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Lapwing. Spring. 2nd year. Male (01-III).

LAPWING (*Vanellus vanellus*)

IDENTIFICATION

30-31 cm. Dark upperpart, with glossy green colour; white underparts; broad and rounded wings, with dark flight feathers; white tail with black terminal band; long crest; reddish undertail coverts; in **breeding** plumage **male** with black throat and breast; **female** similar to **male** but with white feathers admixed on black breast and throat; in **winter** plumage both sexes with white throat.



Lapwing. Pattern of head and tail



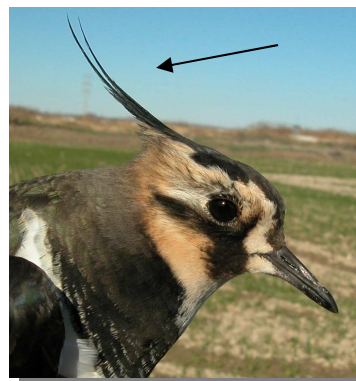
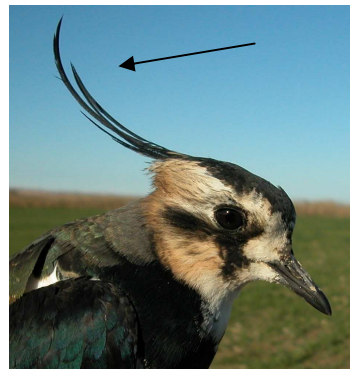
SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable.

SEXING

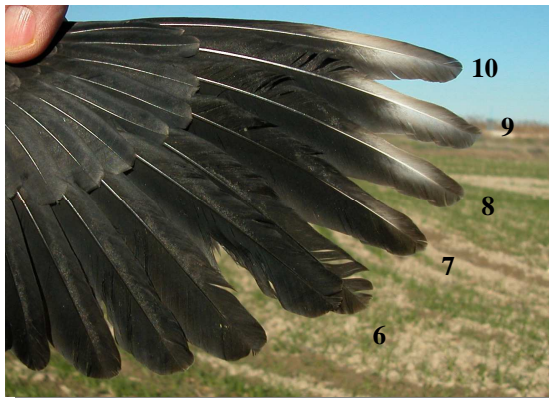
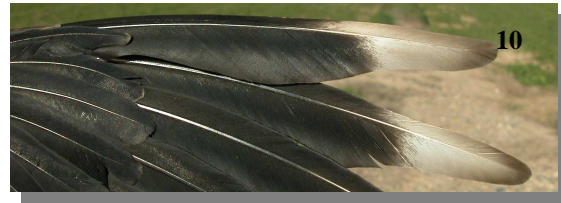
In **adult** birds, **male** has a crest longer than 80 mm; length of 10th primary is between 3rd and 5th; 10th primary is black and its dark tip is not reaching black base; outermost four primaries with pale patch; bluish lesser wing coverts. **Female** has a crest between 60-75 mm; length of 10th primary is between 6th and 7th; 10th primary is black-brown and its dark tip is reaching dark base; outermost three primaries with pale patch; green bluish lesser wing coverts.

In **1st/2nd year** birds, before their **prebreeding** moult, **male** has a crest longer than 70 mm; length of 10th primary is between 6th and 7th; 10th primary is black-brownish and its dark tip is reaching black base with a very pale line. **Female** has a crest between 40-60 mm; length of 10th primary is between 7th and 9th; 10th primary is dark brown and its dark tip is reaching dark base with a dark line.



Lapwing. Sexing. Length of crest: top male; bottom female

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Lapwing. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of 10th primary: top male; bottom female.



Lapwing. Adult. Sexing. Wing formula: top male; bottom female.



Lapwing. 1st year. Sexing. Pattern of 10th primary: top male; bottom female.



Lapwing. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of lesser coverts: top male; bottom female.

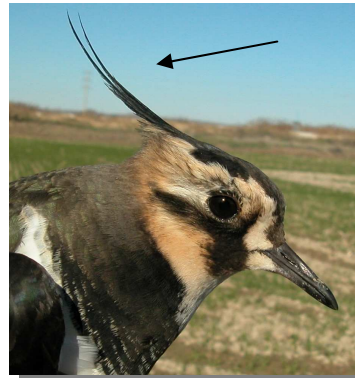


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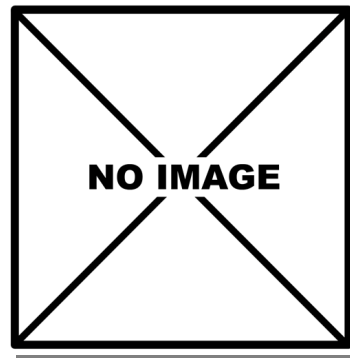
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Lapwing. 1st year. Sexing. Pattern of lesser coverts: top male; bottom female.



Lapwing. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult; bottom juvenile.



