

**01110 Western Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*)



Cattle Egret. Spring. Adult (26-VII).

**WESTERN CATTLE EGRET** (*Bubulcus ibis*)

**IDENTIFICACIÓN**

45-52 cm. White plumage with buff patches on crown, breast and upperparts in breeding time, whiter in winter; orange legs, bill and eyes in breeding period, dark green legs and yellow bill and eyes in winter. **Juveniles** are all white with dark legs.



Cattle Egret. Spring. Pattern of head and breast.



Cattle Egret. Autumn. Pattern of head and breast.



**SIMILAR SPECIES**

Recalls a **Little Egret**, which has white plumage, dark bill and black legs with yellow toes.



Little Egret.

**SEXING**

Plumage of both sexes alike. **Male** with wing longer than 260 mm. **CAUTION:** birds with wing shorter than 260 mm can belong to both sexes.

**AGEING**

4 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile/1st year autumn** with white plumage; white crown; black legs becoming dark greenish.

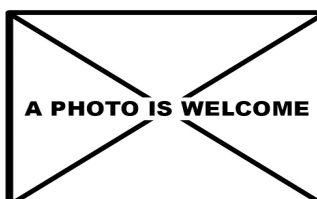
**2nd year spring** sometimes with breast and scapular feathers very reduced and poorly coloured buff; if retained, then **juvenile** outer primaries and median secondaries worn and pointed.

**2nd year autumn/3rd year spring** only in some birds with **juvenile** outer primaries and median secondaries retained, which will be very bleached and worn.

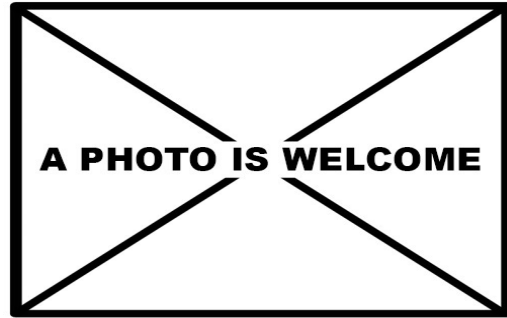
**Adult** in **breeding** plumage with cream-buff crown, breast, upperparts and scapulars; in **non-breeding** plumage white with cream-buff feathers on the upper breast and mantle.



Cattle Egret. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult; bottom 1st year.



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Cattle Egret. Spring. Ageing. Pattern of breast: top left adult; top right 2nd year; left juvenile.

Cattle Egret. Spring. 2nd year ( ).

**MOULT**

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in November. Partial **postjuvenile** moult confined to crown and body feathers. From February to April, there is a **prebreeding** moult reduced to the acquisition of ornamental feathers in **adults**. The **2nd year** birds have a variable moult changing the ornamental feathers, all or part of the body plumage and all or

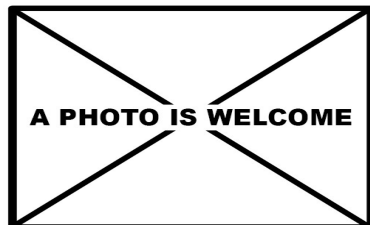


Cattle Egret. Spring. Juvenile (26-VII).

**PHENOLOGY**

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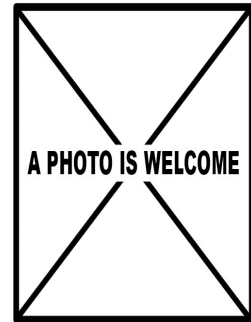
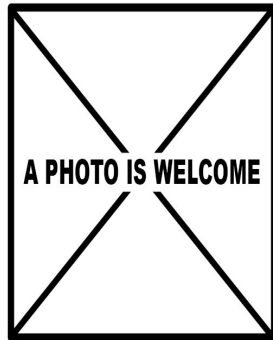
- Summer visitor
- Wintering
- Resident
- On passage



Cattle Egret. Spring. Head pattern: : top adult (26-VII); middle 2nd year ( ); bottom juvenile (26-VII).



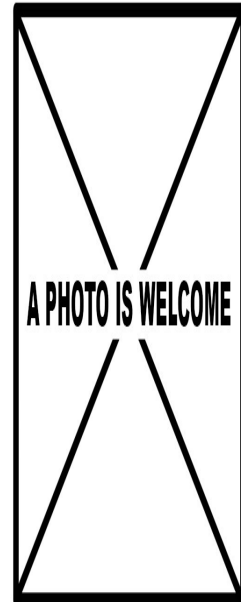
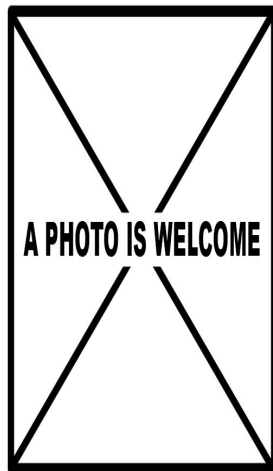
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Cattle Egret. Spring. Crown pattern: : top left adult (26-VII); top right 2nd year (); left juvenile (26-VII).



