

208 Green Sandpiper



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Adult (21-VIII).

GREEN SANDPIPER (*Tringa ochropus*)

IDENTIFICATION

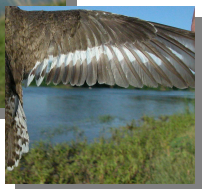
24-26 cm. Brown greenish upperparts, with whitish spotted; white underparts, with streaked breast; dark wings lacking white band; dark underwing coverts; white rump; white tail, barred; dark bill with greenish base.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Common Sandpiper**, which is smaller, lacks white rump and has a white line on wing. **Wood Sandpiper** is very similar but with a white supercilium and with pale underwing coverts.



Common Sandpiper



Wood Sandpiper



SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile with feathers on upperparts and wing coverts pale brown with many distinct deep buff spots; tertials and scapulars with large whitish subterminal spots.

2nd year spring with juvenile flight feathers, which are worn.

Adult with feathers on upperparts and wing coverts olive brown with indistinctly whitish buff spots in spring, which usually are missing in autumn; tertials and scapulars with small whitish subterminal spots.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, starting in breeding areas and finished in wintering quarters. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, tertials, central tail feathers and some inner wing coverts; usually starts in wintering quarters. Both types of age have a **prebreeding** moult, between February and April, including only body feathers.

PHENOLOGY

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII

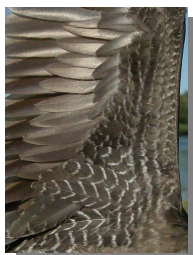
STATUS IN ARAGON

Mainly on passage, although birds can be found in summer or wintering. Widely distributed throughout the Region.



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Juvenile (27-VII)

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Green Sandpiper. Pattern of rump, tail, wing and underwing coverts.



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Upperparts pattern: left adult (11-VII); right juvenile (27-VII).



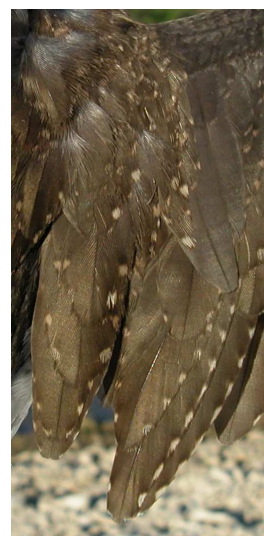
Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Head pattern: top adult (11-VII); bottom juvenile (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Tail pattern: left adult (11-VII); right juvenile (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Breast pattern: top adult (11-VII); bottom juvenile (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Pattern of tertials and scapulars: left adult (11-VII); right juvenile (27-VII).

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Green Sandpiper. Autumn. No moulted adult: pattern of wing coverts (11-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Adult with active moult: pattern of primaries (21-VIII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Adult with active moult: pattern of wing coverts (21-VIII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of primaries (27-VII).



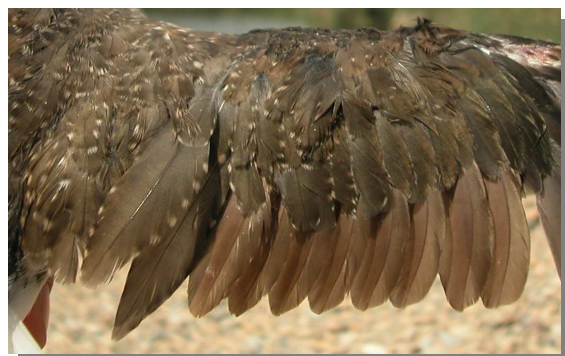
Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of wing coverts (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. No moulted adult: pattern of secondaries (11-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. No moulted adult: pattern of primaries (11-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Adult with active moult: pattern of secondaries (21-VIII).

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Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of secondaries (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of wing (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. No moulted adult: pattern of wing (11-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Adult with active moult: pattern of wing (21-VIII).