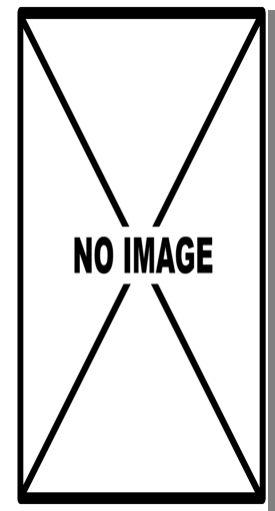
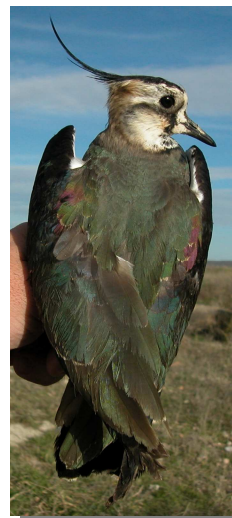
AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

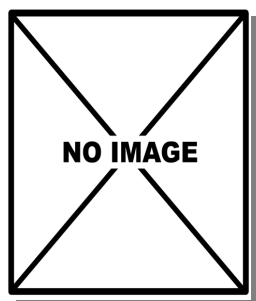
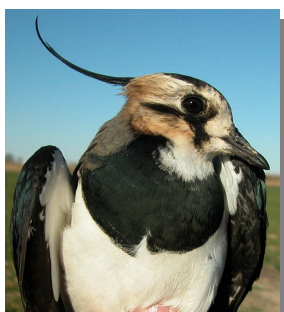
Juvenile with feathers with large buff edge (no only on tip) on upperparts and wing coverts; short crest feathers; fresh plumage.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring similar to adults but ageing is possible using characters given in **SEXING**; usually have the outermost tail feather white or with some black on inner web.

Adult with body feathers and wing coverts with brown tip in autumn, missing during winter by wear; long crest feathers; the outermost tail feather with dark patches on both webs (**CAUTION**: pattern of outermost tail feathers is highly variable in both types of age); birds with arrested moult and finished in wintering quarters have two generations of feathers.



Lapwing. Ageing. Pattern of upperparts: left adult; right juvenile.

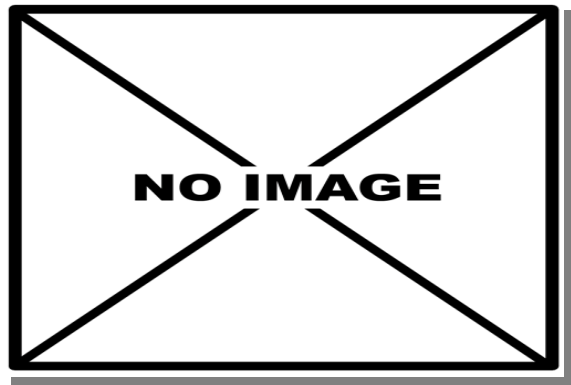


Lapwing. Ageing. Pattern of breast: left adult; right juvenile.

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MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in September; some birds start moult in breeding places to be arrested during migration and finished in their wintering quarters. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, wing coverts, inner secondaries and some tail feathers; sometimes active moult still in December; primaries moulted in their first **postbreeding** moult. Both types of age have a **prebreeding** moult, between February and March, including feathers on head and breast, some wing coverts and, sometimes, inner secondaries.



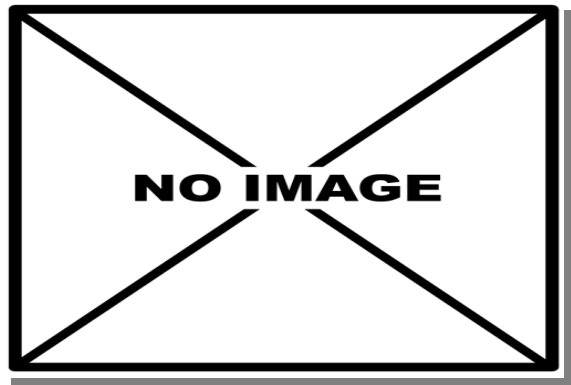
Lapwing. Spring. Adult. Female ().

PHENOLOGY

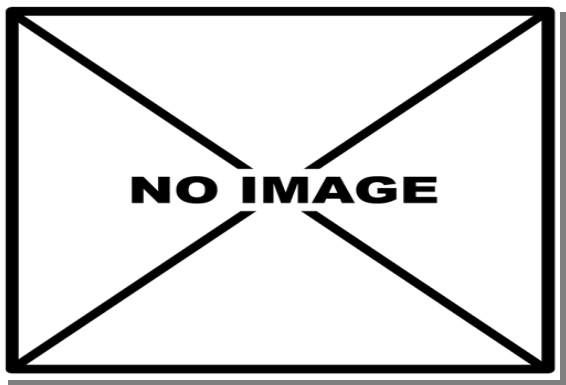
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STATUS IN ARAGON

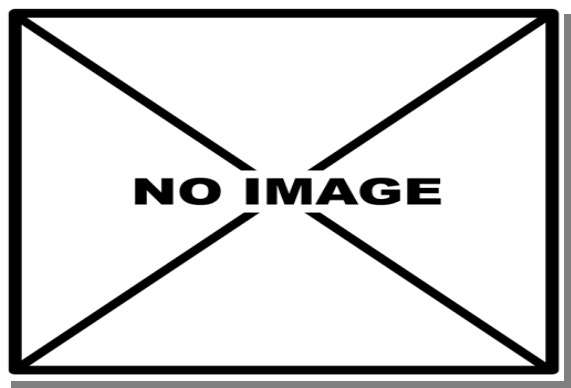
Breeds scarcely in Gallocanta; Chiprana and rice fields in Southern Huesca; very common wintering species in irrigated fields of the Ebro Valley.