Cattle Egret. Spring. Breast pattern: : top left adult (26-VII); top right 2nd year (); left juvenile (26-VII).

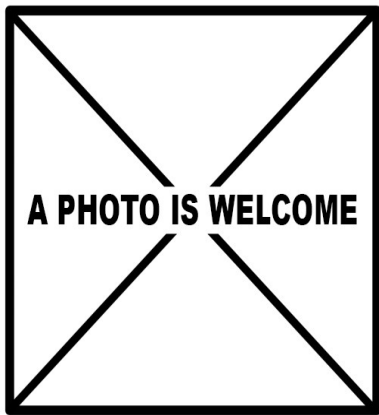


Cattle Egret. Spring. Nape pattern: : top left adult (26-VII); top right 2nd year (); left juvenile (26-VII).

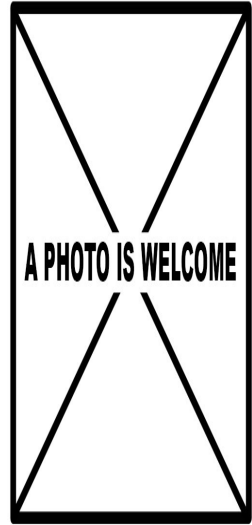


Cattle Egret. Spring. Upperparts pattern: : top left adult (26-VII); top right 2nd year (); left juvenile (26-VII).

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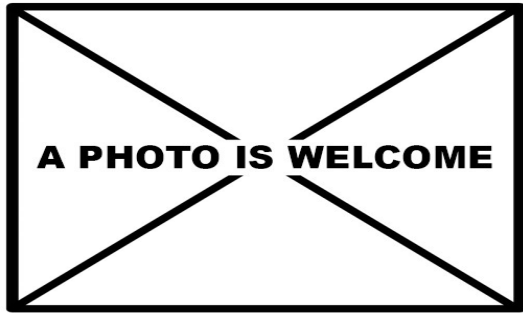
Cattle Egret. Spring. Pattern of legs: top adult (26-VII); middle 2nd year (); bottom juvenile (26-VII).



Cattle Egret. Spring. Tail pattern: : top left adult (26-VII); top right 2nd year (); left juvenile (26-VII).



Cattle Egret. Spring. Adult: pattern of primaries (26-VII).



Cattle Egret. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of primaries ().



Cattle Egret. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of secondaries (26-VII).



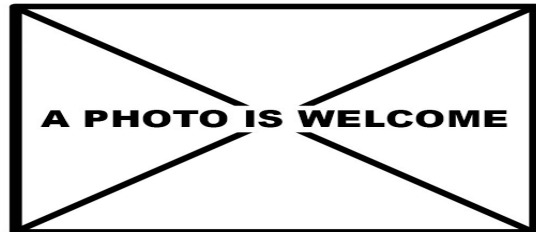
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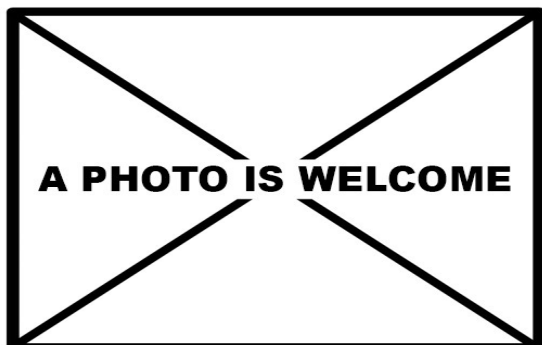
Cattle Egret. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing (26-VII).



Cattle Egret. Spring. Adult: pattern of secondaries (26-VII).



Cattle Egret. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing ().



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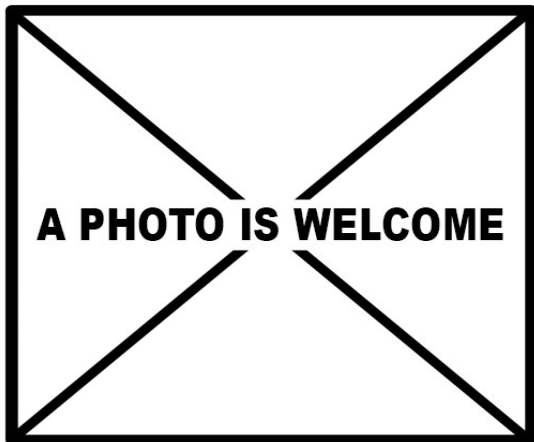


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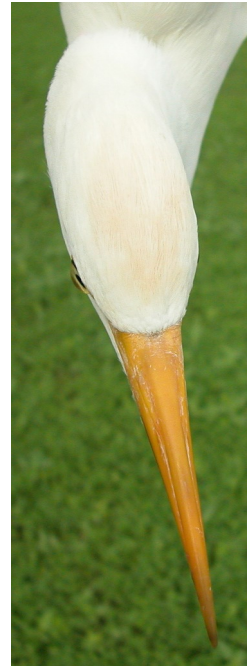
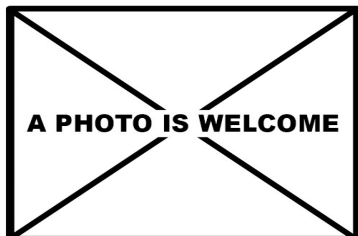
Cattle Egret. Autumn. Adult (05-XI).



