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Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Male (22-V).

MOORHEN (*Gallinula chloropus*)

IDENTIFICATION

25-28 cm. Slate brown upperparts; white undertail coverts with black central pair; flank crossed with a white band; red and yellow bill; green legs, with a reddish band on tibia. **Juveniles** brown olive with white chin and throat; pale brown-greenish bill.

SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable.

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes very similar. Size can be an useful character in some specimens: **male** with wing longer than 181 mm; **female** with wing shorter than 174 mm. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed using plumage characters.

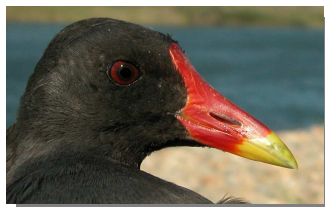
AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

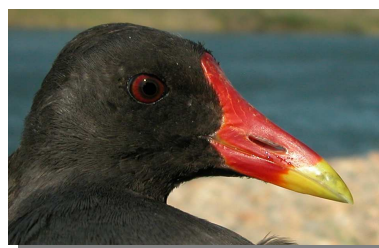
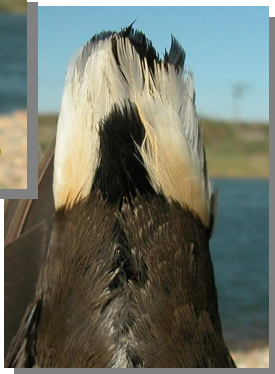
Juvenile with grey brown underparts; whitish chin and throat; brown olive upperparts; grey brown iris; legs without yellow band on tibia; greenish-pale brown bill; 9th primary with narrow tip.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with some white feathers on chin; sometimes upperparts with retained juvenile brown feathers admixed with grey of adults; reddish iris of **adult** usually acquired since January; all specimens have juvenile flight feathers.

Adult with slate grey underparts; olive brown upperparts; legs with reddish band on tibia; without white feathers on chin; reddish iris; 9th primary with broad tip.



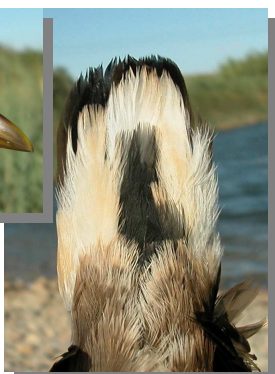
Moorhen. Adult: pattern of bill and undertail coverts.



Moorhen. Ageing. Pattern of bill: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Moorhen. Juvenile: pattern of bill and undertail coverts.



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Moorhen. Ageing. Pattern of chin: left adult; right juvenile.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in November. Partial **postjuvenile** moult confined to body feathers, retaining juvenile tail and wing feathers; some birds can change wing coverts and tertials; often finished between August and October depending of fledging date. Both types of age have a **prebreeding** moult confined to body feathers.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS EN ARAGON

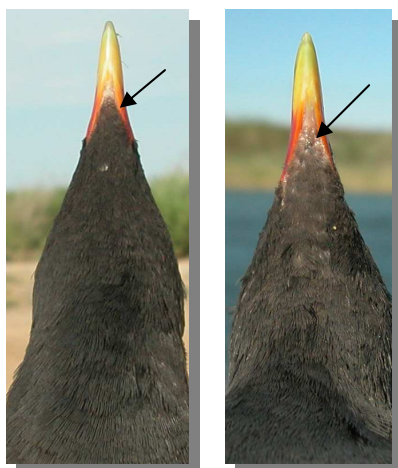
Resident, widely distributed throughout the Region in waterplaces with dense vegetation cover.



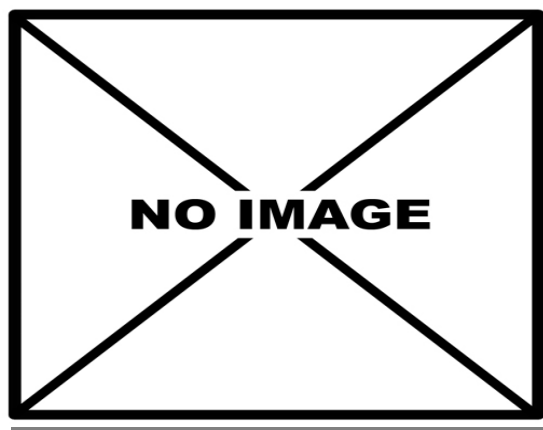
Moorhen. Ageing. Pattern of underparts: left adult; right juvenile.



