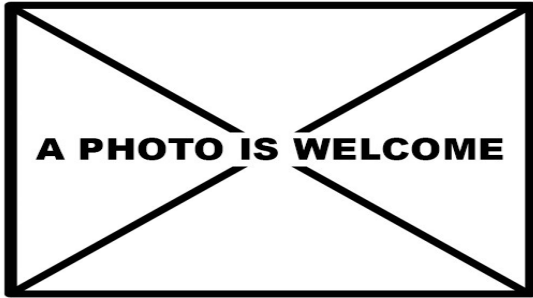


01790 Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*)



Wigeon. Adult. Male ().

EURASIAN WIGEON
(*Mareca penelope*)

IDENTIFICATION

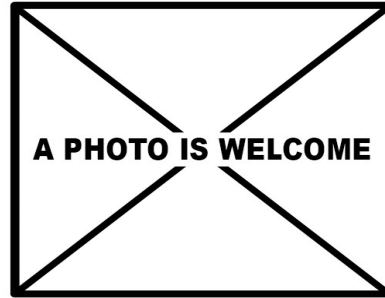
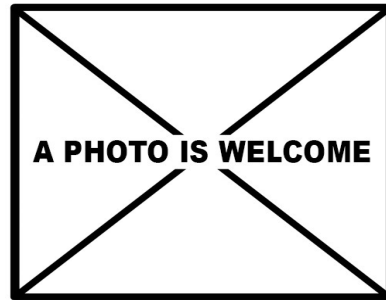
45-51 cm. **Male** with chestnut head and neck; creamy-yellowish crown; grey vermiculated upperparts; white belly; black undertail coverts; wings with white band and green speculum. **Female** with brown plumage; head without creamy crown; grey-brown upperparts; undertail coverts with dark mottled; wing with green duller green speculum than **male**.

SIMILAR SPECIES

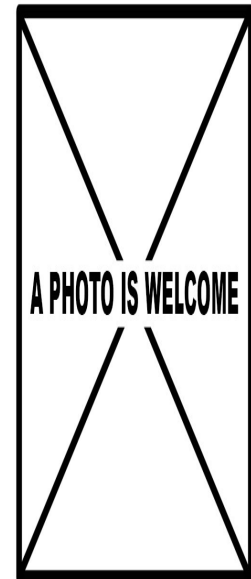
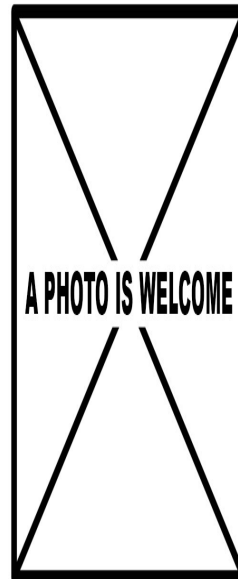
This species is unmistakable.

SEXING

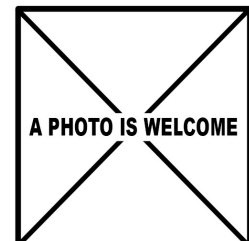
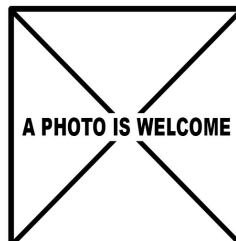
Male with reddish head and neck; buff yellow centre of crown; green patch behind eye; greyish pink breast; black undertail coverts; speculum with green gloss; forewing with a white band; outer web of innermost secondary white, narrowly margined black. **Female** with brownish head and neck; crown without buff yellow centre; no green patch behind eye; buffish breast; undertail coverts with black mottled; speculum with dull green; outer web of innermost secondary suffused grey. It is not probable to find this species with **non breeding** plumage in Aragon.



Wigeon. Sexing. Pattern of head and breast: top male; bottom female.



Wigeon. Sexing. Pattern of crown: left male; right female.



Wigeon. Sexing. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male; right female.

01790 Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*)



Wigeon. Sexing. Pattern of secondaries: top male; bottom female.



