

258 Monk Parakeet



Monk Parakeet. Adult (21-IV).

MONK PARAKEET (*Myiopsitta monachus*)

IDENTIFICATION

27-30 cm. Green yellowish upperparts: grey forehead; grey brown chest, with pale transversal lines; green wings with blue coverts; green bluish tail; light brown bill.

SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike. Size is usually helpful with extreme birds: **male** with wing longer than 159 mm; **female** with wing shorter than 156 mm.

AGEING

2 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile with grey forehead tinged green.

Adult with pure grey forehead.

After the **postbreeding/postjuvenile** moult, ageing is not possible using plumage characters.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moult, usually finished in September.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

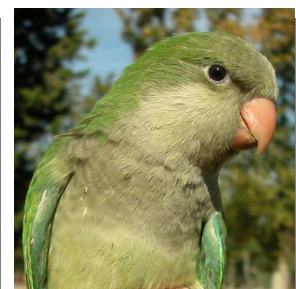
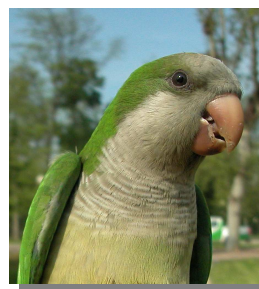
Introduced species breeding in urban parks of Zaragoza



Monk Parakeet. Juvenile (08-VIII).



Monk Parakeet. Head pattern: top adult (21-IV); bottom juvenile (08-VIII).

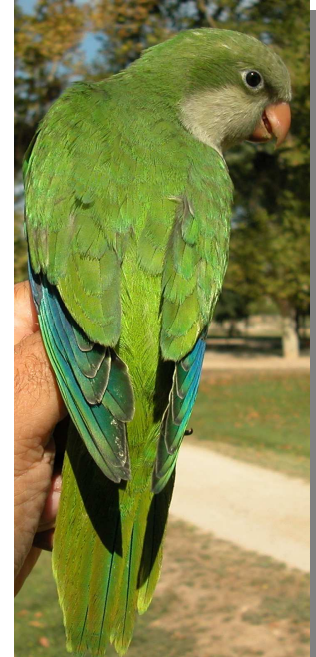


Monk Parakeet. Breast pattern: left adult (21-IV); right juvenile (08-VIII).

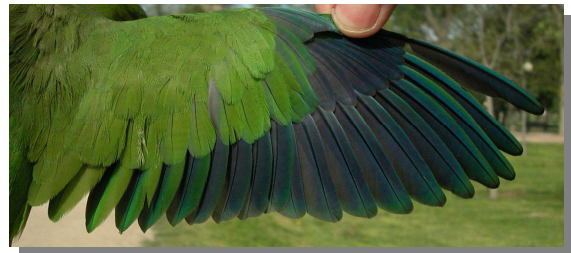
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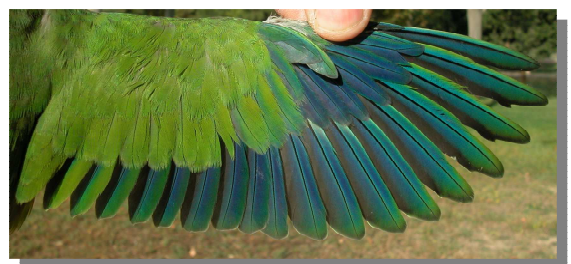
Monk Parakeet. Upperpart pattern: left adult (21-IV); right juvenile (08-VIII).



Monk Parakeet. Adult: pattern of wing (21-IV).



Monk Parakeet. Tail pattern: left adult (21-IV); right juvenile (08-VIII).



Monk Parakeet. Juvenile: pattern of wing (08-VIII).