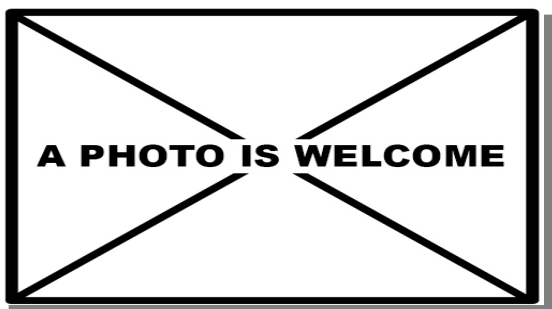
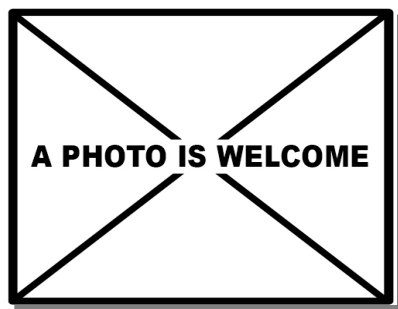
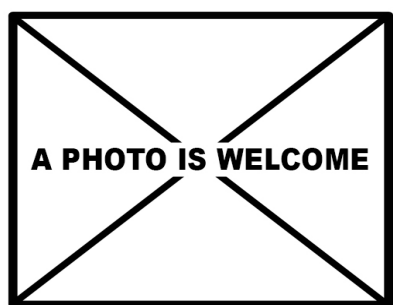


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Wigeon. Adult. Male ().



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

**EURASIAN WIGEON** (*Anas 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**.

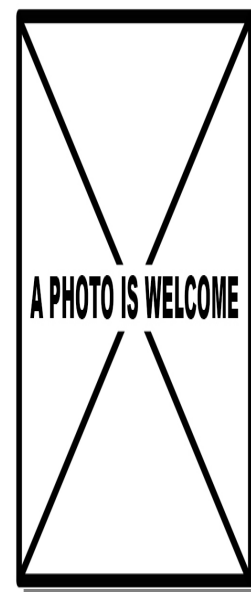
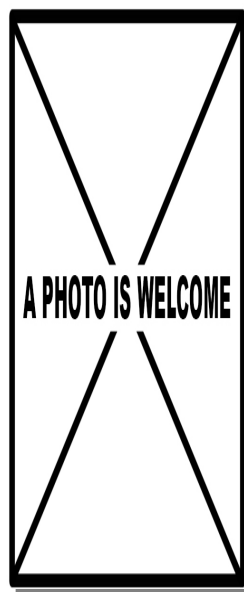
**SIMILAR SPECIES**

This species is unmistakable.

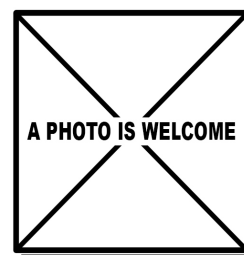
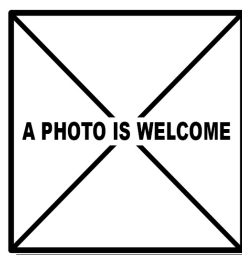
**SEXING**

**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 crown: left male; right female.



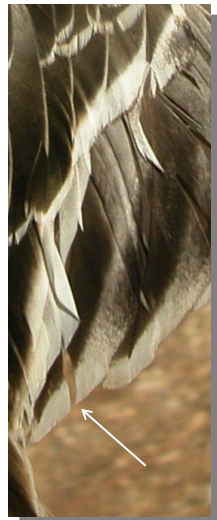
Wigeon. Sexing. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male; right female.

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



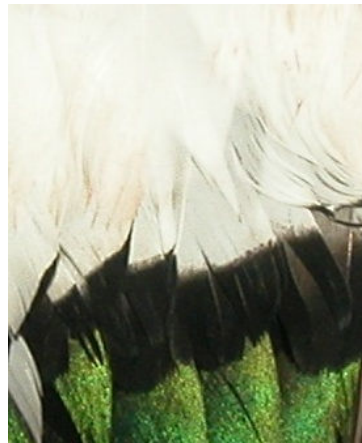
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## AGEING

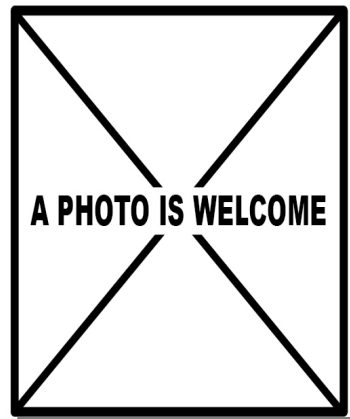
Since this species doesn't breed in Aragon only 2 types of age can be recognized:

