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Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted (01-IX).

DOTTEREL (*Charadrius morinellus*)

IDENTIFICATION

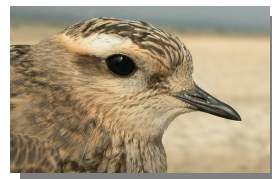
21-23 cm. In **breeding** plumage buff breast and black belly. In **winter** with grey plumage. In all time breast crossed by a pale line and white supercilium; yellow legs.



Dotterel. Adult. Breeding plumage. Pattern of the breast line and white supercilium.



Dotterel. Adult. Non breeding plumage. Pattern of the breast line and white supercilium.



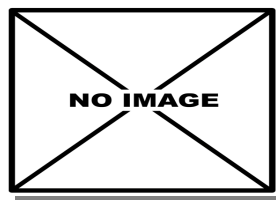
Dotterel. Juvenile. Pattern of breast and white supercilium.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls **Grey Plover** and **Golden Plover** but different in all plumages but its well marked white supercilium and pale legs.



Golden Plover



Grey Plover

SEXING

In **breeding** plumage both sexes very similar, but **males** duller than **females**. **Adults** in winter plumage and **juveniles** can not be sexed.



Dotterel. Sexing. Pattern of breast: left male; right female.

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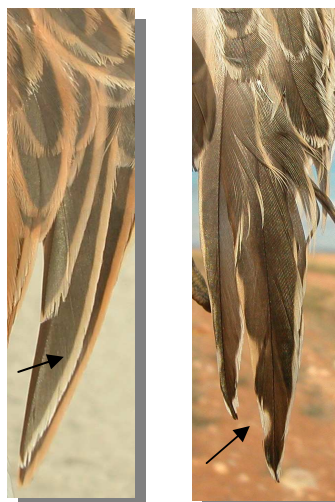
AGEING

It is not possible to find **juveniles** in Aragon, so only 3 types of age can be recognized:

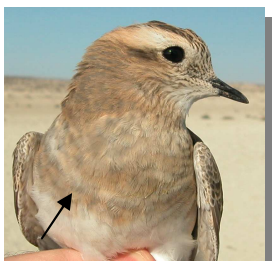
1st year autumn with brown breast; white belly; inner median coverts with two pale lateral spots and one dark central; tertials with broad pale fringes.

2nd year spring with some inner coverts with juvenile pattern; very worm flight feathers.

Adult with some feathers with breeding pattern; inner median coverts without pale lateral spots, with only a narrow line; tertials without broad pale fringes, with only a narrow line.



Dotterel. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of tertials: left adult; right 1st year.



Dotterel. Autumn. Ageing. Breast pattern: top left adult poorly moulted; top right adult with extensive moult; left 1st year.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, which starts in July, suspended before migration and finished in winter quarters. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, tail and wing coverts. Both types of age have a **prebreeding** moult including body feathers, wing coverts and sometimes tail feathers.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

It is possible to find this species only on migration on arable or short grass fields.

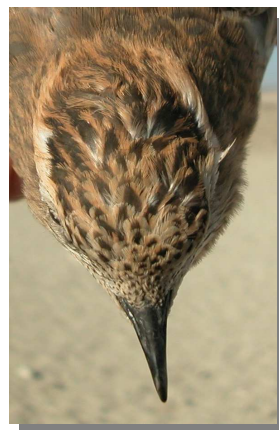


Dotterel. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of median coverts: left adult; right 1st year.



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult (07-X).

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Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. Crown pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (01-IX); top right adult with extensive moult (07-X); left 1st year (28-VIII).

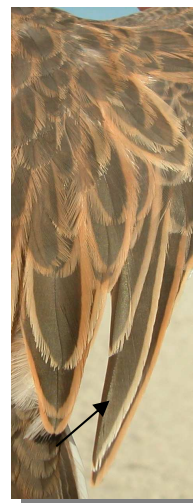


Dotterel. Autumn. Tail pattern: top adult poorly moulted (01-IX); middle adult with extensive moult (07-X); bottom 1st year (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. Breast pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (01-IX); top right adult with extensive moult (07-X); left 1st year (28-VIII).