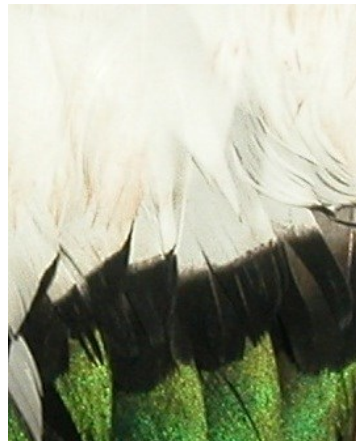
Wigeon. Sexing. Pattern of the innermost secondary: left male; right female.

AGEING

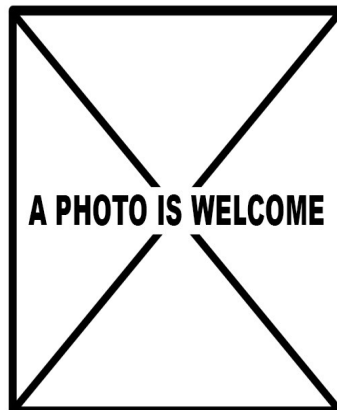
Since this species doesn't breed in Aragon only 2 types of age can be recognized:

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with a variable number of **juvenile** feathers retained on body and wings; retained **juvenile** greater coverts narrow and pointed; in **males**, whitish coloured and some, with a subterminal dark brown; in **females**, dark grey coloured with white edges on tips; scapulars eroded and with pointed tips; some or most **juvenile** tail feathers retained.

Adult with greater coverts with broad and squarish tips; in **males**, pure white coloured with black distal edge; in **females**, grey coloured with white distal edge mixed with grey; scapulars fresh and with rounded tips.



Wigeon. Ageing. Male. Pattern of greater coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.



01790 Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*)



Wigeon. Ageing. Female. Pattern of greater coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.



Wigeon. Ageing. Pattern of scapulars: left adult; right 1st year



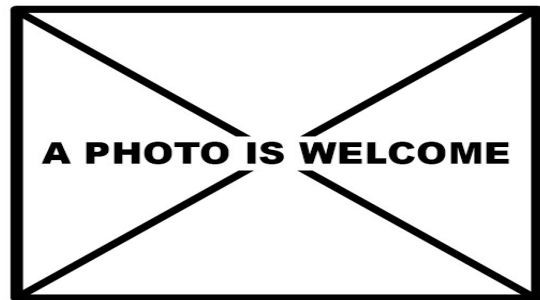
MOULT

After October both types of age have a partial **pre-breeding** moult acquiring breeding plumage; during the **winter** some feathers on tertials, tail and body are in active moult.

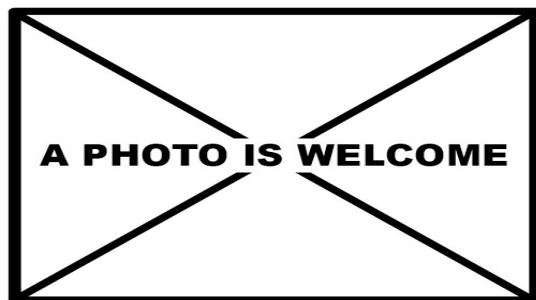
PHENOLOGY

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

- Summer visitor
- Resident
- Wintering
- On passage

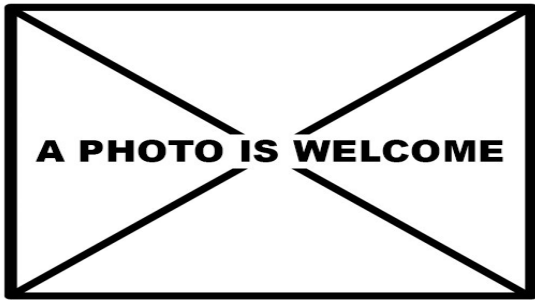


Wigeon. Adult. Female ().