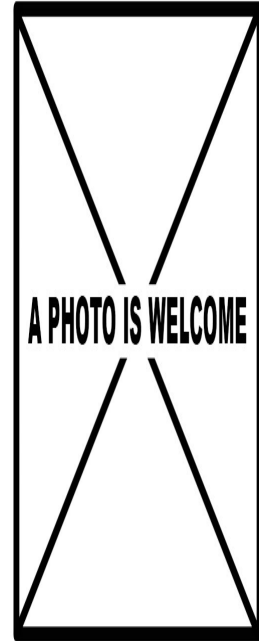
Cattle Egret. Autumn. 1st year ().



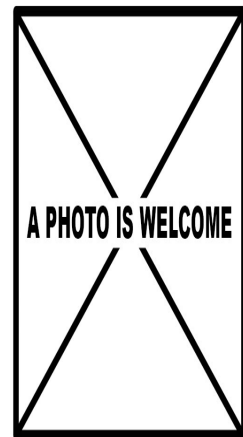
Cattle Egret. Autumn. Head pattern: top adult (05-XI); bottom 1st year ().



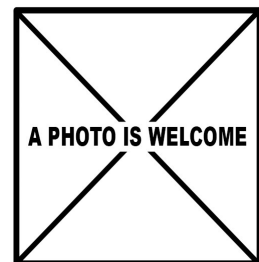
Cattle Egret. Autumn. Crown pattern: left adult (05-XI); right 1st year ().



Cattle Egret. Autumn. Nape pattern: left adult (05-XI); right 1st year ().



Cattle Egret. Autumn. Breast pattern: left adult (05-XI); right 1st year ().



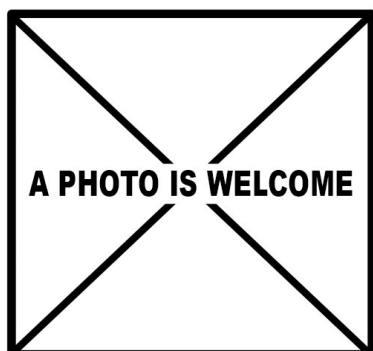
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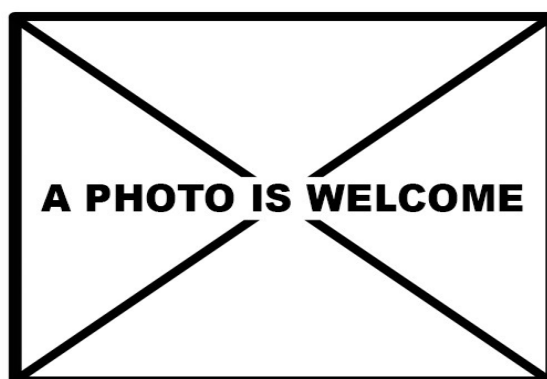
Cattle Egret. Autumn. Upperparts pattern: left adult (05-XI); right 1st year ().



Cattle Egret. Autumn. Pattern of head: top adult (05-XI); bottom 1st year ().



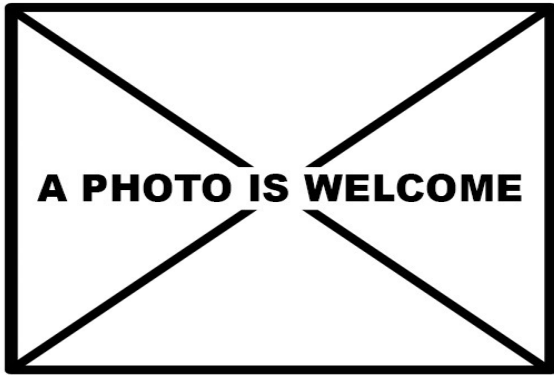
Cattle Egret. Autumn. Adult: pattern of primaries (05-XI).



Cattle Egret. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of primaries ().



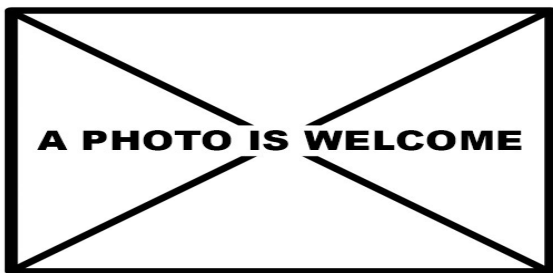
Cattle Egret. Autumn. Adult: pattern of secondaries (05-XI).



Cattle Egret. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of secondaries ().



Cattle Egret. Autumn. Adult: pattern of wing (05-XI).



Cattle Egret. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing ().