

381 Willow Warbler

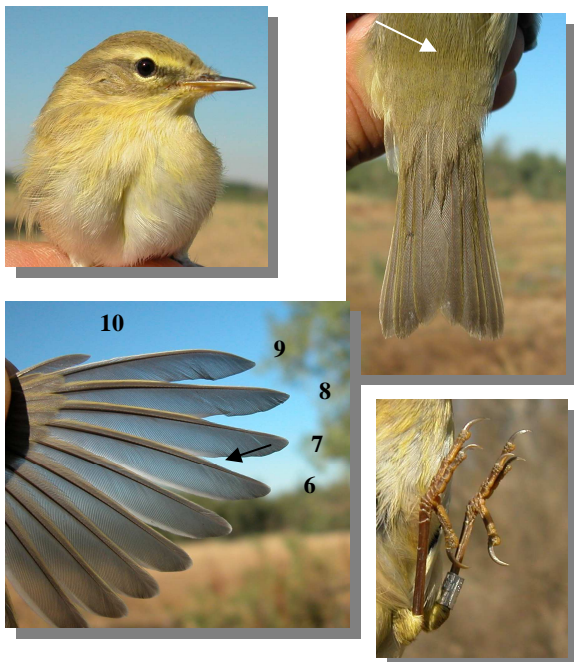


Willow Warbler. Spring (05-IV).

WILLOW WARBLER (*Phylloscopus trochilus*)

IDENTIFICATION

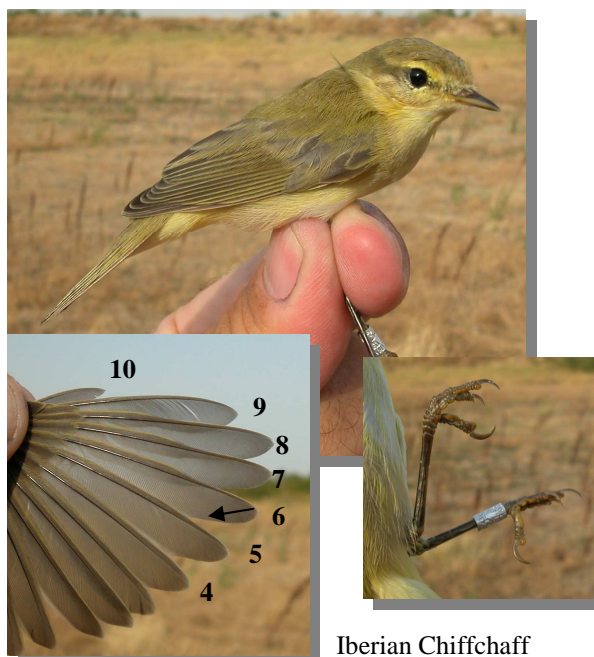
10-12 cm. Green olive upperparts; white underparts, with yellow throat and breast; pale legs; in wing 7th and 8th primaries have the same length; emarginated to 6th primary.



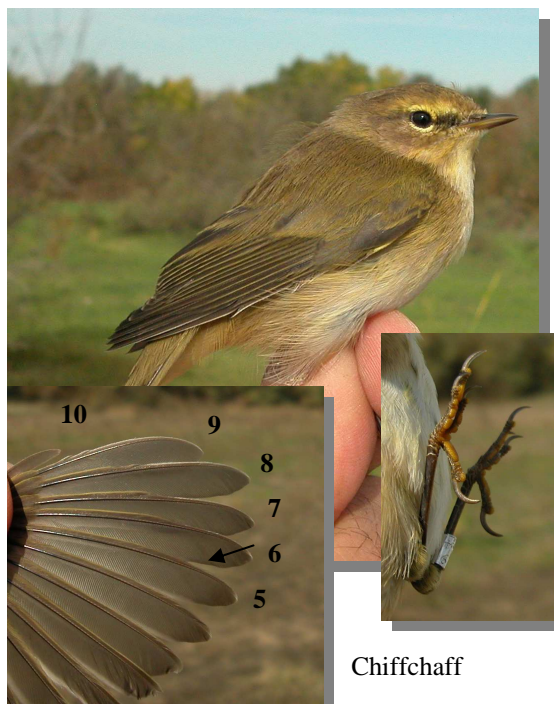
Willow Warbler. Pattern of breast, rump, wing formula and colour of legs.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Iberian Chiffchaff is similar but has emarginated only five primaries. **Chiffchaff** is not so yellow, has dark legs and emarginated to 5th 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.

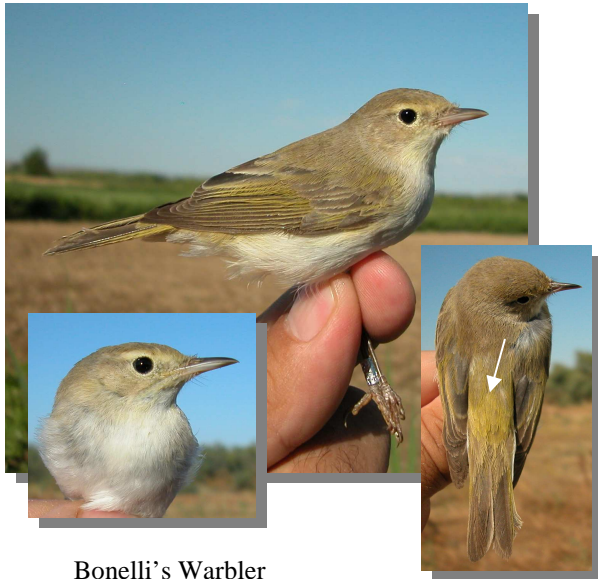


Iberian Chiffchaff



Chiffchaff

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Bonelli's Warbler

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

2 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile with throat, breast and belly uniform yellow (not streaked yellow on white ground).

