

380 Chiffchaff



Chiffchaff. Spring, Adult (20-III).

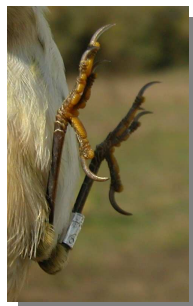
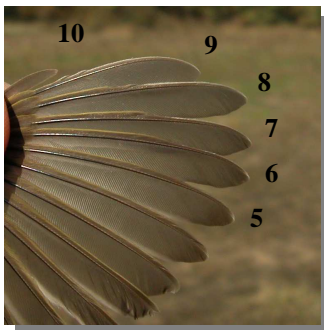
CHIFFCHAFF (*Phylloscopus collybita*)

IDENTIFICATION

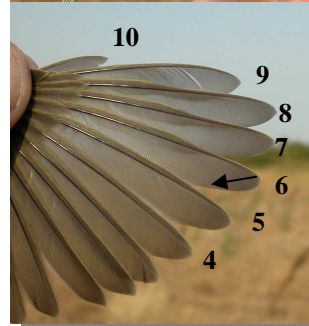
11-12 cm. Brown olive upperparts; breast with yellow and rufous tinge; dark legs; in wing, 6th, 7th and 8th primaries have the same length, 9th primary has the same length than 3rd or between 3rd and 4th, emargination to 5th primary.

SIMILAR SPECIES

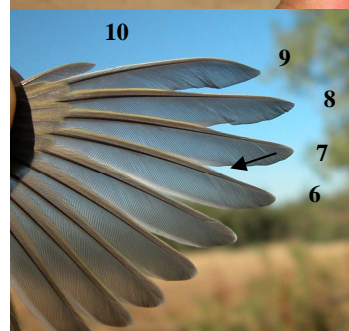
Iberian Chiffchaff has similar colours than **Willow Warbler** and only 7th and 8th primaries have the same length. **Willow Warbler** has yellow underparts, pale legs and emarginated only to 6th primary. **Bonelli's Warbler** has white underparts and yellow rump. **Wood Warbler** has 10th primary shorter than primary coverts and with contrast between the yellow head and upper breast and pure white underparts. **Melodious Warbler** is bigger, with uniform yellow underparts and broad bill on the base.



Chiffchaff. Pattern of breast, rump, wing formula and colour of legs.

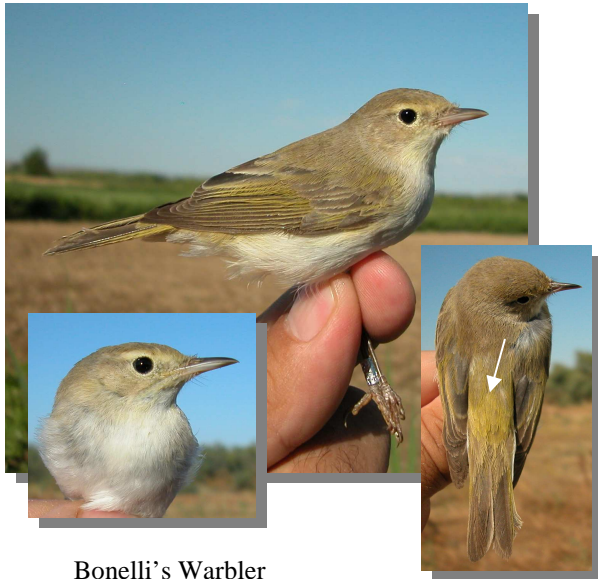


Iberian Chiffchaff



Willow Warbler

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Bonelli's Warbler

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

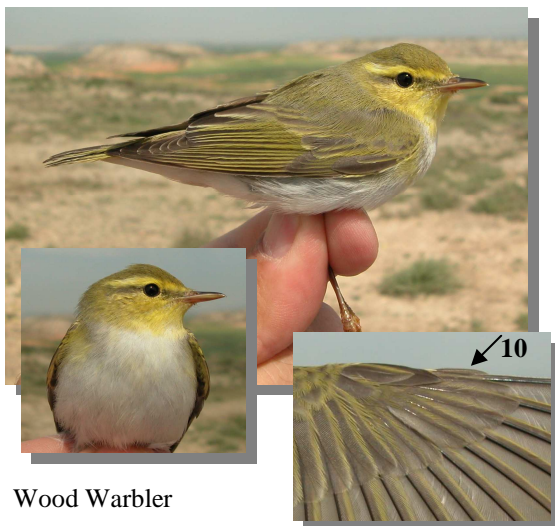
AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

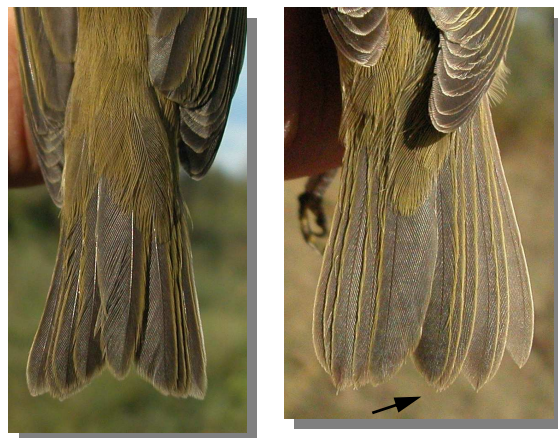
Juvenile with fresh plumage.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit between moulted fresh wing feathers and juvenile retained; check tail feathers (usually only central pair moulted).