**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



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



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

## MOULT

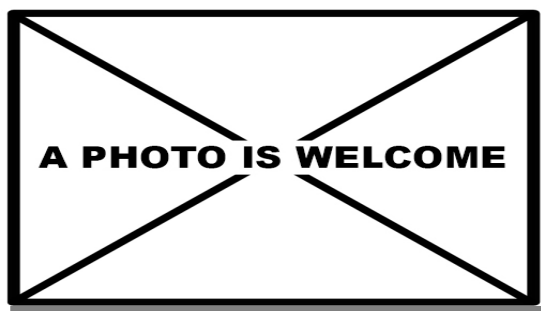
After October both types of age have a partial **prebreeding** moult acquiring breeding plumage; during the **winter** some feathers on tertials, tail and body are in active moult.

## PHENOLOGY

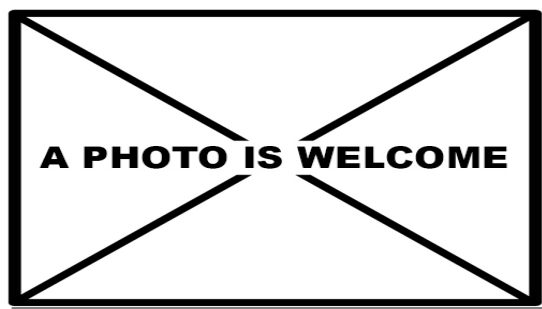
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## STATUS IN ARAGON

A winter visitor, being a very scarce species in any wet place of the Region.



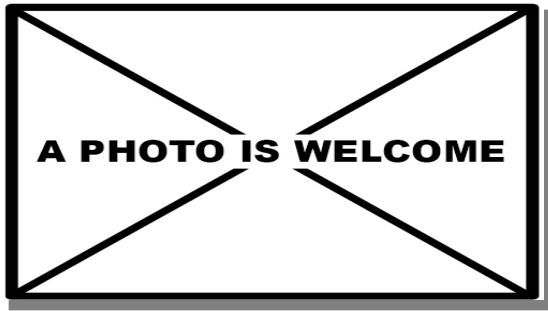
Wigeon. Adult. Female ().



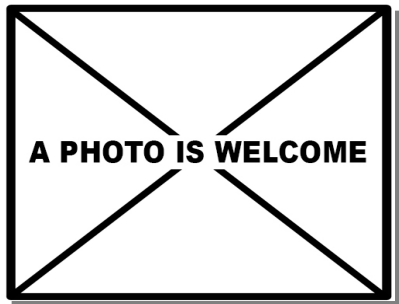
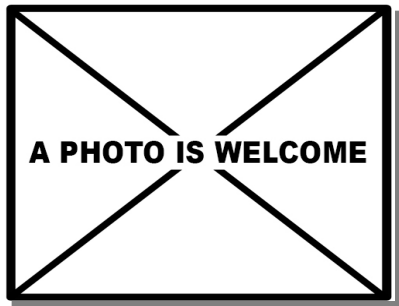
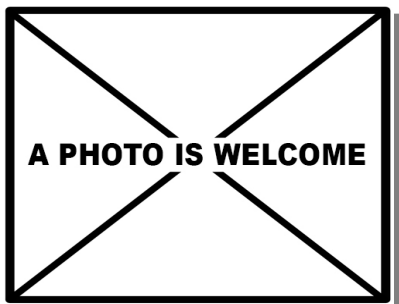
Wigeon. 1st year. Male ().

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Wigeon. 1st year. Female ().

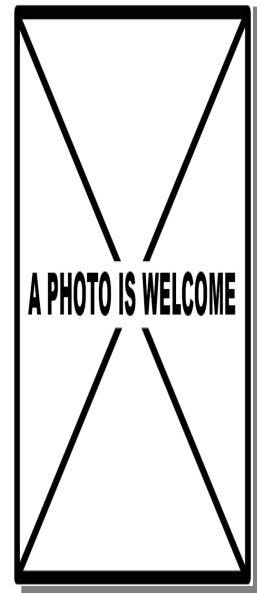
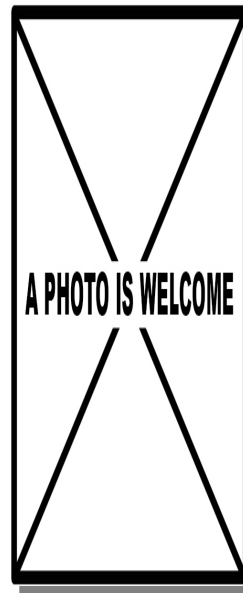


Wigeon. Adult. Head pattern: top male (); bottom female ().