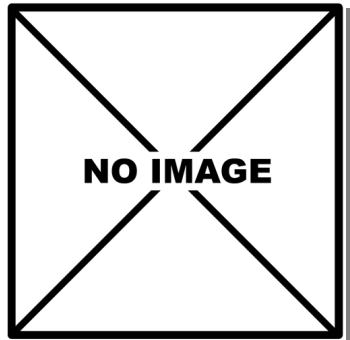
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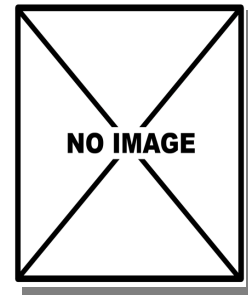
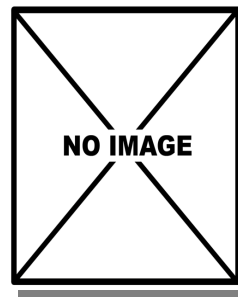
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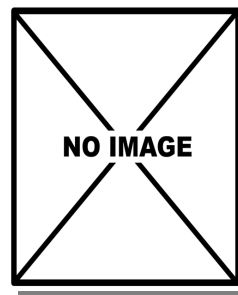
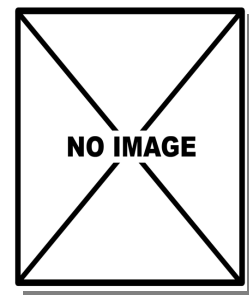
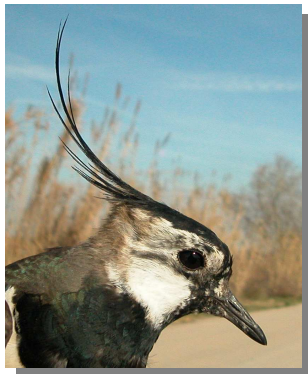
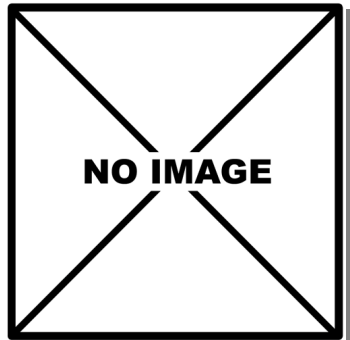
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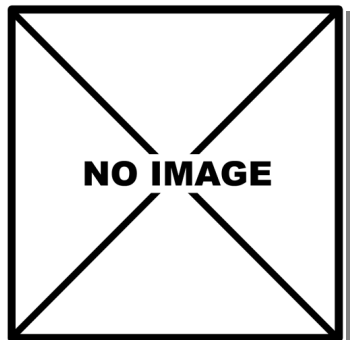
Lapwing.
Spring.
Adult. Head
pattern: top
male ();
bottom
female ().



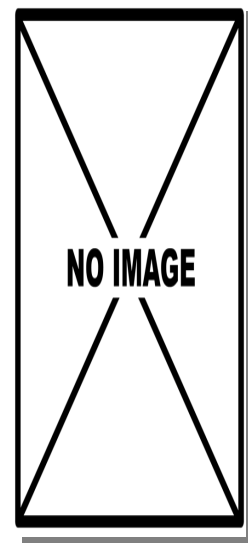
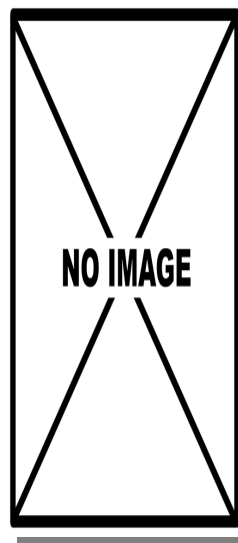
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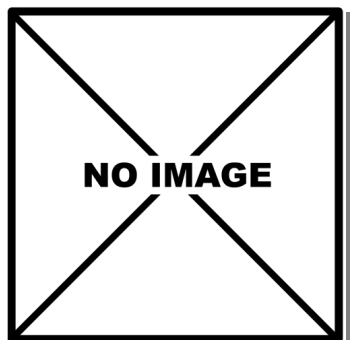
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Breast pattern: top
2nd year male (01-
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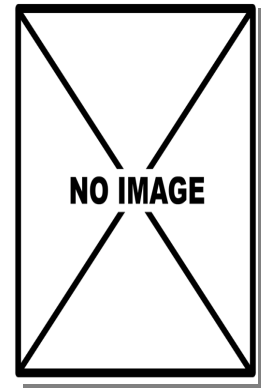
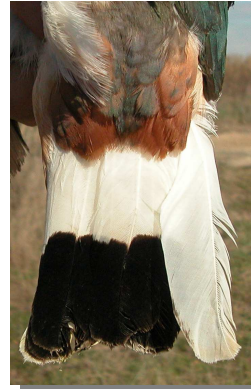
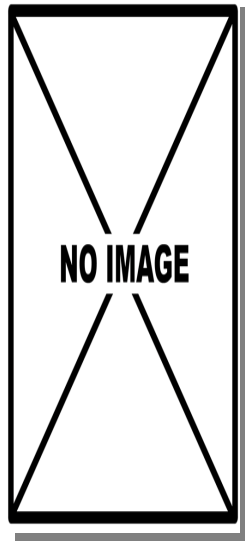
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Head pattern:
top 2nd year
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bottom
juvenile ().