Moorhen. Adult. Female (27-V).



Moorhen. Ageing. Pattern of chin: left adult; right 2nd year.

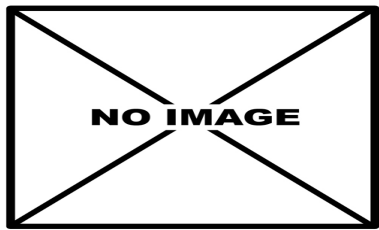


Moorhen. Spring. 2nd year. Male ().

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Moorhen. Spring. 2nd year. Female (22-V).



Moorhen. Spring. Head pattern and bill and iris colour. From top to bottom: 2nd year male (); 2nd year female (22-V); juvenile (23-VII); young (06-VII).



Moorhen. Spring. Juvenile (23-VII).



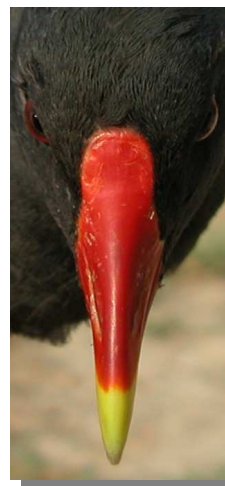
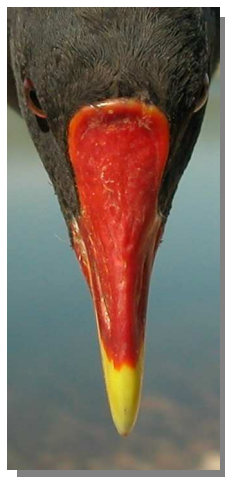
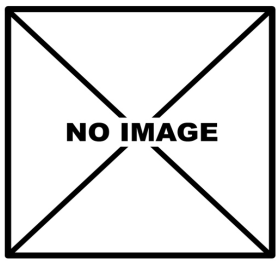
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Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Breast pattern: top male (22-V); bottom female (27-V).

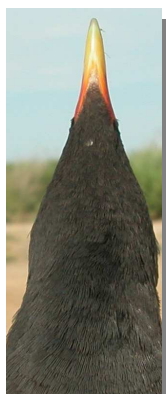
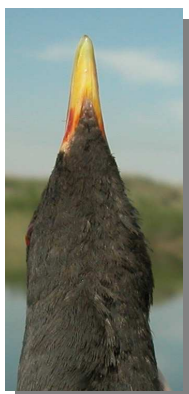


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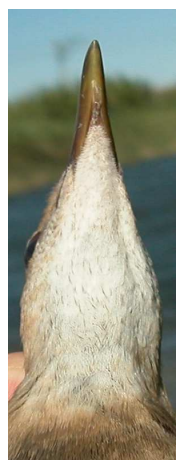
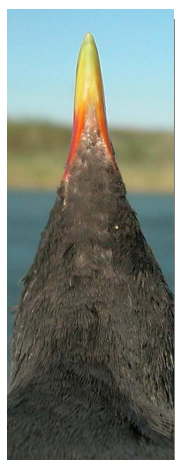
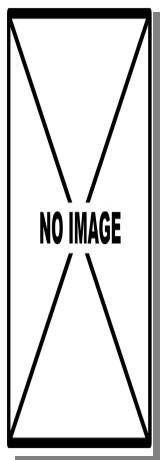
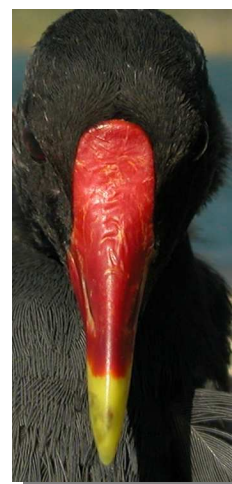
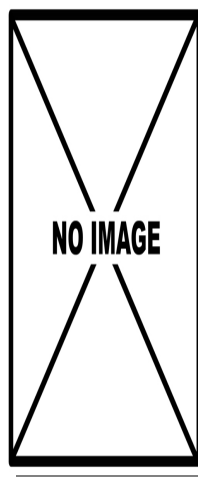


Moorhen. Spring. Breast pattern: top left 2nd year male (); top right 2nd year female (22-V); left juvenile (23-VII).

Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Pattern of frontal shield: left male (22-V); right female (27-V).



Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Chin pattern: left male (22-V); right female (27-V).



Moorhen. Spring. Chin pattern: left 2nd year male (); middle 2nd year female (22-V); right juvenile (23-VII)

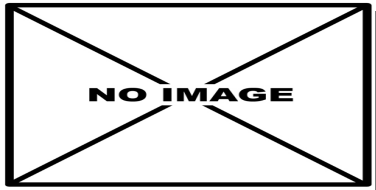
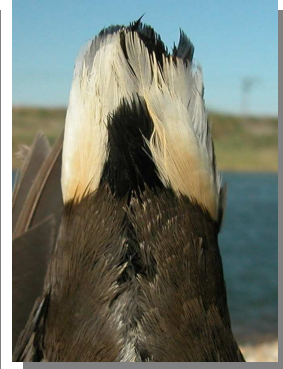
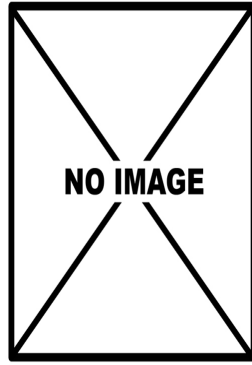


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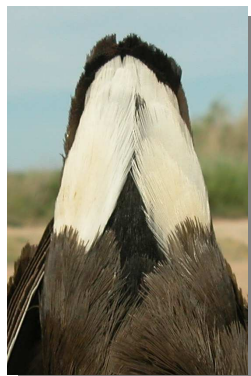
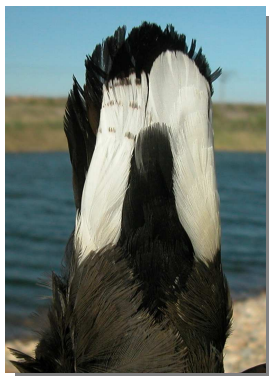
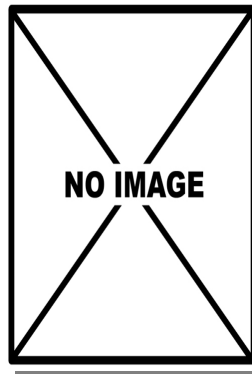
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Moorhen. Spring. Flank pattern: top 2nd year male (); middle 2nd year female (22-V); bottom juvenile (23-VII)



Moorhen. Spring. Pattern of undertail coverts: top left 2nd year male (); top right 2nd year female (22-V); left juvenile (23-VII).



Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (22-V); right female (27-V).



Moorhen. Spring. Tail pattern: top left 2nd year male (); top right 2nd year female (22-V); left juvenile (23-VII).

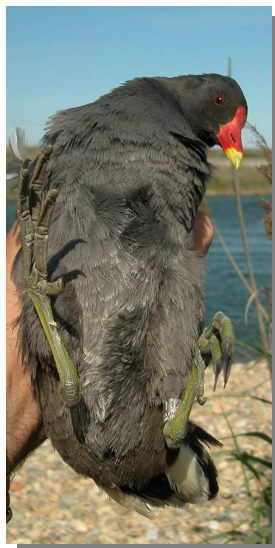
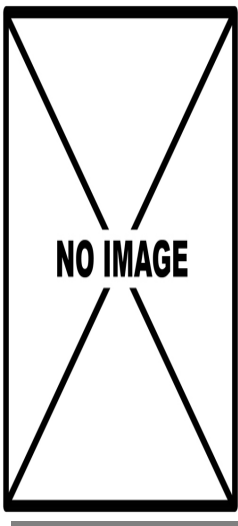
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Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Underparts pattern: left male (22-V); right female (27-V).

