

295 Dupont's Lark

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Dupont's Lark. Autumn (24-IX).

DUPONT'S LARK (*Chersophilus duponti*)

IDENTIFICATION

18-19 cm. Brown upperparts; white underparts, with streaked brown breast; white outermost tail feathers; lacks crest on head; with marked supercilium; bill thin, long and curved. **Juveniles** with feathers on body and wing edged whitish.

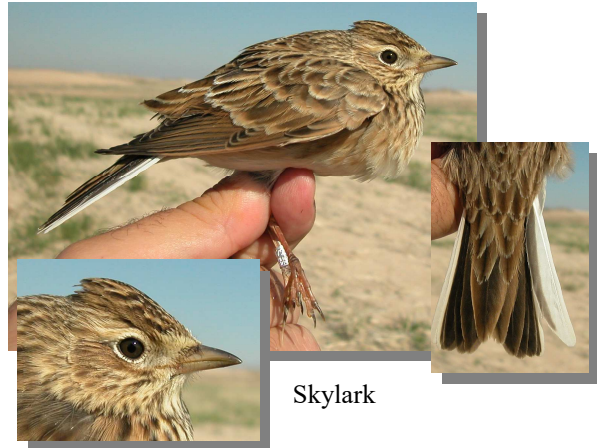


Dupont's Lark. Pattern of head, bill and tail.



SIMILAR SPECIES

Skylark has brown plumage and white outer tail feathers, but its bill is shorter.



Skylark

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike. Size can be helpful in extreme birds: **male** with wing longer than 98 mm; **female** with wing shorter than 96 mm.

AGEING

2 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile with fresh plumage; feathers with broad pale edges.

Adult with narrower edges on feathers than **juveniles** (early missing by wear); worn feathers in **spring**.

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



Dupont's Lark. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Dupont's Lark. Ageing. Pattern of breast: left adult; right juvenile.

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Dupont's Lark. Spring. Juvenile (04-VII).

Dupont's Lark. Ageing. Pattern of upperparts: left adult; right juvenile.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults, usually finished late September.

PHENOLOGY

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STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident. Breeds in dry areas from the Ebro Basin and Sistema Iberico.



Dupont's Lark. Spring. Adult (02-IV).



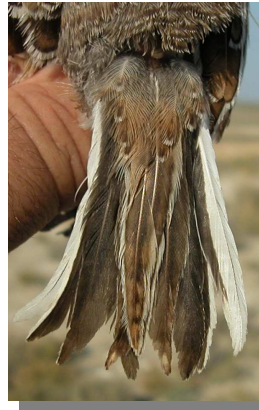
Dupont's Lark. Pattern of head and bill. From top to bottom: in autumn (24-IX); adult in spring (02-IV); juvenile (04-VII); young (09-IV).

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Dupont's Lark. Breast pattern: top left in autumn (24-IX); top right adult in spring (02-IV); left juvenile (04-VII).



Dupont's Lark. Tail pattern: top left in autumn (24-IX); top right adult in spring (02-IV); left juvenile (04-VII).



Dupont's Lark. Upperparts pattern: top left in autumn (24-IX); top right adult in spring (02-IV); left juvenile (04-VII).



Dupont's Lark. Autumn: pattern of wing (24-IX).



Dupont's Lark. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing (02-IV).

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Dupont's Lark. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of wing (04-VII).