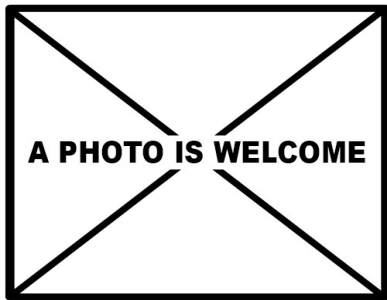
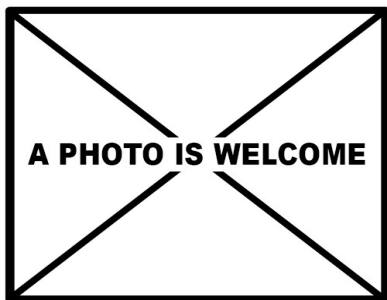
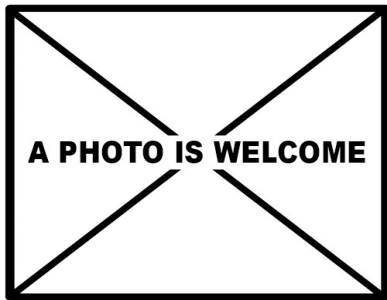
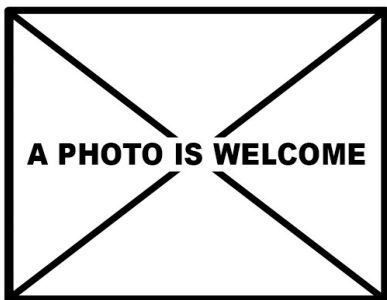


Wigeon. 1st year. Male ().

01790 Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*)

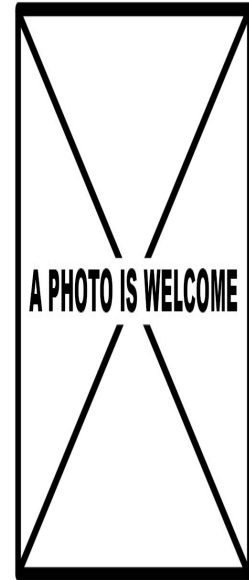
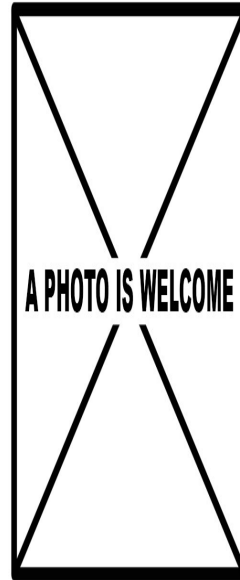


Wigeon. 1st year. Female ().

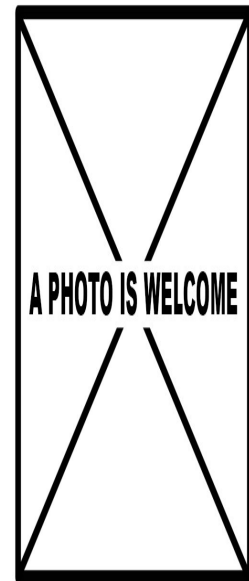
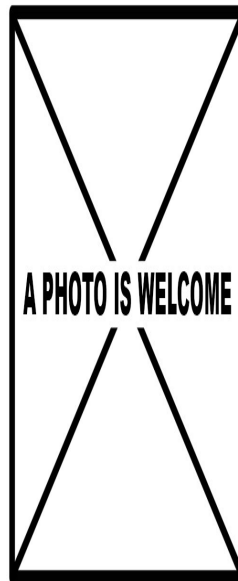


W i g e o n .
Adult. Head
pattern: top
male (); bot-
tom female
().

Wigeon. 1st
year. Head
pattern: top
male (); bot-
tom female
().

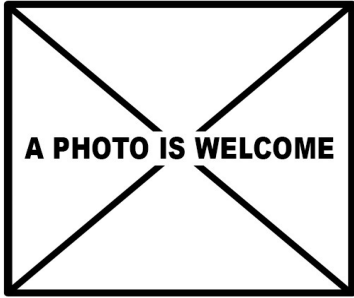
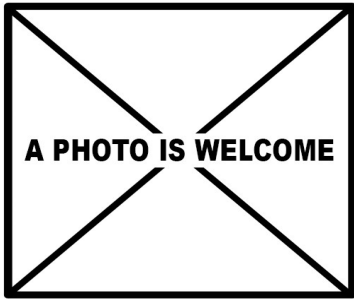


Wigeon. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (); right fe-
male ().

