

# 404 Woodchat Shrike



Woodchat Shrike. Adult. Male (11-VI).

## WOODCHAT SHRIKE (*Lanius senator*)

### IDENTIFICATION

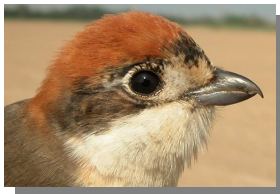
17-18 cm. **Adults** with grey upperparts; white shoulders; white underparts; head with red-chestnut crown and mask and forehead black; wing with a white patch. **Juveniles** brown-grey and barred.



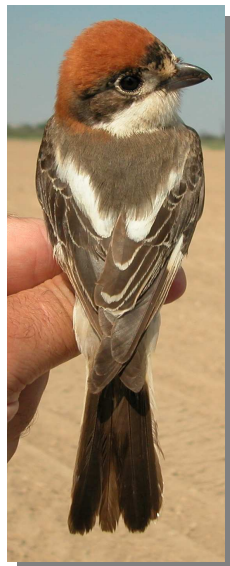
Woodchat Shrike. Juvenile. Pattern of scapulars, tail and upperparts.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

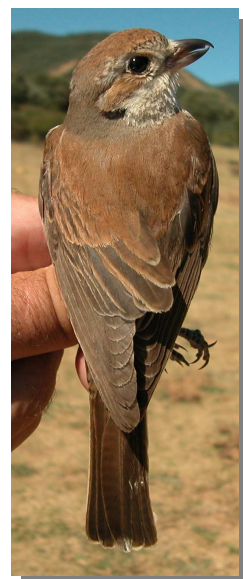
Recalls a **Red-backed Shrike**, which has reddish mantle and lacks red-chestnut head. **Juveniles** of both species are similar but **Red-backed Shrike** is more reddish on mantle; without white patch on scapulars and outermost tail feathers with the white patch reaching the tip.



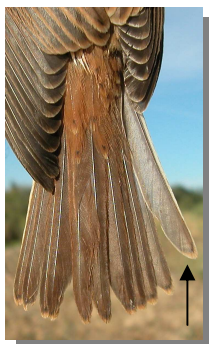
Woodchat Shrike. Adult. Female. Pattern of head and upperparts.



Red-backed Shrike. Adult. Female. Pattern of head and upperparts.



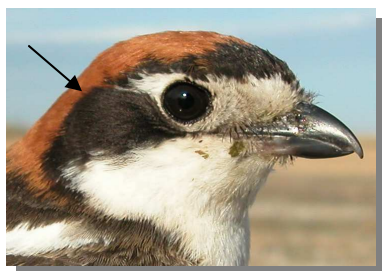
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## SEXING

**Male** with mantle black; rump grey; forehead and ear-coverts black; flank without barring.  
**Female** with mantle dark grey without contrast with rump; forehead and ear-coverts black with buff and grey feathers; flank with barring.  
**Juveniles** cannot be sexed using plumage characters.



Woodchat Shrike. Sexing. Pattern of head: top male; bottom female.



Woodchat Shrike. Sexing. Pattern of upperparts: left male; right female.

## AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with fresh plumage; barred pattern.

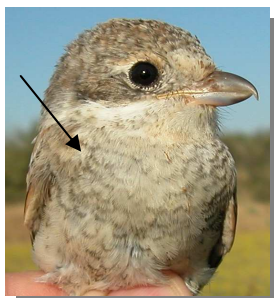
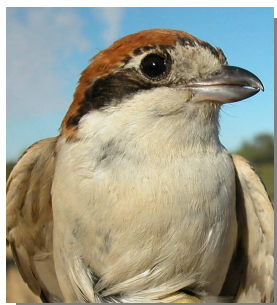
**2nd year** with moult limit between moulted dark wing feathers and juvenile brownish unmoulted primary coverts and flight feathers.

