

45 Black Stork

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MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, starting in breeding period and finished during winter. Complete **postjuvenile** moult, starting with body feathers in February of the 2nd year; flight feathers starts in May and last until winter.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

On passage, with records throughout all the Region.

BLACK STORK (*Ciconia nigra*)**IDENTIFICATION**

95-100 cm. Black plumage; white undertail coverts, axillaries and underparts; bill and legs red.

SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile similar to **adult**, but with feathers on head, neck and chest dark grey-brown with pale tips; rest of upperparts dull coloured; upper wing coverts with narrow pale brown margins; bill olive green.

2nd year with moult limit between black purple new feathers and duller **juvenile**.

Adult with feathers on head, neck and chest with strong purple and green gloss; upper wing coverts without narrow pale brown margins; bill bright scarlet.



Black Stork. 2nd year: pattern of primary coverts (20-VII).



Black Stork. 2nd year: pattern of primaries (20-VII).

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Black Stork. 2nd year: pattern of secondaries (20-VII).



Black Stork. 2nd year: pattern of wing (20-VII).