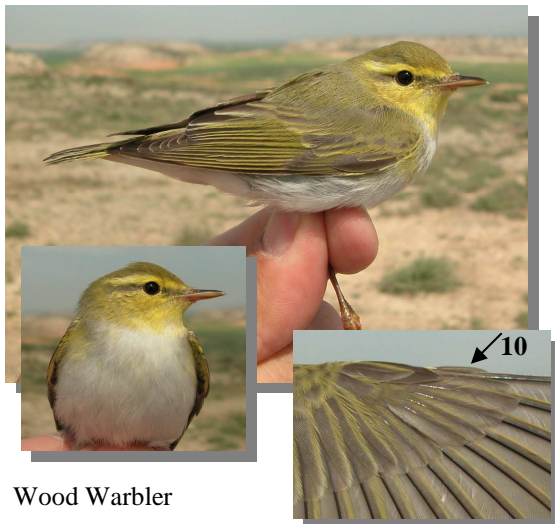
Adult with white underparts, with some yellow streaks; belly white without yellow (or with only a very slight yellowish tinge).

CAUTION: ageing is not always possible due to overlap.

In **spring**, after the **prebreeding** moult, ageing is not possible using plumage characters.



Willow Warbler. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of breast: left adult; right 1st year.



Wood Warbler



Willow Warbler. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of underparts: left adult; right 1st year.

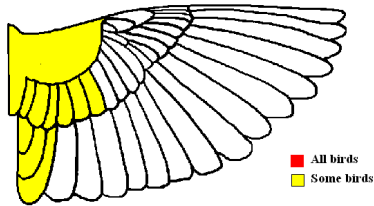


Melodious Warbler

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished late september. Partial **postjuvenile** moult, including lesser and median coverts, some inner greater coverts and tertials; some birds don't moult any wing feather. Both types of age have a complete **prebreeding** moult in wintering quarters.

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Willow Warbler. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

■ All birds
■ Some birds

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Only on passage, widely distributed throughout the Region.



Willow Warbler. Autumn. Adult (11-VIII)



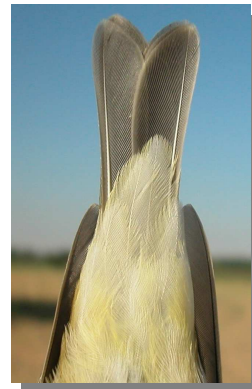
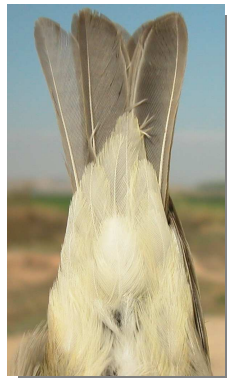
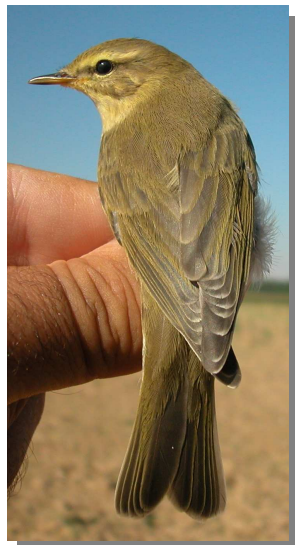
Willow Warbler. Autumn. Juvenile (10-VIII)



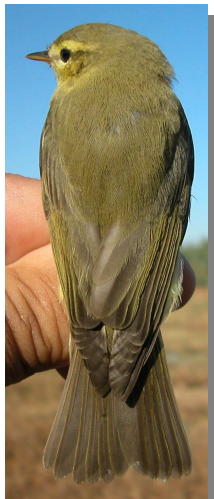
Willow Warbler. Head pattern: top in spring (05-IV); middle adult in autumn (11-VIII); bottom juvenile (10-VIII).

Willow Warbler. Breast pattern: top in spring (05-IV); middle adult in autumn (11-VIII); bottom juvenile (10-VIII).

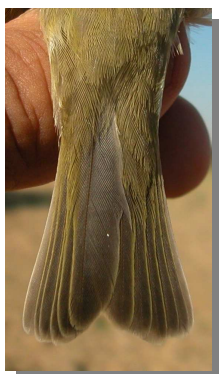
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Willow Warbler. Pattern of undertail coverts: top left in spring (05-IV); top right adult in autumn (11-VIII); left juvenile (10-VIII).



Willow Warbler. Upperpart pattern: top left in spring (05-IV); top right adult in autumn (11-VIII); left juvenile (10-VIII).



Willow Warbler. Tail pattern: top left in spring (21-III); top right adult in autumn (11-VIII); left juvenile (10-VIII).



Willow Warbler. Underpart pattern: top left in spring (05-IV); top right adult in autumn (11-VIII); left juvenile (10-VIII).

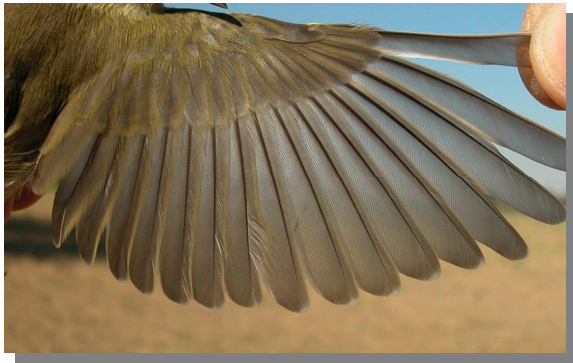
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Willow Warbler. Wing in spring (05-IV).



Willow Warbler. Autumn. Wing of juvenile (10-VIII).



Willow Warbler. Autumn. Wing of adult (11-VIII).