**Adult** without moult limits on wing.

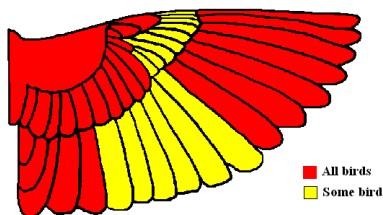


Woodchat Shrike. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult female; bottom juvenile.

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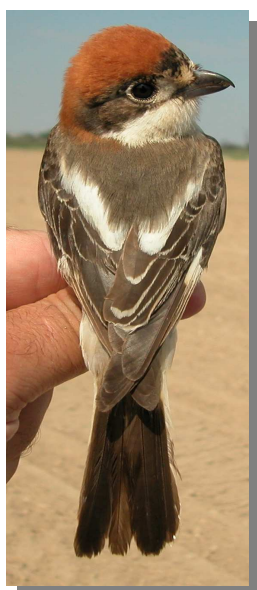
Woodchat Shrike. Ageing. Pattern of breast: left adult female; right juvenile.



Woodchat Shrike. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

## PHENOLOGY

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



Woodchat Shrike. Ageing. Pattern of upperparts: left adult female; right juvenile.

## STATUS IN ARAGON

Summer visitor. Widely distributed throughout the Region related with Mediterranean woodlands.



Woodchat Shrike. Adult. Female (02-V).

## MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult starting in June in breeding areas, suspended before migration and finished in wintering quarters. **Postjuvenile** moult starts with some body feathers and lesser wing coverts in breeding areas, suspended before migration and finished in wintering quarters moulting all body feathers, median and greater coverts, tertials, inner secondaries and outer primaries; usually unmoulted primary coverts and central flight feathers; some birds have a complete moult.



Woodchat Shrike. 2nd year. Male (17-VII).

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Woodchat Shrike. 2nd year. Female (06-V).



Woodchat Shrike. Head pattern: top 2nd year male (17-VII); middle 2nd year female (06-V); bottom juvenile (23-VIII).



Woodchat Shrike. Juvenile (23-VII).



Woodchat Shrike. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (11-VI); right female (02-V).

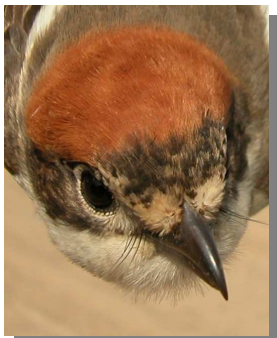
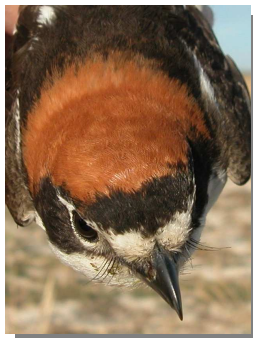


Woodchat Shrike. Adult. Head pattern: top male (11-VI); bottom female (02-V).

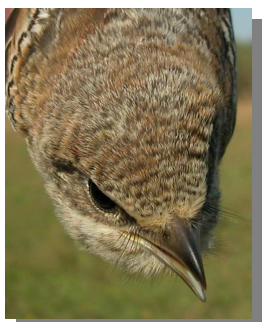
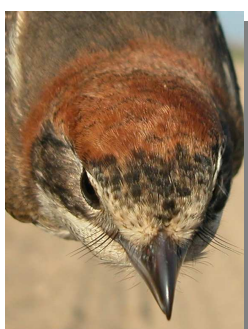
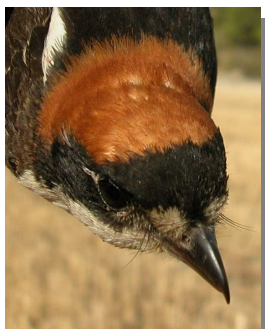
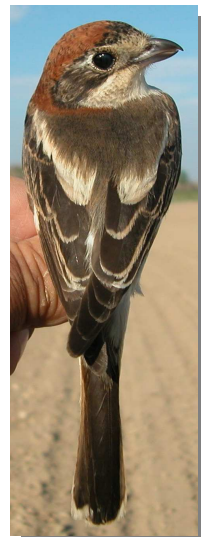


Woodchat Shrike. Breast pattern: top left 2nd year male (17-VII); top right 2nd year female (06-V); left juvenile (23-VIII).