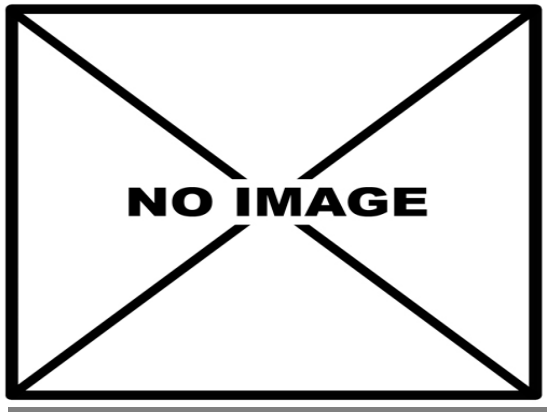
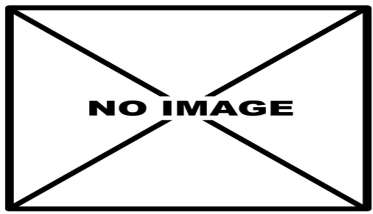


Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Pattern of legs: top male (22-V); bottom female (27-V).



Moorhen. Spring. Underparts pattern: top left 2nd year male (); top right 2nd year female (22-V); left juvenile (23-VII).

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Moorhen. Spring. Pattern of legs: top 2nd year male (); middle 2nd year female (22-V); bottom juvenile (23-VII)



Moorhen. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primaries and tip of 9th primary ().



Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries and tip of 9th primary (22-V).



Moorhen. Spring. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primaries and tip of 9th primary (22-V).



Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries and tip of 9th primary (27-V).

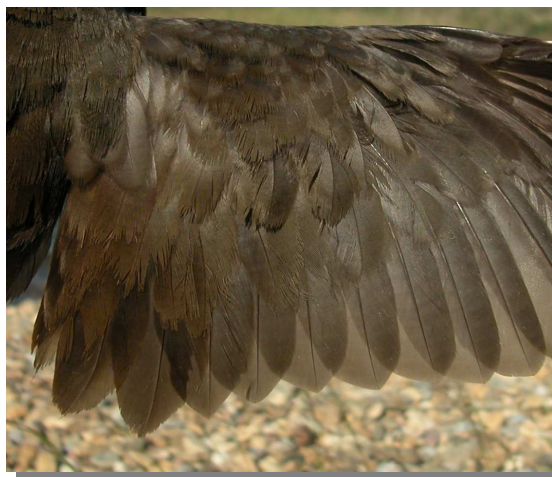


Moorhen. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of primaries and tip of 9th primary (23-VII).

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Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (22-V).



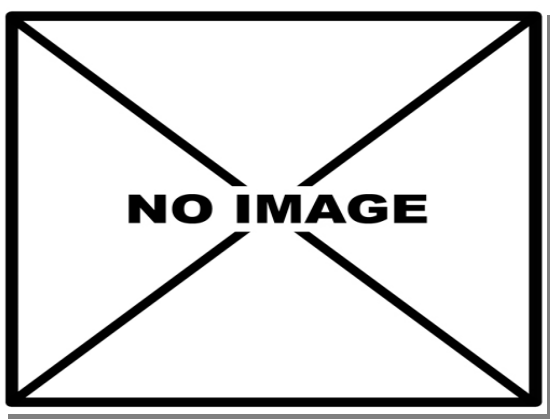
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Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (27-V).



Moorhen. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of secondaries (23-VII).



Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (22-V).

Moorhen. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern of secondaries ().

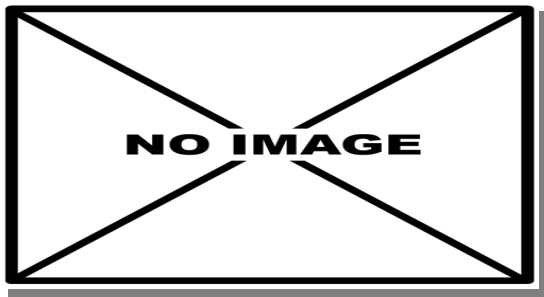
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Moorhen. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (27-V).