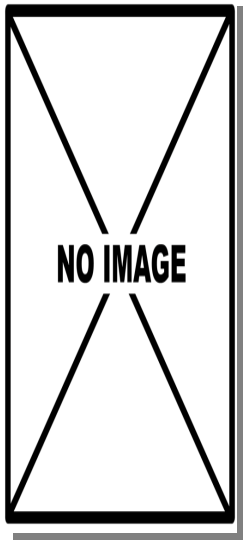
Lapwing. Spring. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male
(); right female ().



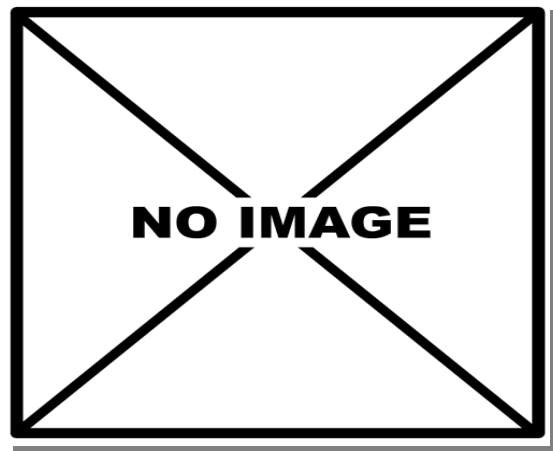
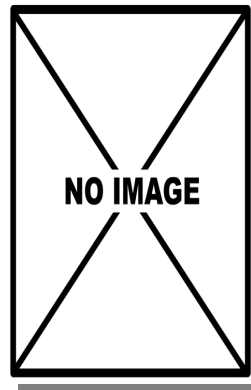
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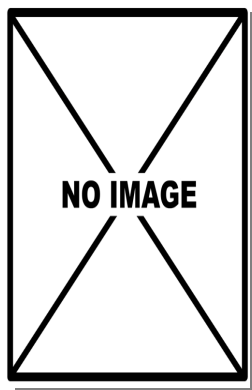
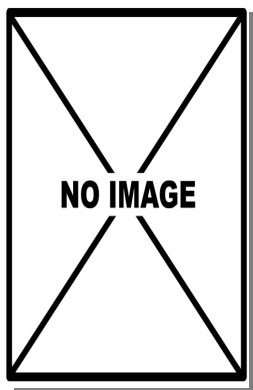
Lapwing. Spring.
Tail pattern: top
2nd year male (01-
III); middle 2nd
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juvenile ().



Lapwing. Spring.
Upperpart pattern:
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(01-III); middle 2nd
year female; bottom
juvenile ().

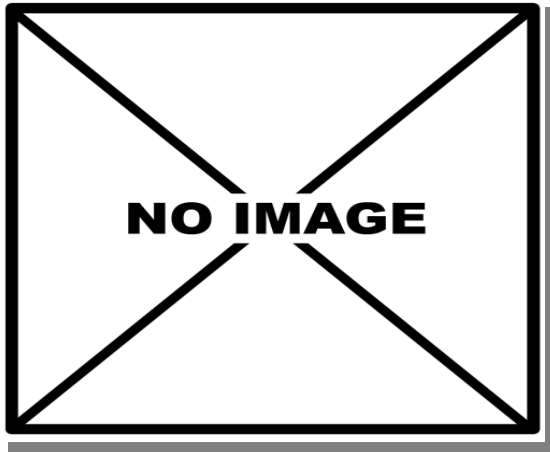


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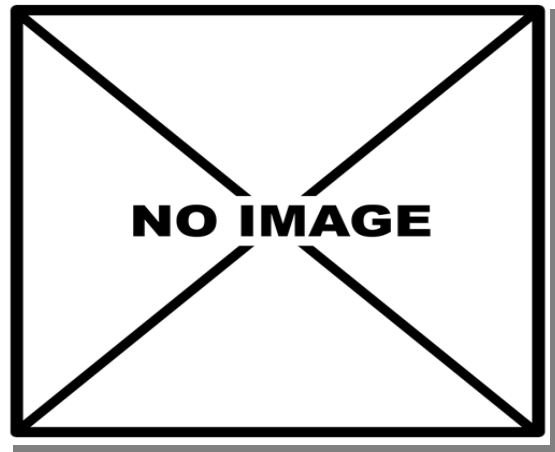


