

294 Lesser Spotted Woodpecker



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Male (11-VI).

LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER (*Dendrocopos minor*)

IDENTIFICATION

14-15 cm. White and black upperparts; white throat and breast; pale underparts streaked brown; black wings spotted white; red crown on **male**, black on **female**.



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Pattern of upperparts and undertail coverts.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Great Spotted Woodpecker** which is bigger (20-25 cm), has white patches on “shoulders” and red undertail coverts.



Great Spotted Woodpecker. Female

SEXING

Adult male with red crown. **Adult female** with black crown, sometimes with some feathers tipped reddish or pink. **Juveniles** can be sexed in extreme birds: **male** with large red crown; **female** with reduced red patch or absent (**CAUTION:** in a very early age **males** without red feathers on crown can be found).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of crown: left male; right female.



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Sexing. Pattern of crown: left male; right female.

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AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

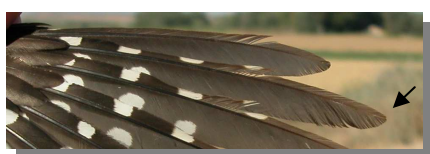
Juvenile with black brown nape; primaries with white spots on tips.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring similar to **adult** but with moult limit between juvenile and moulted wing feathers.

Adult without moult limits (**CAUTION:** sometimes with some old primary covert retained); with glossy black nape; primaries without white spots on tips.



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Female (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker Ageing. Pattern of tips of primaries: top adult; bottom juvenile



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male (05-VI).

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, finished in November; sometimes some primary coverts can be retained. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, primaries, lesser and median coverts and tail, so greater coverts, primary coverts, secondaries and tertials remain unmoulted; usually finished in November.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident, breeds in forests near the Ebro river.



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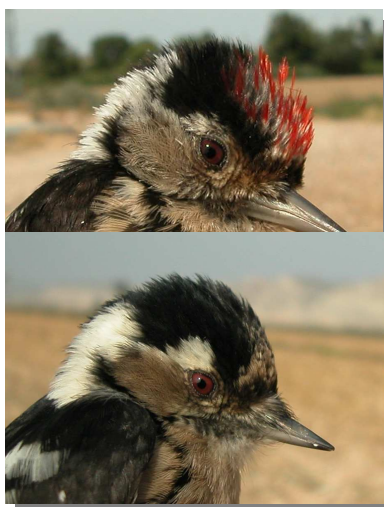
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker . 2nd year. Head pattern and iris colour: top male (05-VI); bottom female (02-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Female (14-VII).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker . Juvenile. Head pattern and iris colour: top male (02-VI); bottom female (14-VII).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker . Adult. Head pattern and iris colour: top male (11-VI); bottom female (02-XI).



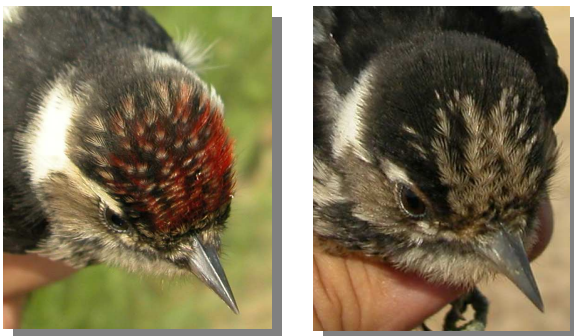
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (11-VI); right female (02-XI).

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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Nape pattern: left male (02-VI); right female (14-VII).

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Crown pattern: left male (05-VI); right female (02-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (11-VI); right female (02-XI).

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Crown pattern: left male (02-VI); right female (14-VII).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Breast pattern: left male (05-VI); right female (02-VI).

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Nape pattern: left male (11-VI); right female (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Breast pattern: left male (02-VI); right female (14-VII).

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Nape pattern: left male (05-VI); right female (02-VI).

