

# 204 Greenshank



Greenshank. Spring. Adult (04-V).

## GREENSHANK (*Tringa nebularia*)

### IDENTIFICATION

30-31 cm. In **winter** with grey mantle and white low upperparts; white underparts with mottled breast; white and barred tail; brown wings with small white tips on coverts; bill long and slightly upturned; greenish legs.



Greenshank. Pattern of bill and legs.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

Unmistakable due to slightly upturned bill and greenish legs.

### SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

### AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

**1st year autumn** with most of the **juvenile** plumage with dark brown feathers on upperparts broadly edged buff-brown; grey brown wing coverts with broad buff fringes interrupted centrally by a brown bar.

**2nd year spring** similar to **adults**, but with retained **juvenile** buff fringed inner median wing coverts; primaries very worn or with moult limit between the older inners and fresh outers; if central tail feathers are unmoulted then very worn.

**Adult in autumn** with greyish upperparts; grey wing coverts with inner fringed white. In **spring** with brownish upperparts; brownish-grey wing coverts with inners fringed white; primaries slightly worn.



Greenshank. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of feathers on upperparts: left adult; right 1st year.



Greenshank. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of wing coverts: left adult; right 1st year.

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## MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, starting in breeding places, then suspended for migration and finished in wintering quarters (**CAUTION:** some birds start their moult only when arrival to wintering areas). Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers and few wing coverts; starts in breeding areas and finished in wintering quarters. Both types of age have a **prebreeding** moult including body feathers, some wing coverts and some tertials.

## PHENOLOGY

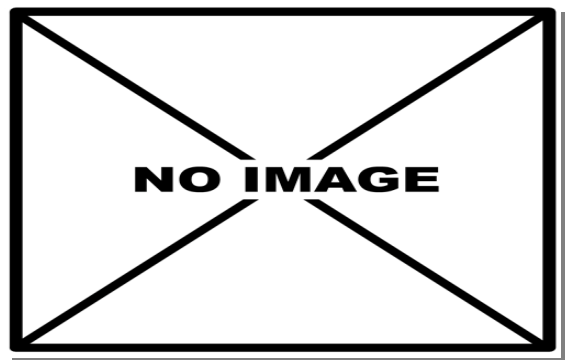
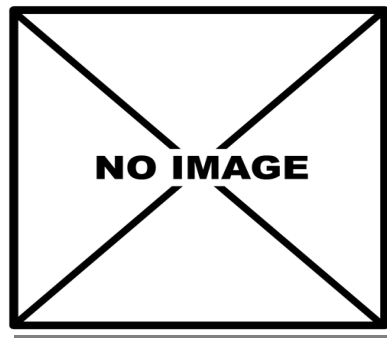
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## STATUS IN ARAGON

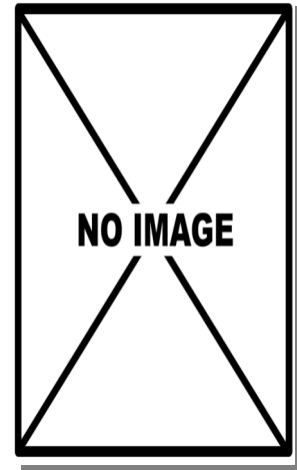
Common on passage with some wintering birds; can be found in wetlands throughout the Region.



Greenshank. Spring. Breast pattern: top adult (04-V); bottom 2nd year ().



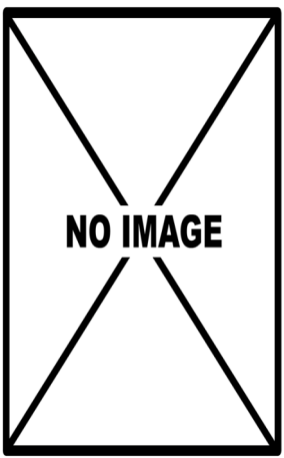
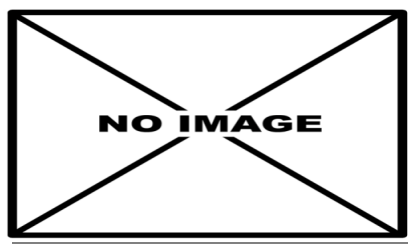
Greenshank. Spring. 2nd year ().



Greenshank. Spring. Upperpart pattern: left adult (04-V); right 2nd year ().

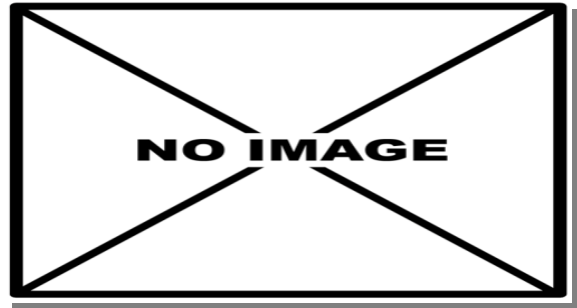
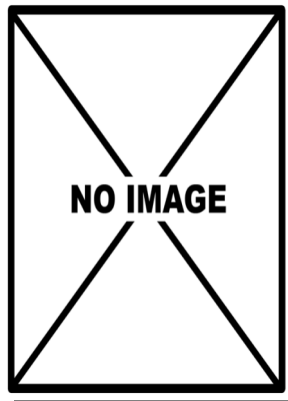


Greenshank. Spring. Head pattern: top adult (04-V); bottom 2nd year ().