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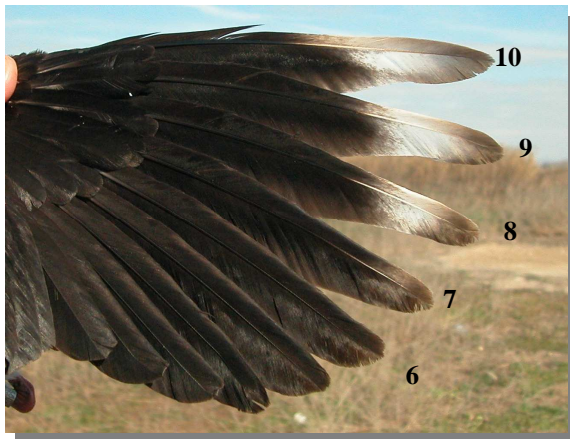
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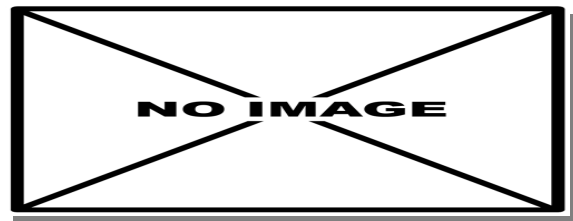
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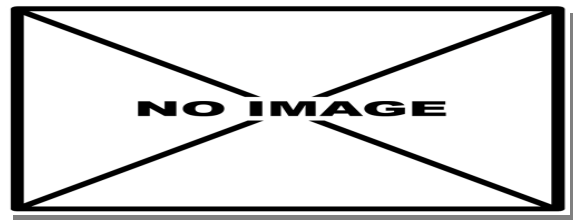
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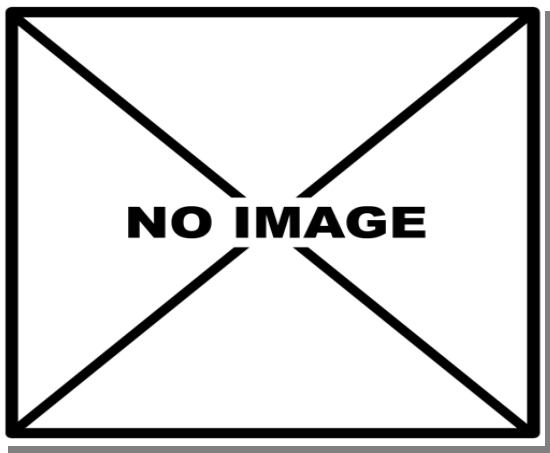
Lapwing. Spring. 2nd year. Male: wing formula (01-III).



Lapwing. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of 10th primary ().



Lapwing. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern of 10th primary ().

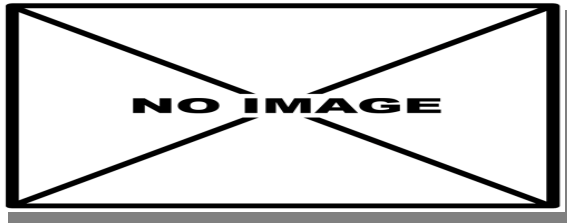


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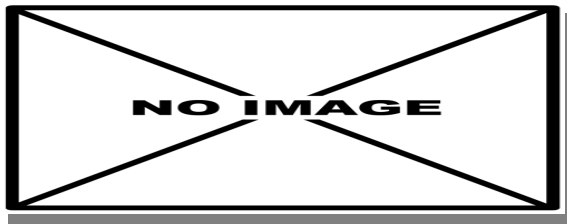
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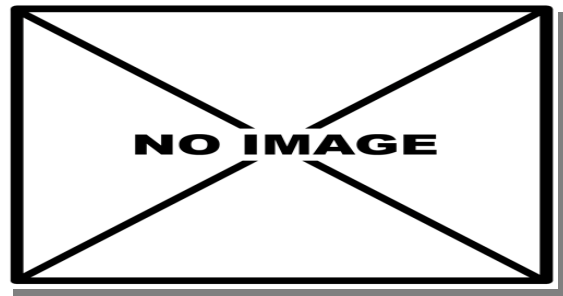
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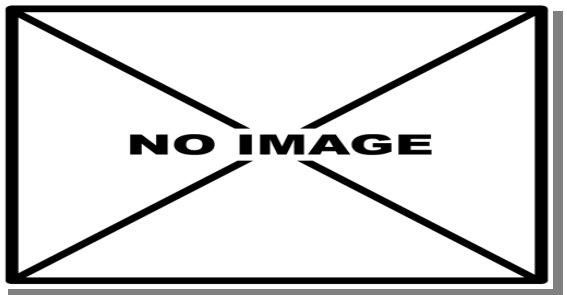
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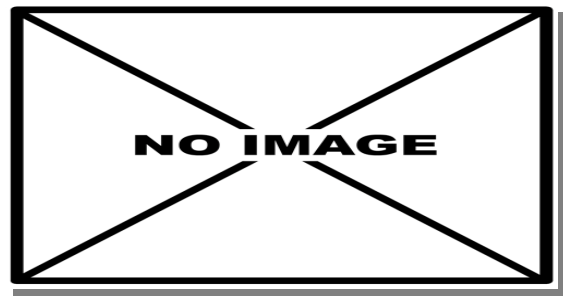
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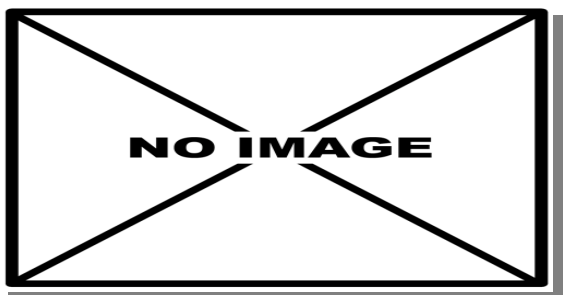
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Lapwing. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of lesser coverts ().