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



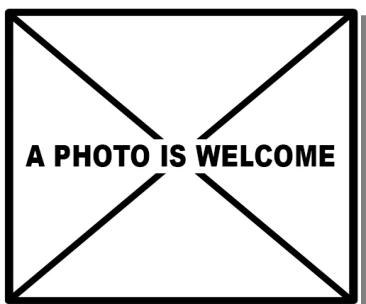
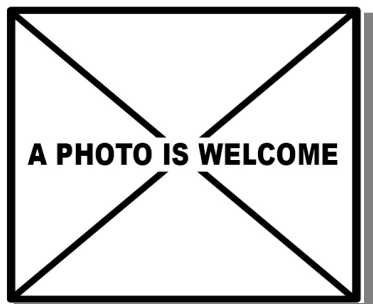
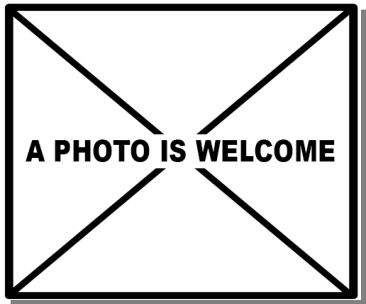
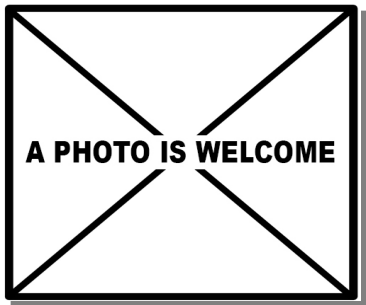
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Wigeon. 1st year. Crown pattern: left male (); right female ().

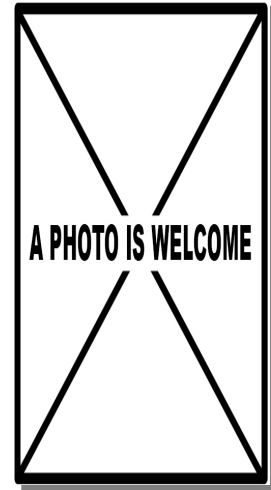
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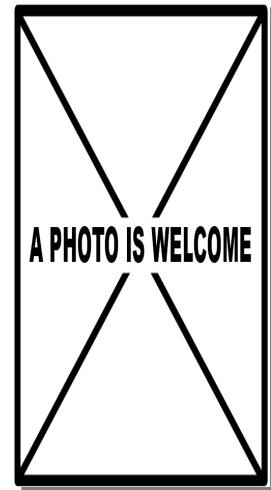


Wigeon. Adult. Breast pattern: top male (); bottom female ().

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



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



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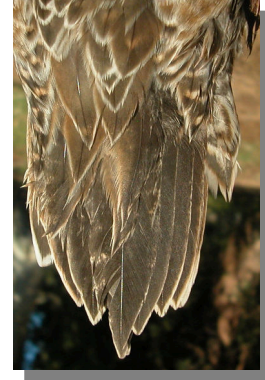
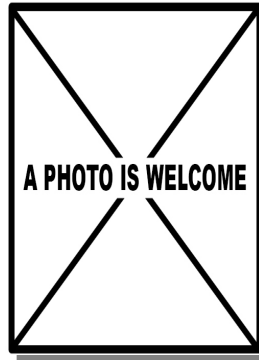
Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of flank (03-XI)

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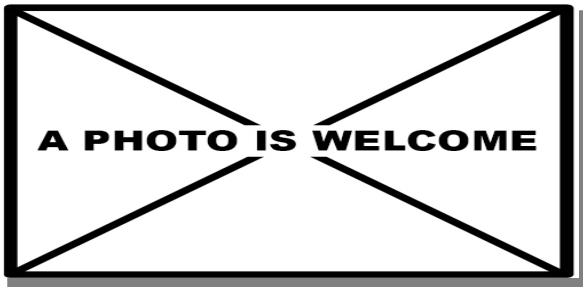
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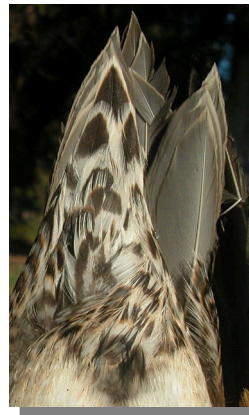
Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of flank (03-XI)



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



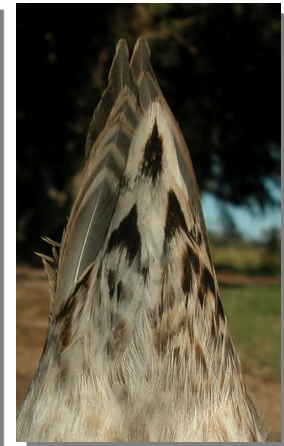
Wigeon. 1st year. Male: pattern of flank ( )



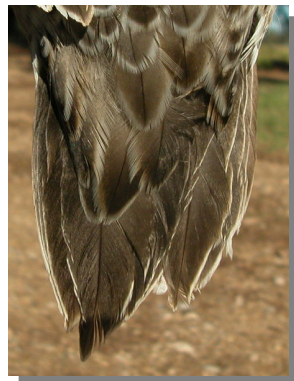
Wigeon. Adult. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).



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



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



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

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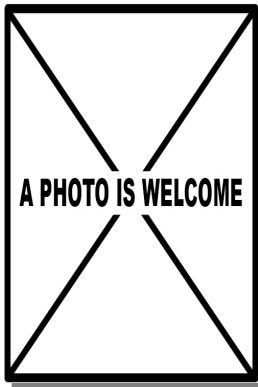
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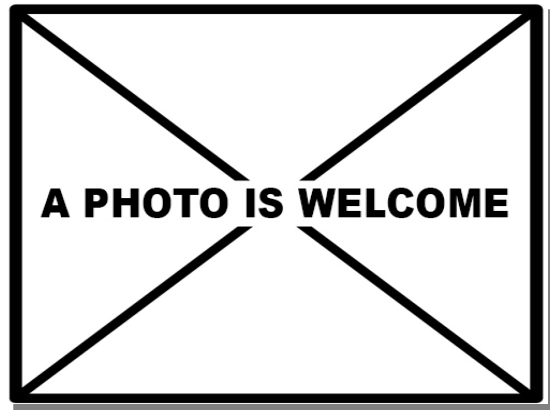
Wigeon. Adult. Pattern of greater coverts: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).



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



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



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



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



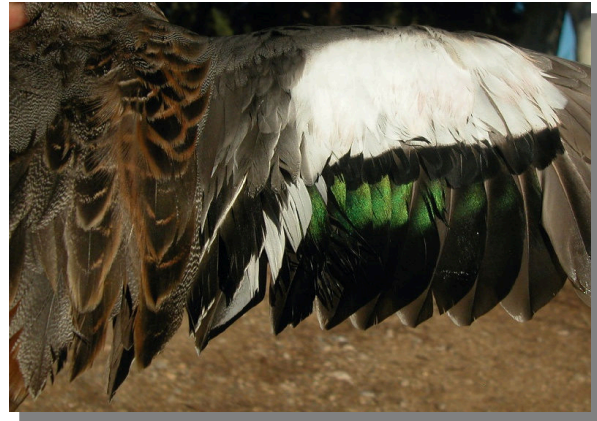
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Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (03-XI)



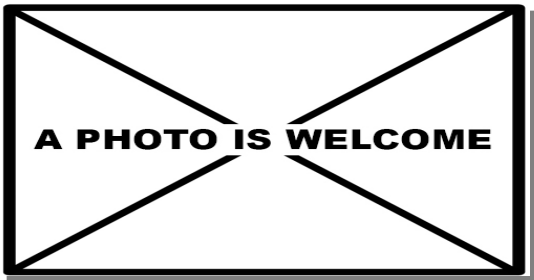
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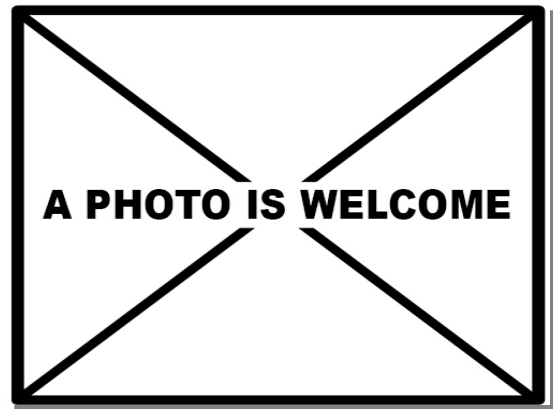
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Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (03-XI)



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



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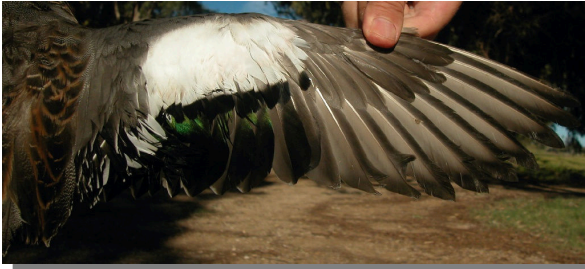
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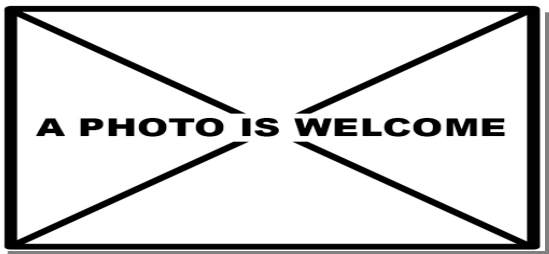
Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (03-XI)



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



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



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