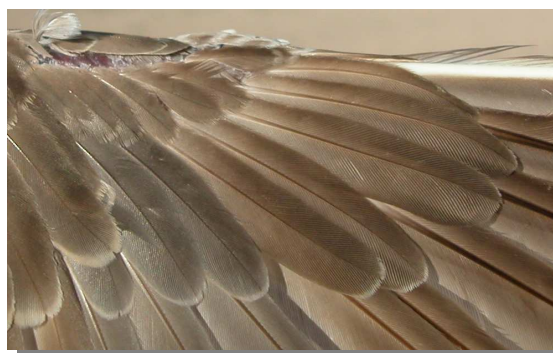
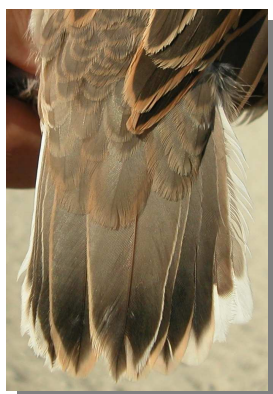
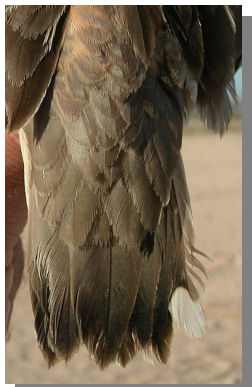
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Dotterel. Autumn. Upperpart pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (01-IX); top right adult with extensive moult (07-X); left 1st year (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. Pattern of tertials: top left adult poorly moulted (01-IX); top right adult with extensive moult (07-X); left 1st year (28-VIII).

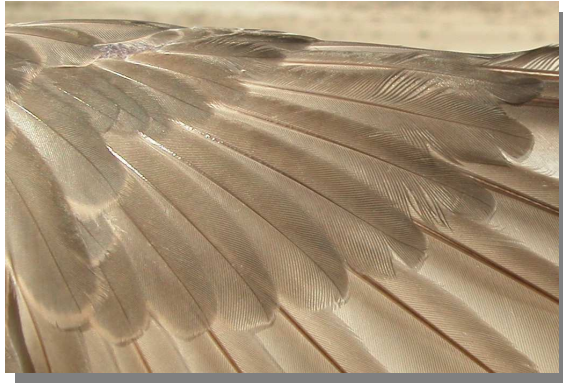


Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of primary coverts (01-IX).

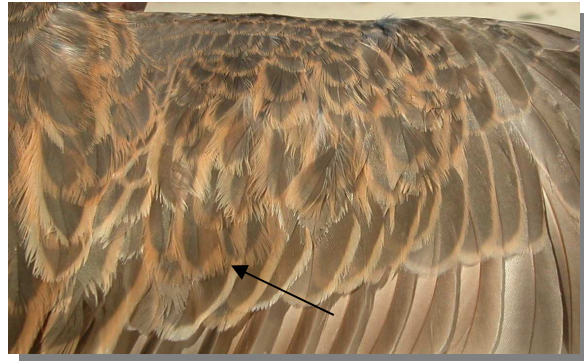


Dotterel. Autumn. Tail pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (01-IX); top right adult with extensive moult (07-X); left 1st year (28-VIII).

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Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult: pattern of primary coverts (07-X).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult: pattern of wing coverts (07-X).



Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of primary coverts (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing coverts (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of wing coverts (01-IX).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of primaries (01-IX).

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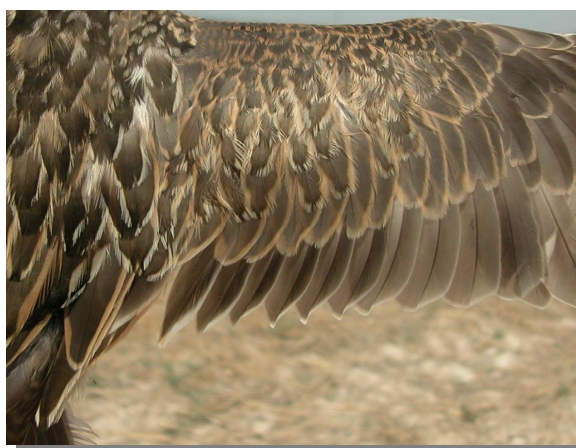
Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult: pattern of primaries (07-X).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult: pattern of secondaries (07-X).



Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of primaries (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of secondaries (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of secondaries (01-IX).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of wing (01-IX).

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Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult: pattern of wing (07-X).



Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing (28-VIII).