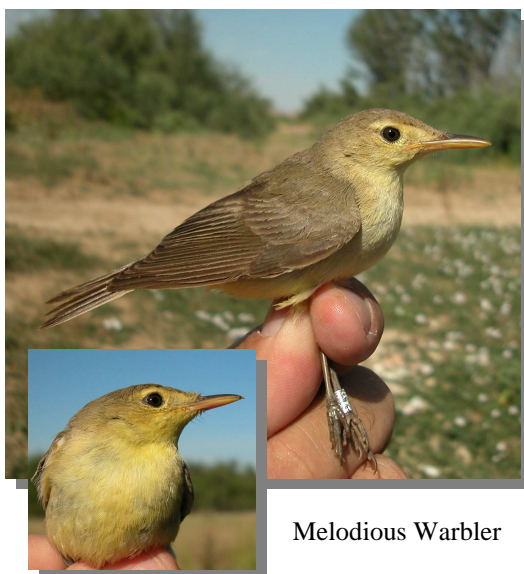
Adult without moult limits on the wing. **CAUTION: adults** have moult limit after their **pre-breeding** moult.



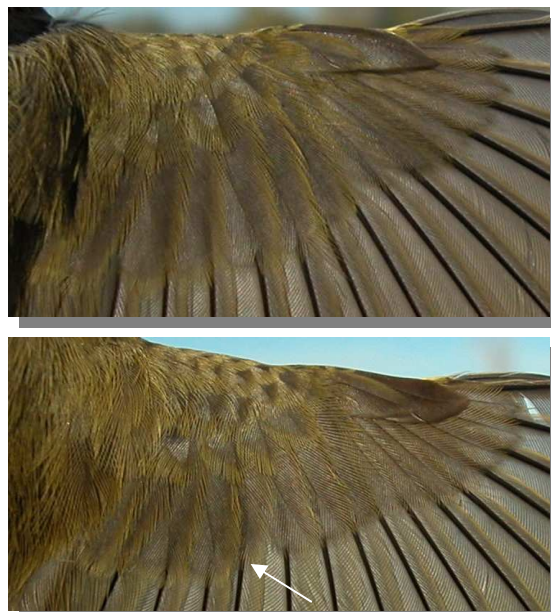
Wood Warbler



Chiffchaff. Ageing. Mould limit on tail feathers: left adult; right 1st year.



Melodious Warbler



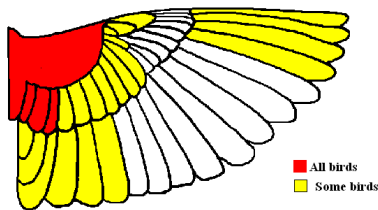
Chiffchaff. Ageing. Mould limit on wing coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.

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MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished late October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult, including some or all tail feathers; lesser and median coverts and inner greater coverts; some birds moult all greater coverts and most of the flight feathers, but never primary coverts; usually finished in September. Both types of age have a complete **prebreeding** moult, between December and April, moulting wing coverts, tertials and tail feathers.



Chiffchaff. Extent of postjuvenile moult.



Chiffchaff. Spring. Juvenile (18-VII).

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident, with contribution of wintering European birds. Breeds in forests from the Pyrenees.



Chiffchaff. Spring. Head pattern: top adult (20-III); middle 2nd year (20-III); bottom juvenile (18-VII).

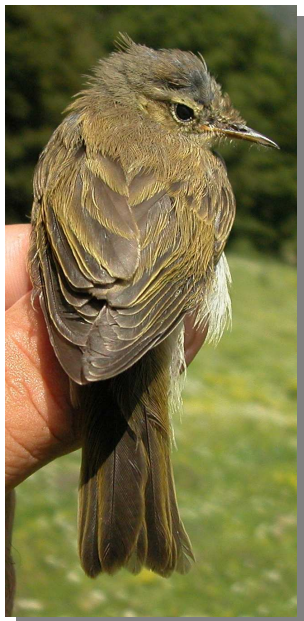


Chiffchaff. Spring. 2nd year (20-III).



Chiffchaff. Spring. Breast pattern: top left adult (20-III); top right 2nd year (20-III); left juvenile (18-VII).

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Chiffchaff. Spring. Upperpart pattern: top left adult (20-III); top right 2nd year (20-III); left juvenile (18-VII).

Chiffchaff. Spring. Tail pattern: top left adult (20-III); top right 2nd year with prebreeding moult (20-III); left 2nd year with all juvenile feathers (20-III); bottom juvenile (18-VII).