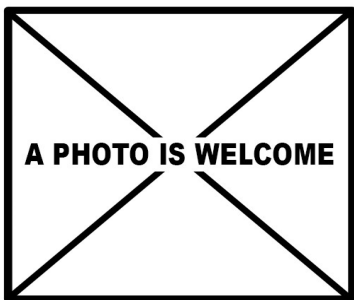
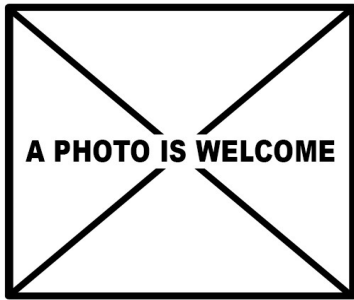


Wigeon. 1st year. Crown pattern: left male (); right
female ().

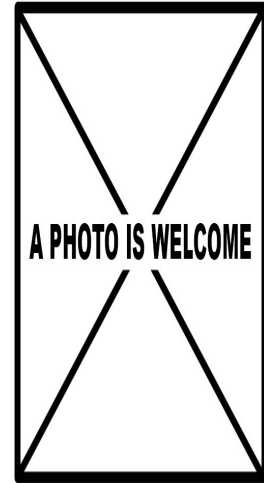
01790 Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*)



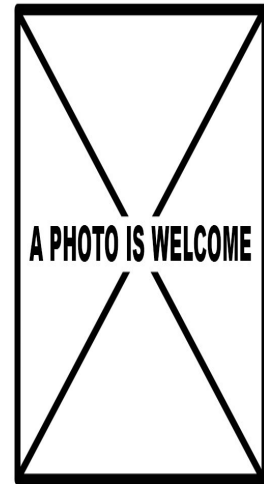
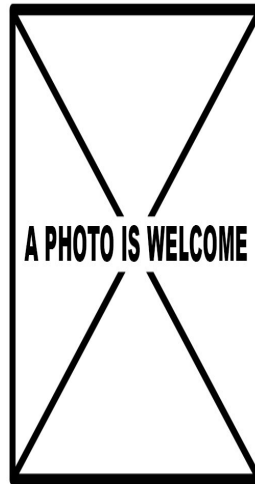
Wigeon. Adult. Breast pattern: top male (); bottom female ().



Wigeon. 1st year. Breast pattern: top male (); bottom female ().



Wigeon. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (); right female ().



Wigeon. 1st year. Upperparts pattern: left male (); right female ().

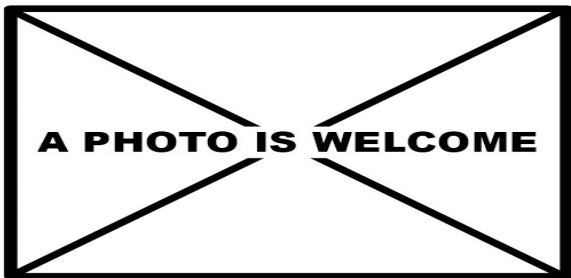


Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of flank (03-XI).

01790 Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*)



Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of flank (03-XI).



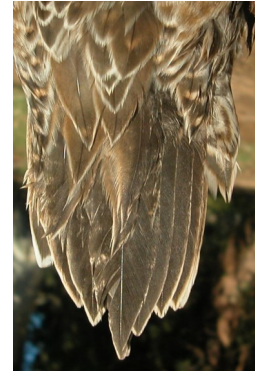
Wigeon. 1st year. Male: pattern of flank ().



Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of flank (03-XI).



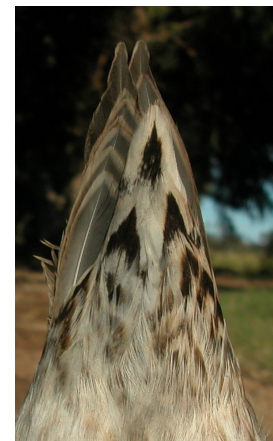
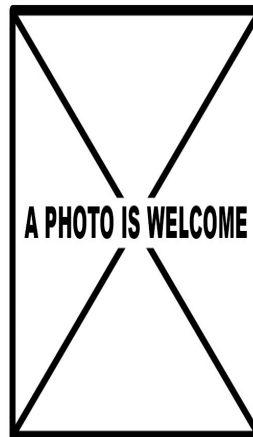
Wigeon. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).