Moorhen. Autumn. Adult. Male (26-XI).



Moorhen. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing ().



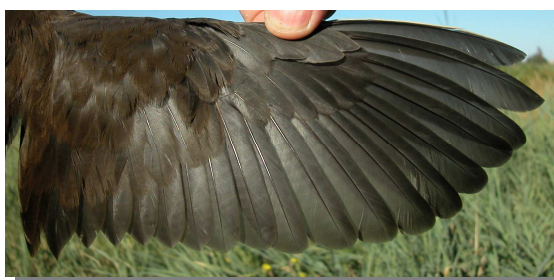
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Moorhen. Autumn. 1st year. Male (26-XI).



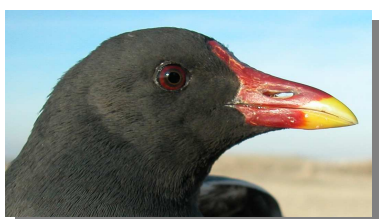
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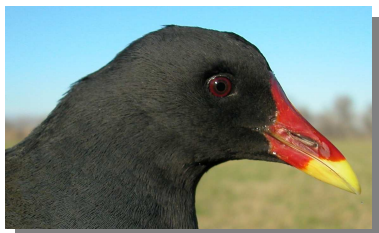


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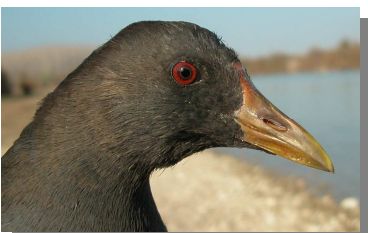
Moorhen. Autumn. 1st year. Female (26-XI).



Moorhen. Autumn. Adult. Head pattern and iris and bill colour: top male (26-XI); bottom female (26-XII).



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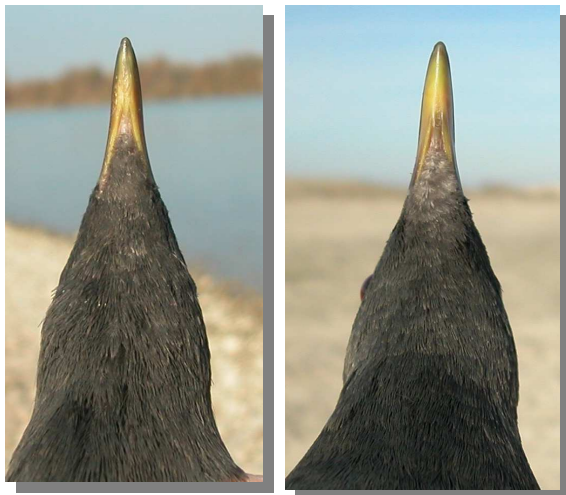


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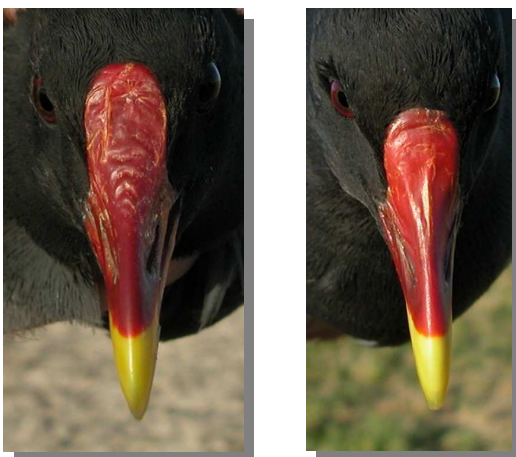
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Moorhen. Autumn. Adult. Flank pattern: top male (26-XI); bottom female (26-XII).