Greenshank. Spring. Tail pattern: left adult (04-V); right 2nd year ().

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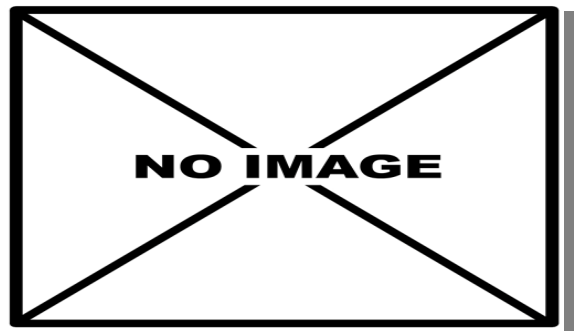
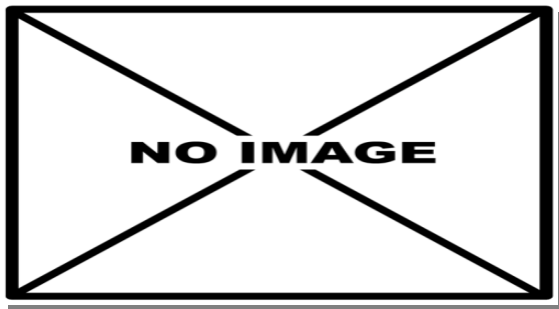
Greenshank. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of primaries ().

Greenshank. Spring. Pattern of tertials: left adult (04-V); right 2nd year ().



Greenshank. Spring. Adult: pattern of secondaries (04-V).

Greenshank. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing covers (04-V).



Greenshank. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of secondaries ().

Greenshank. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing covers ().



Greenshank. Spring. Adult: pattern of primaries (04-V).

Greenshank. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing (04-V).

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Greenshank. Autumn. Head pattern: top adult (21-VII); bottom 1st year (24-VIII).

Greenshank. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing ().



Greenshank. Autumn. Breast pattern: top adult (21-VII); bottom 1st year (24-VIII).

Greenshank. Autumn. Adult (21-VII).



Greenshank. Autumn. 1st year (24-VIII).

Greenshank. Autumn. Upperpart pattern: left adult (21-VII); right 1st year (24-VIII).

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Greenshank. Autumn. Legs pattern: top adult (21-VII); bottom 1st year (24-VIII).



Greenshank. Autumn. Pattern of tertials: top left adult poorly moulted (15-VIII); top left adult with large moult (21-VII); left 1st year (24-VIII).



Greenshank. Autumn. Tail pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (21-VII); top left adult with started moult (15-VIII); left 1st year (24-VIII).



Greenshank. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of wing coverts (15-VIII).

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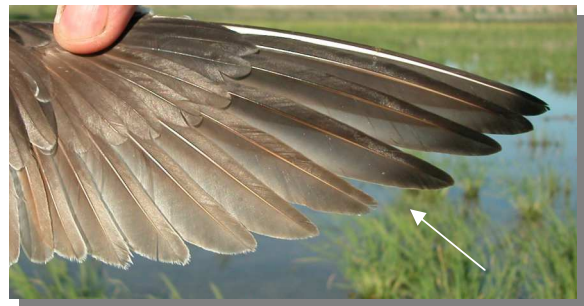
Greenshank. Autumn. Adult with large moult: pattern of wing coverts (15-VII).



Greenshank. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing coverts (24-VIII).



Greenshank. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of primaries (15-VIII).



Greenshank. Autumn. Adult with large moult: pattern of primaries (15-VII).

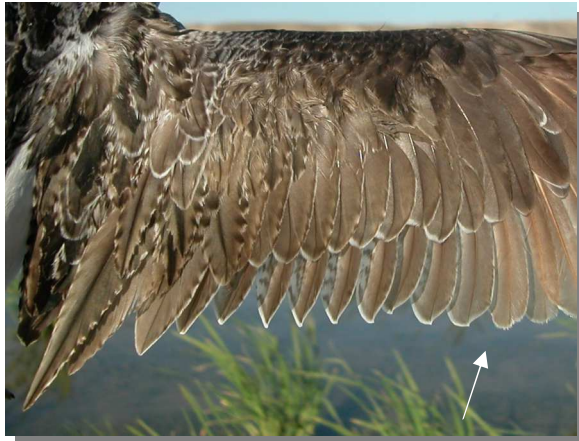


Greenshank. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of primaries (24-VIII).



Greenshank. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of secondaries (15-VIII).

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Greenshank. Autumn. Adult with large molt: pattern of secondaries (15-VII).



Greenshank. Autumn. Adult with large molt: pattern of wing (15-VII).



Greenshank. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of secondaries (24-VIII).



Greenshank. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing (24-VIII).



Greenshank. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of wing (15-VIII).