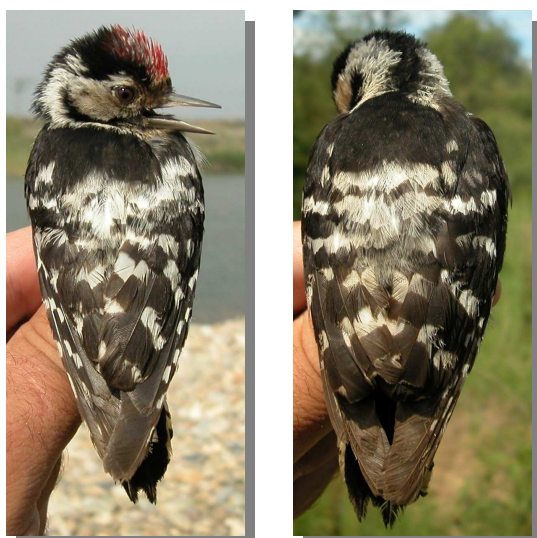
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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (11-VI); right female (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Upperparts pattern: left male (02-VI); right female (14-VII).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Upperparts pattern: left male (05-VI); right female (02-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (11-VI); right female (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Tail pattern: left male (05-VI); right female (02-VI).

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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (02-VI); right female (14-VII).

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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (11-VI); right female (02-XI).

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Pattern of tertials: left male (11-VI); right female (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (05-VI); right female (02-VI).

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Pattern of tertials: left male (05-VI); right female (02-VI).

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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Pattern of tertials: left male (02-VI); right female (14-VII).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primary coverts (02-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Male: pattern of primary coverts with all feathers moulted (11-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primary coverts (02-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Female: pattern of primary coverts with some feathers retained (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male: pattern of primary coverts (02-VI).

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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Female: pattern of primary coverts (02-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primaries (02-VI).



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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primaries (02-VI).



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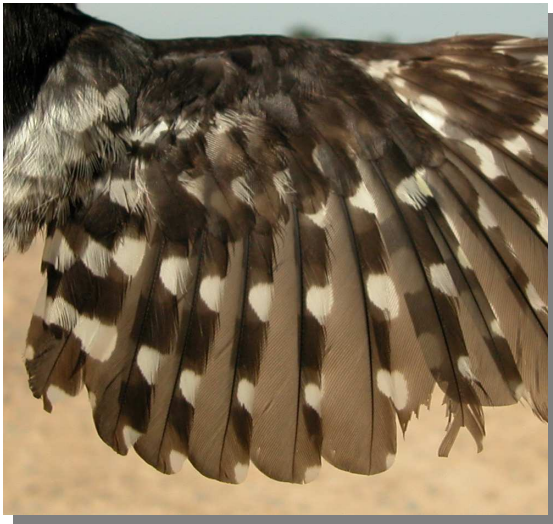
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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Female: pattern of primaries (02-VI).



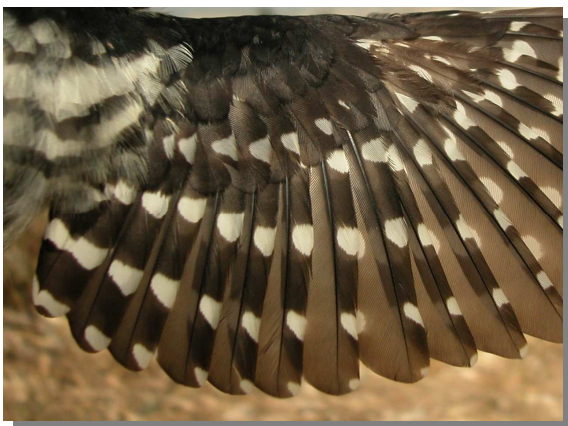
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male: pattern of secondaries (02-VI).



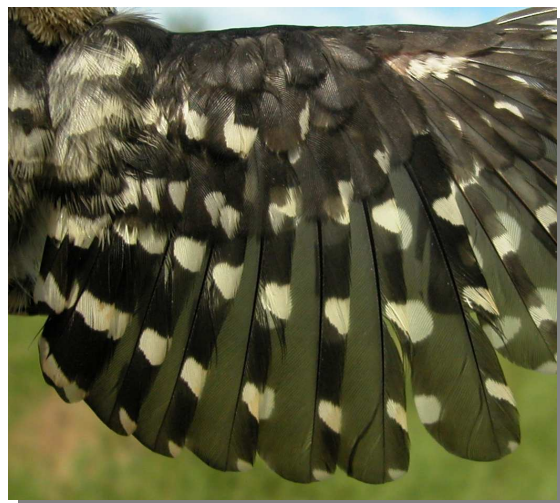
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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of secondaries (02-VI).



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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male: pattern of secondaries (02-VI).

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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Female: pattern of secondaries (02-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (02-VI).



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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male: pattern of wing (02-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Female: pattern of wing (02-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male: pattern