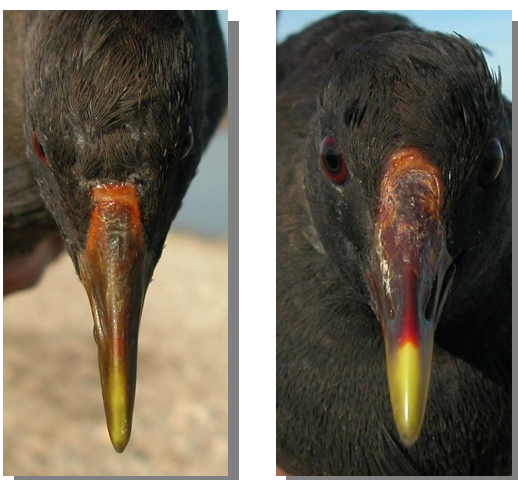
Moorhen. Autumn. Adult. Pattern of frontal shield: left male (26-XI); right female (26-XII).



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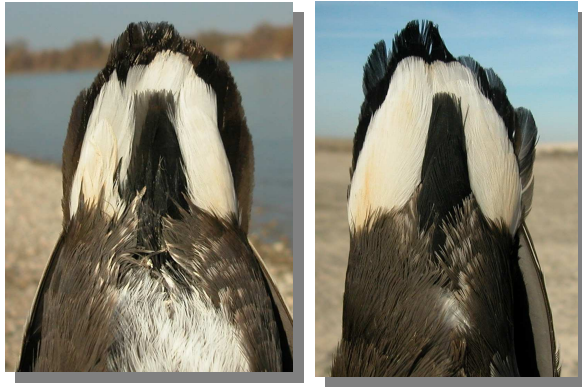


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Moorhen. Autumn. 1st year. Pattern of frontal shield: left male (26-XI); right female (26-XI).

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Moorhen. Autumn. 1st year. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (26-XI); right female (26-XI).



Moorhen. Autumn. Adult. Underparts pattern: left male (26-XI); right female (26-XII).



Moorhen. Autumn. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (26-XI); right female (26-XII).



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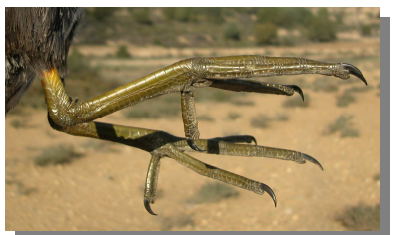
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Moorhen. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries and tip of 9th primary (23-XI).



Moorhen. Autumn. 1st year. Pattern of legs: top male (26-XI); bottom female (26-XI).



Moorhen. Autumn. 1st year. Male: pattern of primaries and tip of 9th primary (26-XI).



Moorhen. Autumn. 1st year. Female: pattern of primaries and tip of 9th primary (26-XI).

Moorhen. Autumn. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries and tip of 9th primary (26-XI).

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Moorhen. Autumn. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (26-XI).



Moorhen. Autumn. 1st year. female: pattern of secondaries (26-XI).



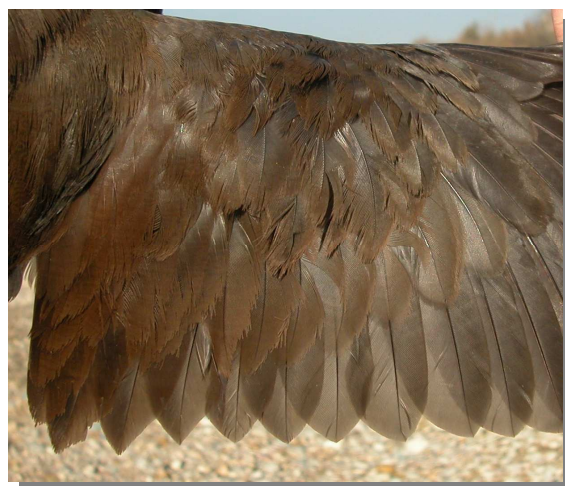
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Moorhen. Autumn. 1st year. Male: pattern of secondaries (26-XI).



Moorhen. Autumn. 1st year. Male: pattern of secondaries (26-XI).

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Moorhen. Autumn. 1st year. Female: pattern of secondaries (26-XI).