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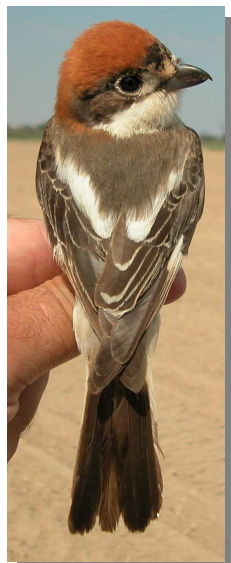
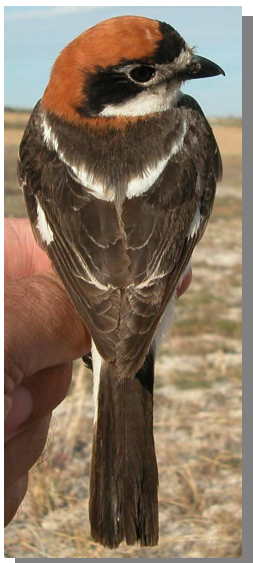
Woodchat Shrike. Adult. Pattern of crown and forehead: left male (11-VI); right female (02-V).



Woodchat Shrike. Pattern of crown and forehead: top left 2nd year male (17-VII); top right 2nd year female (06-V); left juvenile (23-VIII).



Woodchat Shrike. Upperpart pattern: top left 2nd year male (17-VII); top right 2nd year female (06-V); left juvenile (23-VIII).

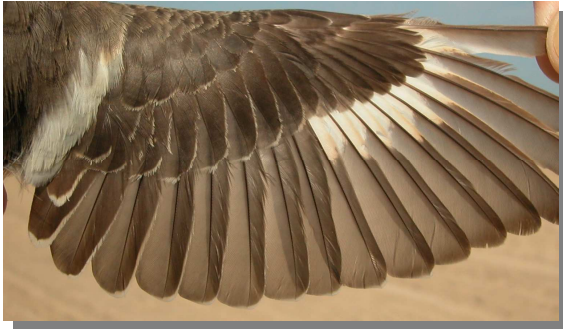


Woodchat Shrike. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (11-VI); right female (02-V).

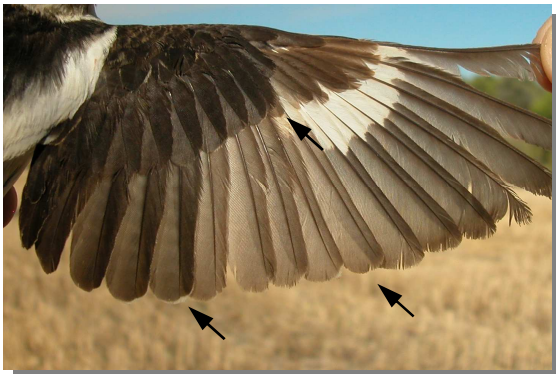


Woodchat Shrike. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (11-VI).

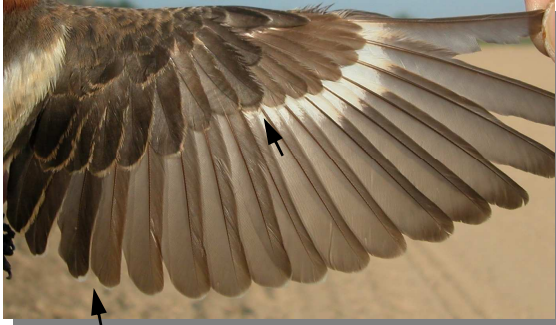
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Woodchat Shrike. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (02-V).



Woodchat Shrike. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (17-VII).



Woodchat Shrike. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (0).



Woodchat Shrike. Juvenile: pattern of wing (31-VII).