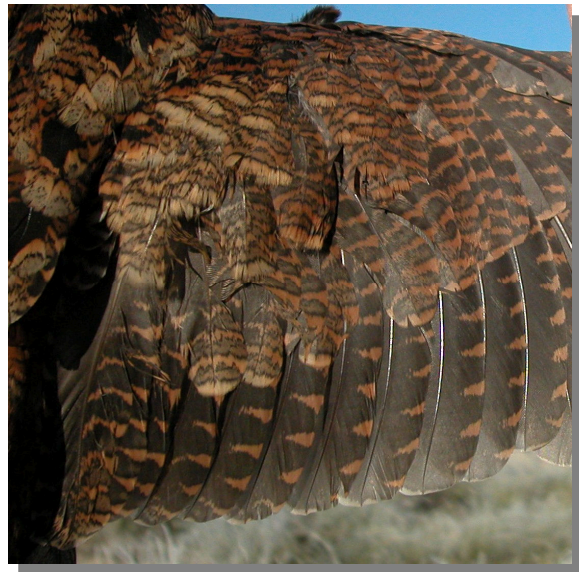
Woodcock. Juvenile: pattern of primary coverts ().



Woodcock. Juvenile: pattern of primaries ().



Woodcock. Adult: pattern of primaries (16-XII).



Woodcock. Adult: pattern of secondaries (16-XII).



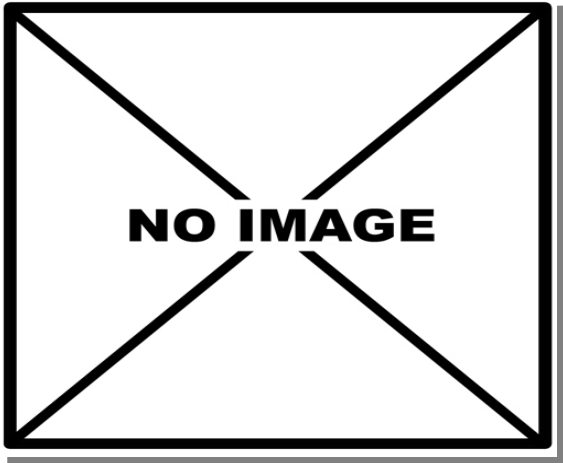
Woodcock. 1st year: pattern of primaries (16-XII).



Woodcock. 1st year: pattern of secondaries (16-XII).

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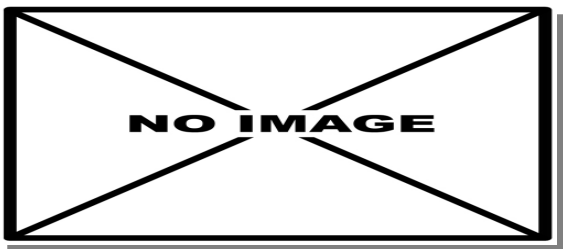
Woodcock. Juvenile: pattern of secondaries ().



Woodcock. Adult: pattern of wing (16-XII).



Woodcock. 1st year: pattern of wing (16-XII).



Woodcock. Juvenile: pattern of wing ().