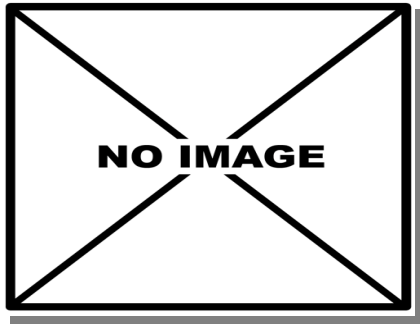
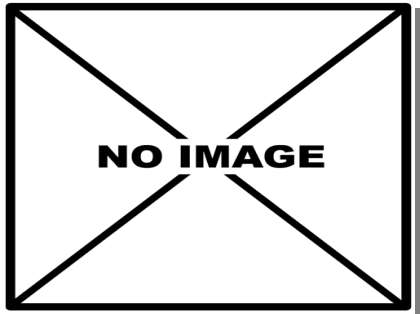


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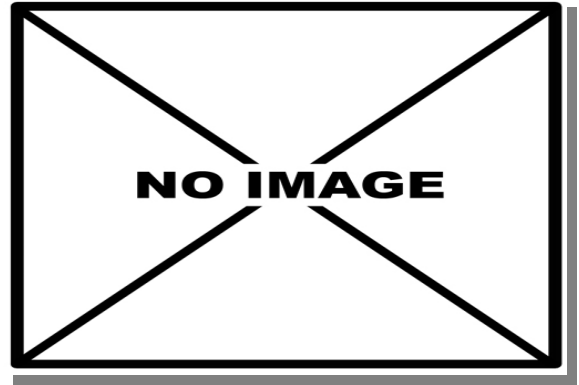


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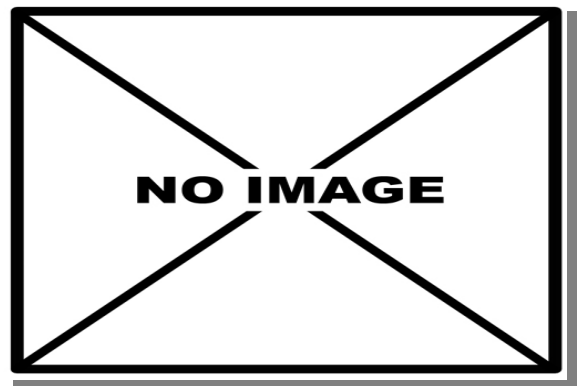
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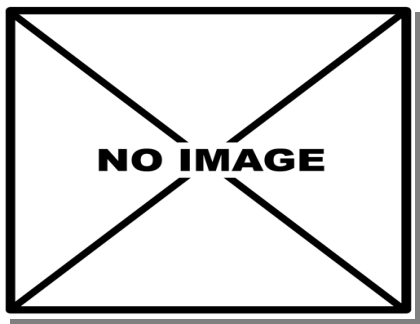
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Spring.
Adult.
Pattern of
primary
coverts:
top male ();
bottom
female ().



Lapwing. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries ().



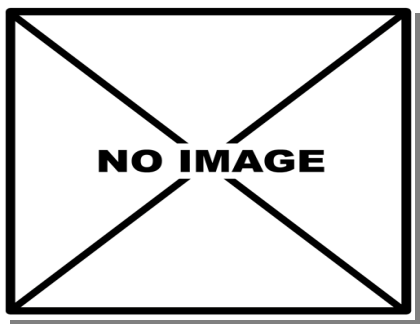
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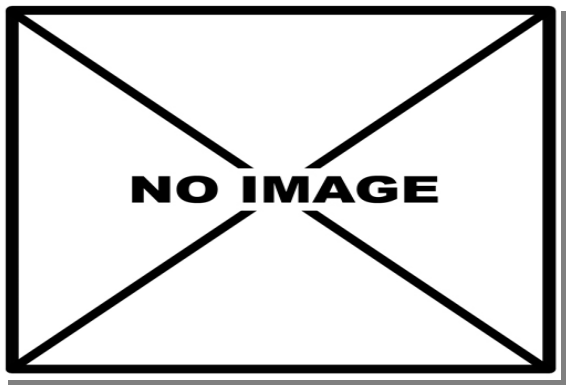


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Pattern of
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year male
(01-III);
middle 2nd
year
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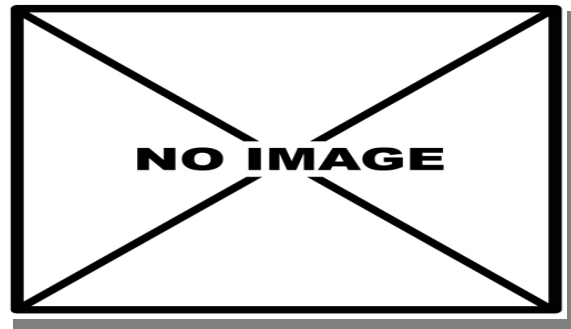


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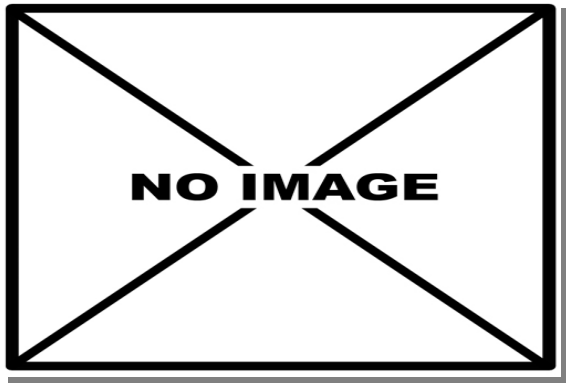