Wigeon. 1st year. Tail pattern: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).



Wigeon. Adult. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).

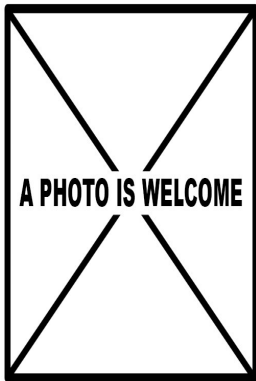


Wigeon. 1st year. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).

01790 Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*)



Wigeon. Adult. Pattern of greater coverts: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).



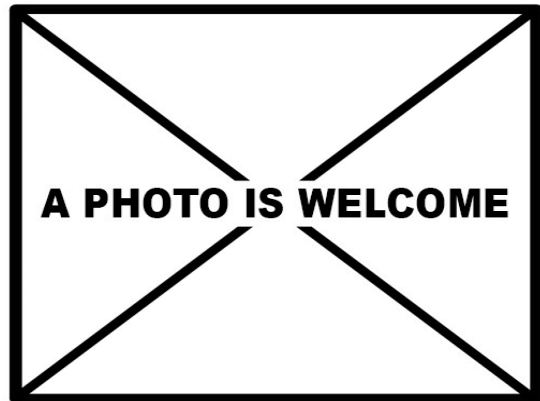
Wigeon. 1st year. Pattern of greater coverts: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).



Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of primary coverts (03-XI).



Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of primary coverts (03-XI).



Wigeon. 1st year. Male: pattern of primary coverts ().



Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of primary coverts (03-XI).

01790 Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*)



Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (03-XI).



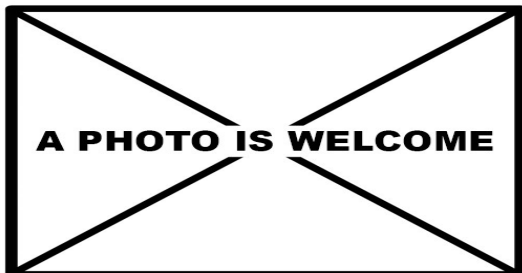
Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (03-XI).



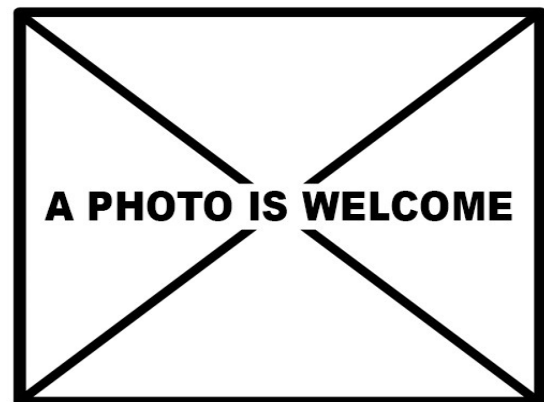
Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries (03-XI).



Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (03-XI).



Wigeon. 1st year. Male: pattern of primaries ()



Wigeon. 1st year. Male: pattern of secondaries ().



Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of primaries (03-XI).

01790 Eurasian Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*)



Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of secondaries (03-XI).



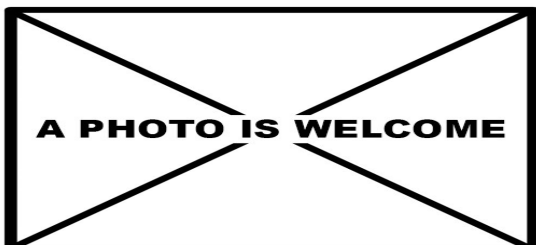
Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (03-XI).



Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (03-XI).



Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (03-XI).



Wigeon. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing ().