

387 Pied Flycatcher



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Male (02-V).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Female: pattern of tail and upperparts.



PIED FLYCATCHER (*Ficedula hypoleuca*)

IDENTIFICATION

12-13 cm. **Male** in **breeding** plumage with black upperparts and white underparts; white forehead; grey rump; black wings with a large white patch; black tail with white patches on outermost feathers. **Female**, brown morph breeding **male**, non breeding **male** and **juveniles** with brownish upperparts; brown wings and tail, with white patches; underparts pale with greyish tinge.



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SIMILAR SPECIES

Male is unmistakable in **breeding** plumage. **Female**, brown morph breeding **male**, non breeding **male** and **juveniles** unmistakables by pattern of their white patches on wing and tail.

SEXING

Male in **spring** with two morphs: **black morph**, which is unmistakable, and **brown morph**, very similar to **females**, but known by white patch on forehead and black uppertail coverts). **Female** with upperparts and tail brownish; forehead without a white patch (**CAUTION:** some Iberian **females** can have a large white patch); brown-grey uppertail coverts; inner tertials with smaller white patch than **male**. In **autumn**, after **postbreeding** moult, **adult male** with central tail feathers and uppertail coverts black; outer greater coverts blackish different of greyer inner; outermost tail feather with white patch with well defined edges. **Adult female** with central tail feathers and uppertail coverts brownish; without moult limit between inner and outer greater coverts; outermost tail feather with white patch with bad defined edges. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed, but after **postjuvenile** moult, sexing of **1st year** birds is possible only in some extreme birds: **male** with central tail feathers and uppertail coverts black; **female** with central tail feathers and uppertail coverts brownish. **CAUTION:** most of the birds are intermediate and cannot be sexed.

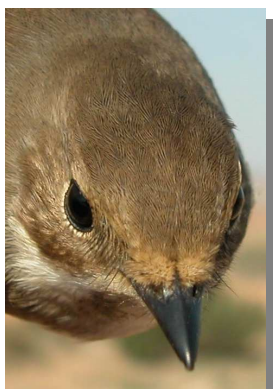
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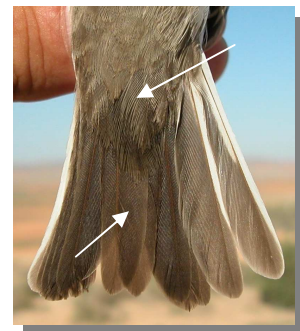
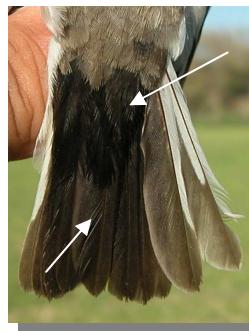
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Flycatcher
ssp. *iberiae*.
S p r i n g .
Pattern of
head: top
m a l e ;
b o t t o m
female.



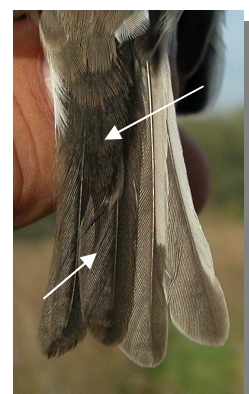
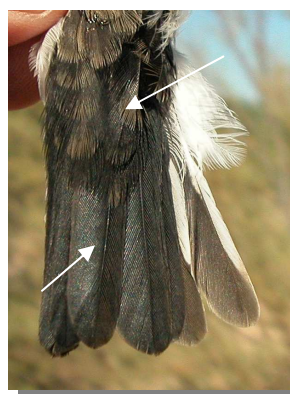
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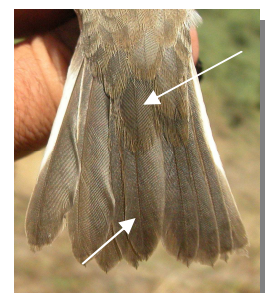
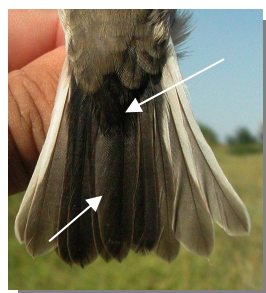
Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Pattern of forehead: left
male; right female.



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Pattern of rump and tail: left
male; right female.



Pied Flycatcher. Adult. Autumn. Pattern of rump and
tail: left male; right female.



Pied Flycatcher. 1st year. Autumn. Pattern of rump
and tail: left male; right female.