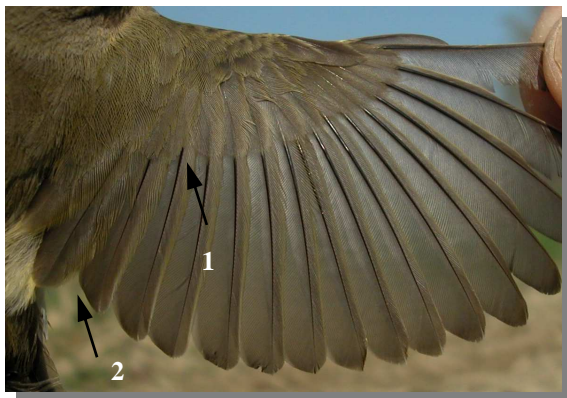


Chiffchaff. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing (04-III).

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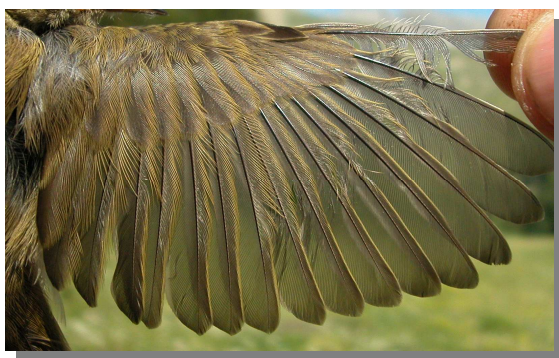


Chiffchaff. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing (03-III).



Chiffchaff. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing (1 post-juvenile moult; 2 prebreeding moult) (03-III).

Chiffchaff. Autumn. 1st year (22-X).



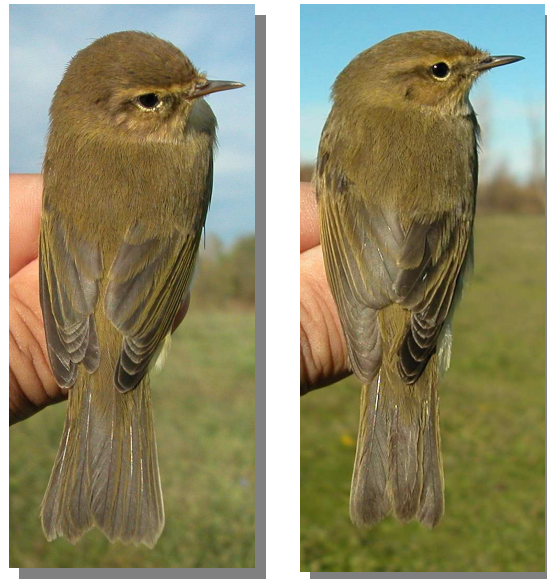
Chiffchaff. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of wing (08-VII)

Chiffchaff. Autumn. Head pattern: top adult (22-X); bottom 1st year(13-X).

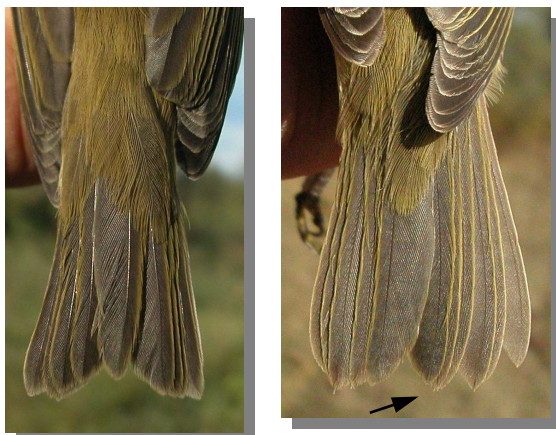
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Chiffchaff. Autumn. Breast pattern: left adult (22-X); right 1st year(13-X).



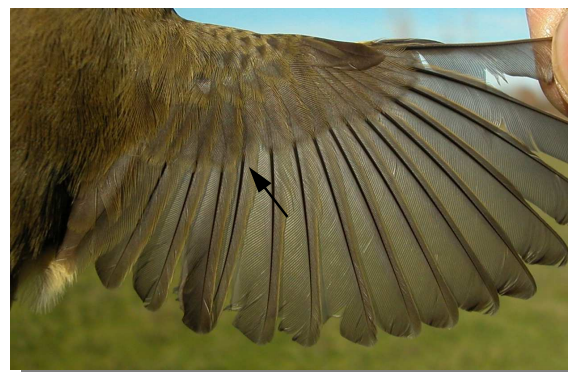
Chiffchaff. Autumn. Upperpart pattern: left adult (22-X); right 1st year(13-X).



Chiffchaff. Autumn. Tail pattern: top left adult (22-X); top right 1st year with moulted central pair of tail feathers (02-X); left 1st year with all juvenile feathers (10-XI).



Chiffchaff. Autumn. Adult: pattern of wing (31-X).



Chiffchaff. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing (22-X).