

309 Common House Martin

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House Martin. Adult. Male (30-V).

COMMON HOUSE MARTIN (*Delichon urbicum*)

IDENTIFICATION

13-15 cm. Dark blue upperparts; white underparts; white rump; only moderately forked tail.



House Martin. Pattern of head, rump and legs.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Breeds in the same places than **Barn Swallow**, which has long tail, chestnut patches on head and lacks white rump. **Red-rumped Swallow** has rusty red rump and chestnut neck,



Barn Swallow



Red-rumped Swallow

SEXING

Sexes with very similar plumage but some differences can be found: **males** tend to exhibit pure white on throat and rump; undertail coverts white with a narrow dark line on shaft. **Females** tend to exhibit grey tinge on throat and rump; undertail coverts with grey tinge (**CAUTION:** some **males** with **female-like** pattern and **females** with **male-like** pattern can be found which are inseparable by plumage). **Juveniles** cannot be sexed.



House Martin. Sexing. Pattern of throat: left male; right female.

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House Martin. Ageing. Pattern of head and bill: top adult; bottom juvenile.

House Martin. Sexing. Pattern of rump: left male; right female.



House Martin. Sexing. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male; right female.



House Martin. Ageing. Pattern of upperparts: left adult; right juvenile.

AGEING

2 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with dull feathers on head and mantle; tertials with white tips; lower mandible with yellow base.

Adult with head and mantle glossy blue; tertials without white tips; lower mandible with dark base.

In **spring**, after **postbreeding/postjuvenile** moults, ageing is not possible using plumage pattern.



House Martin. Ageing. Pattern of tertials: left adult; right juvenile.

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MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults, which can start in breeding places and are completed in the winter quarters.

PHENOLOGY

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STATUS IN ARAGON

Summer visitor, breeds commonly in buildings and cliff faces in mountainous areas of the Region being absent in the most deforested zones of the Ebro Basin.



House Martin. Adult. Female (04-VI).



House Martin. Adult. Female with male-like morph (04-VI).



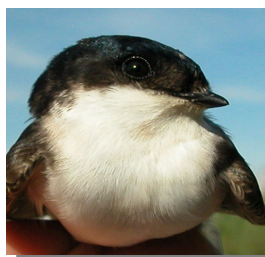
House Martin. Juvenile (21-VIII).



House Martin. Head pattern and colour of lower mandible: from top to bottom: adult male (30-V); adult female (04-VI); adult female with male-like morph (04-VI); juvenile (21-VIII).

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House Martin. Adult. Throat pattern: top left male (30-V); top right female (04-VI); left female with male-like morph (04-VI).



House Martin. Breast pattern: top left adult male (30-V); top right adult female (04-VI); left adult female with male-like morph (04-VI); bottom juvenile (21-VIII).



House Martin. Pattern of tertials: left adult (30-V); right juvenile (21-VIII).



House Martin. Rump pattern: left adult male (30-V); right adult female (04-VI).

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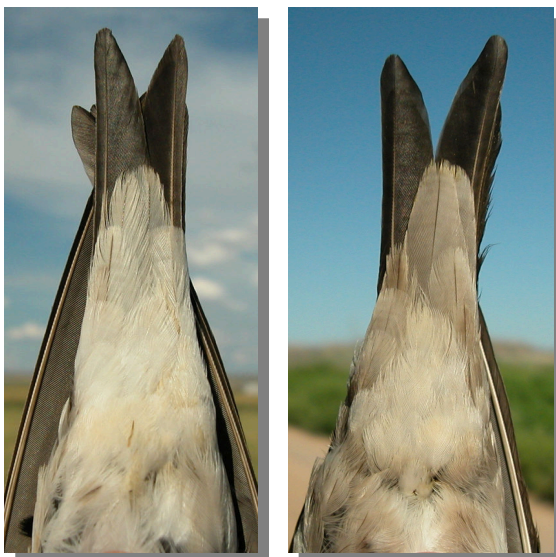
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House Martin. Rump pattern: left adult female with male-like morph (04-VI); right juvenile (21-VIII).



House Martin. Pattern of undertail coverts: left adult female with male-like morph (04-VI); right juvenile (21-VIII).



House Martin. Pattern of undertail coverts: left adult male (30-V); right adult female (04-VI).



House Martin. Upperpart pattern: left adult male (30-V); right adult female (04-VI).

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House Martin. Juvenile: pattern of wing (21-VIII).

House Martin. Upperpart pattern: left adult female with male-like morph (04-VI); right juvenile (21-VIII).



House Martin. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (30-V).



House Martin. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (04-VI).



House Martin. Adult. Female with male-like morph: pattern of wing (04-VI).