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AGEING

4 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile with a pale buff spot at body feathers tips; greater coverts with a triangular patch on tips; inside of upper mandible pale grey-pink; middle tertial with a white edge broad on outer web and narrow on inner.

1st year autumn with wing pattern similar to juveniles.

2nd year spring difficult to determine, mainly in **females**; tail feathers with more pointed and worn tips and primary coverts browner, pointed and worn than **adults**; sometimes some retained greater coverts with triangular spot on tip.

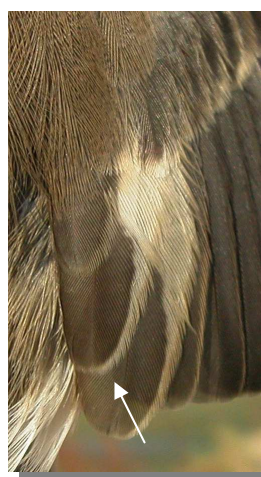
Adult in **spring** with greater coverts with narrow whitish-buff patch on tips; primary coverts with rounded tips; tail feathers rounded. In **autumn** with dark-grey colour inside of upper mandible; middle tertial with a white edge narrow on outer web and tip.



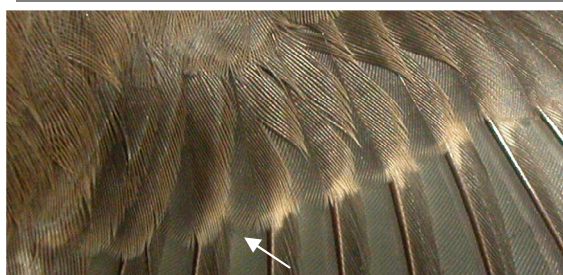
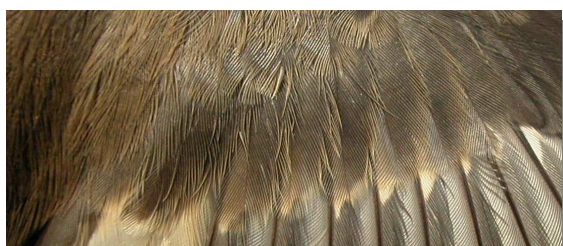
Pied Flycatcher. Pattern of upperparts: left adult female; right juvenile.



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Flycatcher.
Pattern of
head: top
a d u l t
f e m a l e ;
b o t t o m
j u v e n i l e .

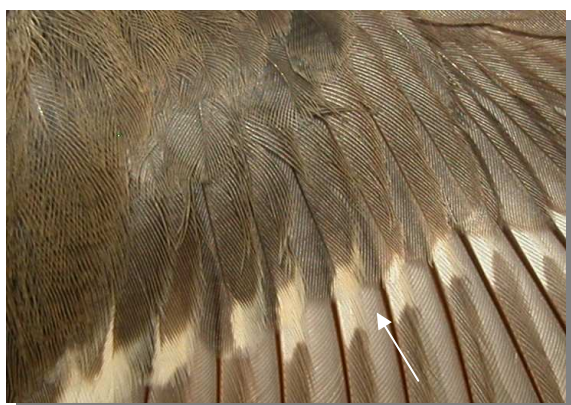


Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Pattern of tertials: left adult; right 1st year.



Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Pattern of tips of primary coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.

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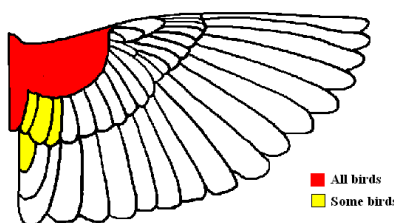
Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Mould limit on greater coverts: top adult; bottom 2nd year.



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Pattern of tips of primary coverts: top adult; bottom 2nd year.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished before migration; some birds can retain some secondaries to finish moult in wintering quarters. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including (no all birds) body feathers and lesser and median coverts; some birds moult most of the greater coverts and some inner tertials; usually finished in September. Both types of age have a **prebreeding** moult including most of the greater coverts and tertials, with some birds moulting all greater coverts and some secondaries; males acquire breeding plumage.



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Flycatcher
. Extent of
postjuvenile
moult.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Summer visitor. Breeds only in mountainous areas from the Region. Widely distributed on passage.



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Male ssp. *iberiae* (02-VII).

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Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Female (01-V).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. 2nd year. Female (01-V).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Female ssp *iberiae* (02-VII).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Juvenile ssp *iberiae* (02-VII)



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. 2nd year. Male (03-V).