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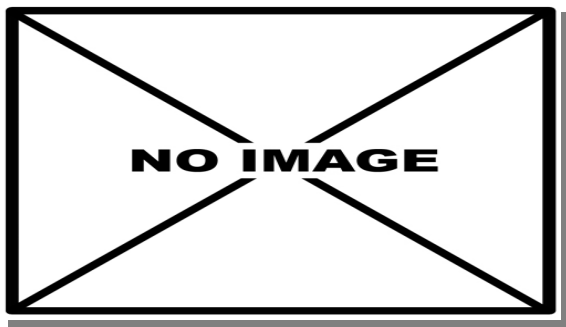
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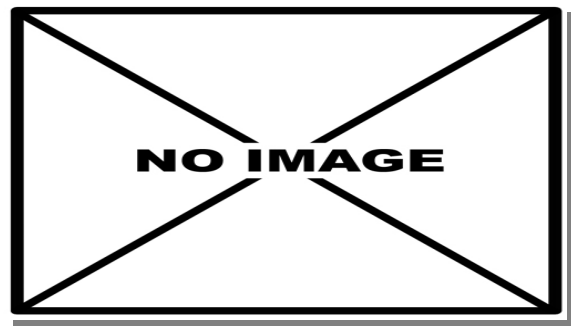
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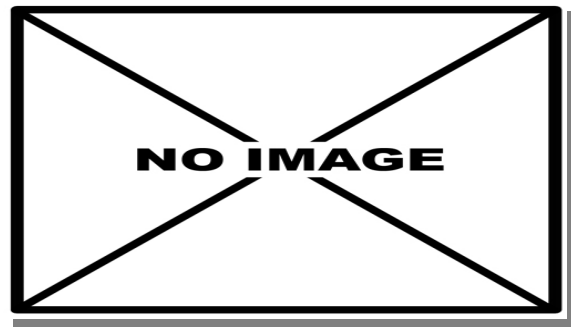
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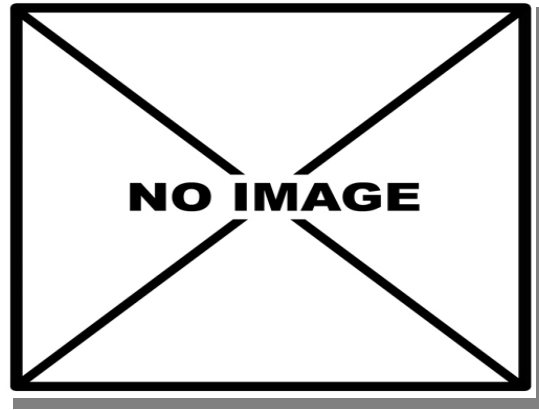
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Lapwing. Winter. Adult. Female (10-I).



Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Male (26-XII).



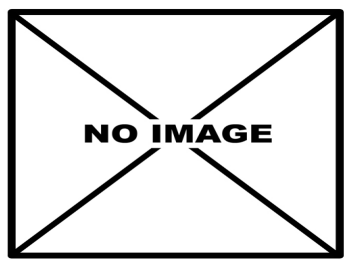
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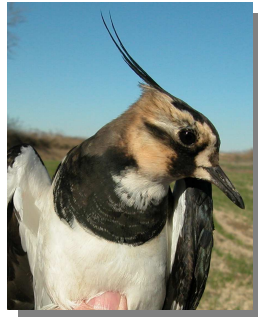
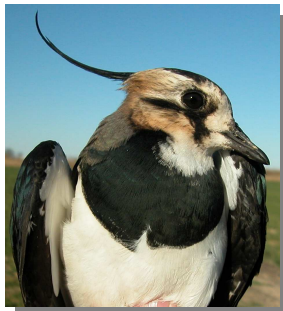


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Winter.
Adult. Head
pattern: top
male (10-I);
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female (10-
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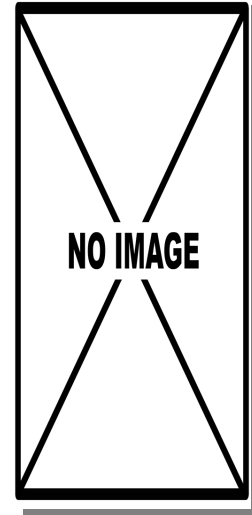


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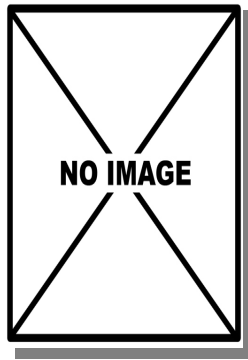
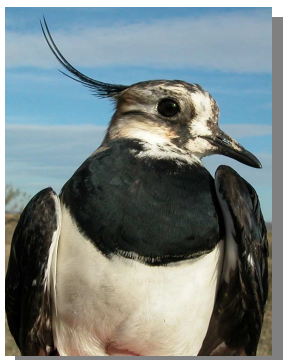


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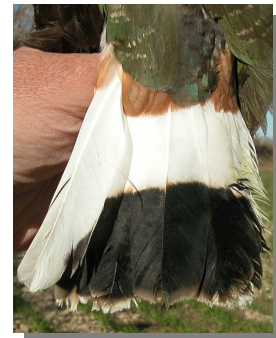
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Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Upperparts pattern: left male (26-XII); right female ().