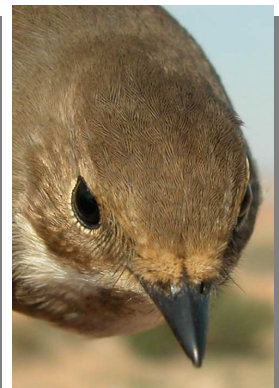


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Flycatcher.
S p r i n g .
A d u l t .
H e a d
pattern: top
male (02-
V); bottom
female (01-
V).

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S p r i n g .
A d u l t s s p .
i b e r i a e .
H e a d
p a t t e r n : t o p
m a l e (0 2 -
V I I) ;
b o t t o m
f e m a l e (0 2 -
V I I) .



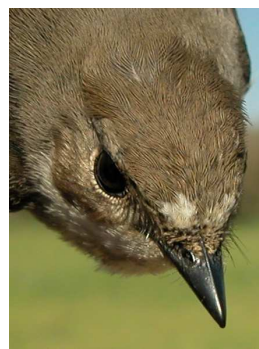
Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Forehead pattern: left male (02-V); right female (01-V).



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S p r i n g .
H e a d
p a t t e r n : t o p
2 n d y e a r
m a l e (0 2 -
V) ; m i d d l e
2 n d y e a r
f e m a l e (0 1 -
V) ; b o t t o m
j u v e n i l e
s p p .
i b e r i a e (0 2 -
V I I) .



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult ssp. *iberiae*. Forehead pattern: left male (02-VII); right female (02-VII).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Forehead pattern: top left 2nd year male (02-V); top right 2nd year female (01-V); left juvenile spp. *iberiae* (02-VII).

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Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (02-V); right female (01-V).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (02-V); right female (01-V).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult ssp. *iberiae*. Breast pattern: left male (02-VII); right female (02-VII).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult ssp. *iberiae*. Tail pattern: left male (02-VII); right female (02-VII).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Breast pattern: top left 2nd year male (02-V); top right 2nd year female (01-V); left juvenile ssp. *iberiae* (02-VII).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. 2nd year. Tail pattern: left male (02-V); right female (01-V);

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Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (02-V); right female (01-V).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult ssp. *iberiae*. Upperparts pattern: left male (02-VII); right female (02-VII).

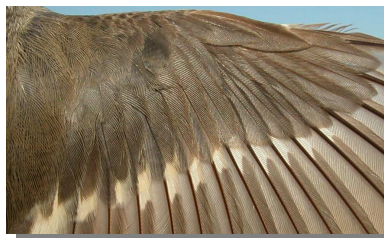
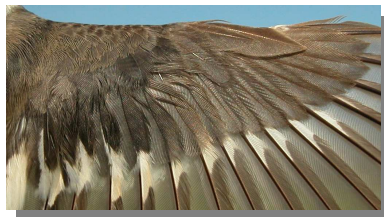


Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Upperparts pattern: top left 2nd year male (02-V); top right 2nd year female (01-V); left juvenile spp. *iberiae* (02-VII).

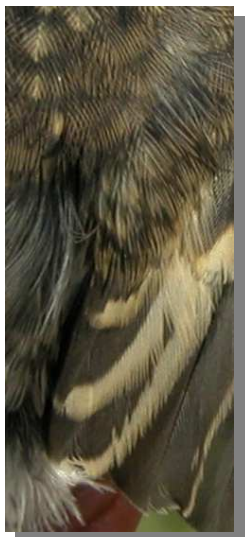


Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Pattern of tertials: left male (02-V); right female (01-V).

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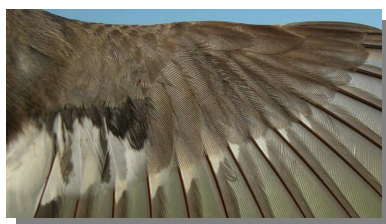
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Flycatcher.
S p r i n g .
Pattern of
upperwing
coverts:
top 2nd
year male
(02-V);
middle 2nd
year female
(01-V);
bottom
juvenile
s p p .
i b e r i a e
(02-VII).



Pied Flycatcher.
Spring. Pattern of
tertials: top left 2nd
year male (02-V);
top right 2nd year
female (01-V); left
juvenile spp. *iberiae*
(02-VII).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of wing
(02-V).



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Flycatcher.
S p r i n g .
A d u l t .
Pattern of
upperwing
coverts:
top male
(02-V);
bottom
female (01-
V).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Male ssp. *iberiae*:
pattern of wing (02-VII).

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Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (01-V).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. Juvenile *ssp iberiae*: pattern of wing (02-VII).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (02-V).



Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Adult. Male (22-VIII).



Pied Flycatcher. Spring. 2nd year. Male *ssp iberiae*: pattern of wing (02-VII).



Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Adult. Female (29-IX).

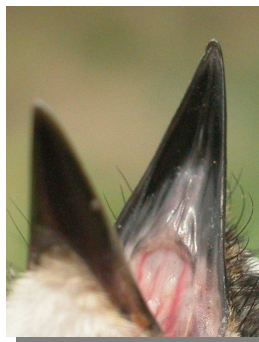


Pied Flycatcher. Spring. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (01-V).

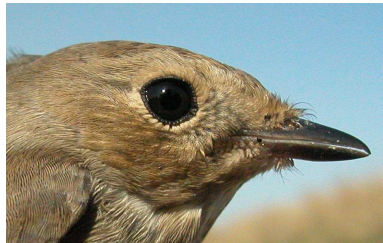
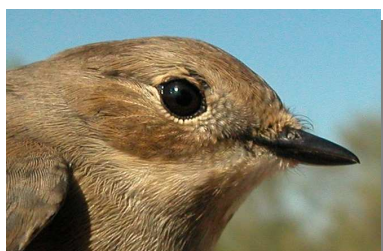
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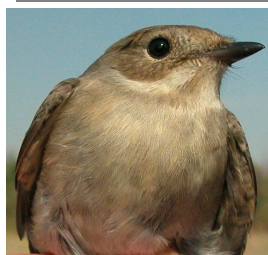
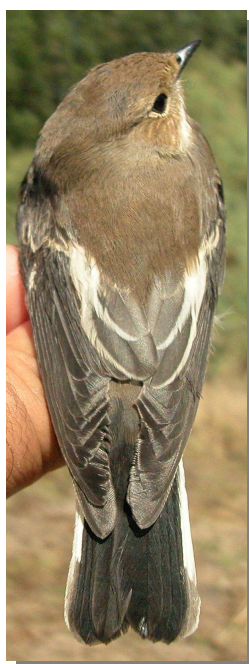
Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. 1st year (15-VIII).



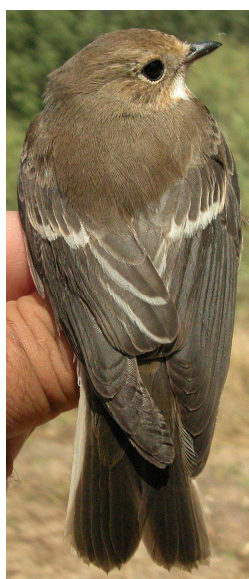
Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Colour inside of upper mandible: left adult (23-IV); right 1st year (15-VIII).



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Flycatcher.
A u t u m n .
Head pattern:
top adult
male (22-
VIII); middle
adult female
(29-IX);
bottom 1st
year (15-
VIII)



Pied Flycatcher.
Autumn. Breast
pattern: top left
adult male (09-IX);
top right adult
female (29-IX);
left 1st year (23-
VIII)



Pied Flycatcher.
Autumn. Upperparts
pattern: top left
adult male (09-IX);
top right adult
female (29-IX);
left 1st year (23-
VIII)

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Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (20-VIII); right female (29-IX)



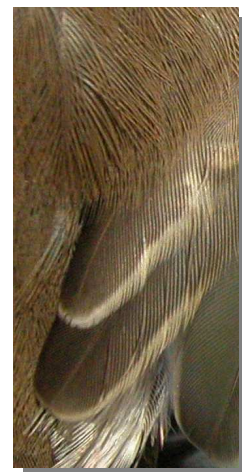
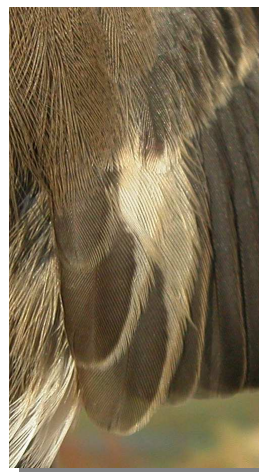
Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. 1st year. Tail pattern: top left male (15-VIII); top right female (22-VIII); left indeterminate (11-IX).



Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of greater coverts (29-IX)



Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of greater coverts (09-IX).



Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Adult. Male: pattern of greater coverts (09-IX)



Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Pattern of central tertial: top left adult male (09-IX); top right adult female (29-IX); left 1st year (23-VIII)

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Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (09-IX)



Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (24-VIII)



Pied Flycatcher. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of wing (15-VIII)