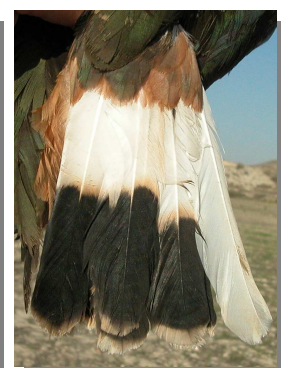
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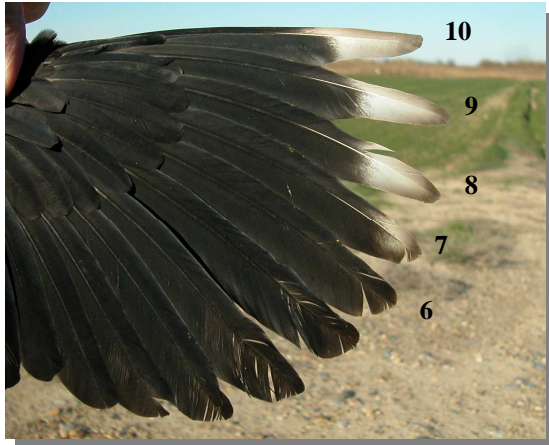


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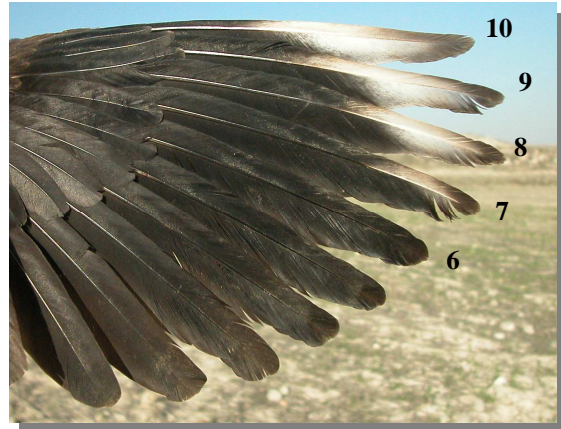


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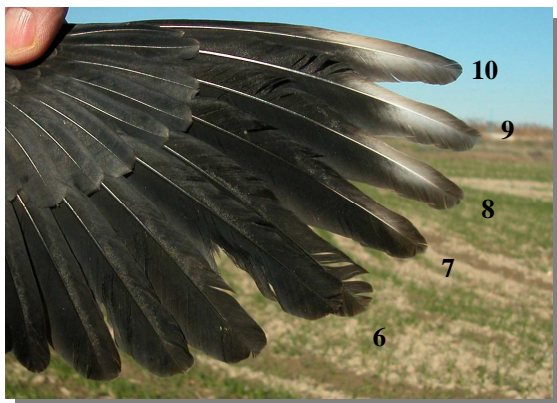
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Lapwing. Winter. Adult. Male: wing formula (10-I).



Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Female: wing formula (10-XII).



Lapwing. Winter. Adult. Female: wing formula (10-I).



Lapwing. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of 10th primary (10-I).



Lapwing. Winter. Adult. Female: pattern of 10th primary (10-I).



Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Male: wing formula (26-XII).



Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Male: pattern of 10th primary (26-XII).



Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of 10th primary (10-XII).

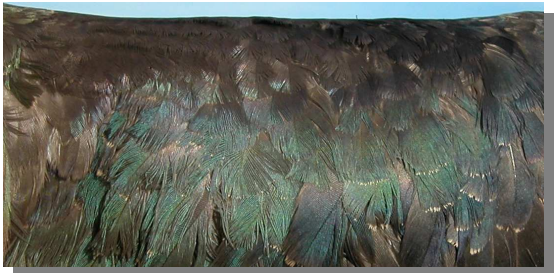
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Lapwing. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of lesser coverts (10-I).



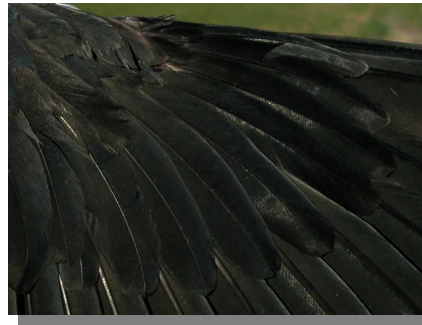
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Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Male: pattern of lesser coverts (26-XII).



Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of lesser coverts (10-XII).



Lapwing. Winter. Adult. Pattern of primary coverts: top male (10-I); bottom female (10-I).



Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Pattern of primary coverts: top male (26-XII); bottom female female (10-XII).



Lapwing. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (10-I).

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Lapwing. Winter. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (10-I).



Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of secondaries (10-XII).



Lapwing. Winter. Adult with arrested moult. Female: pattern of secondaries (30-I).



Lapwing. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (10-I).



Lapwing. Winter. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (10-I).



Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Male: pattern of secondaries (26-XII).



Lapwing. Winter. Adult with arrested moult. Female: pattern of wing (30-I).

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Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing (26-XII).



Lapwing. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (10-XII).