



Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Male (28-VIII).

GARGANEY (Spatula querquedula)

IDENTIFICATION

37-41 cm. In **breeding** plumage, **male** with large white band on the eye reaching nape; dark mottled on head and breast; grey flanks; white vent; long black and white scapulars; green speculum with poor gloss and two shite bands. **Female** with brown and mottled plumage; brown-greenish speculum; grey wing coverts; grey bill.



Garganey. Pattern of speculum and wing coverts.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Male with unmistakable plumage. The pattern of the speculum, the size and the grey bill make differ the **female** from other brown ducks.



Teal. Female. Pattern of bill and speculum.



SEXING

Male in **breeding** plumage unmistakable with brownish-black crown with golden cheeks; white broad supercilium which extends well down the nape; elongated scapulars stripped grey, dark green, black and white; forewing pale blue grey; speculum with light green sheen; secondaries and greater coverts with broad white tips. In **non breeding** plumage similar to **female**, but with pale blue-grey forewing and green speculum. **Female** with brown plumage; narrow pale supercilium; without elongated scapulars; forewing dark grey brown; speculum dull grey brown, sometimes with slight green tinge in innermost secondaries; greater coverts with narrow white tips; secondaries with white tips only on the outer vanes.

Juveniles can be sexed: male with dirty blue grey lesser and median coverts; greater coverts with broad white tips; speculum dull metallic green; secondaries with white tips. **Female** without blue tinge on lesser and median coverts; greater coverts and secondaries with narrow white or buff-white tips; speculum dull grey brown and without green gloss.



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Garganey. Breeding plumage. Sexing. Pattern of head: left male; right female.



Garganey. Adult. Non -breeding plumage. Sesing. Pattern of speculum: top male; bottom female.

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Garganey. Juvenile. Non-breeding plumage. Sesing. Pattern of speculum: top male; bottom female.

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Garganey. Male. Non-breeding plumage. Ageing. Pattern of speculum: top adult; bottom juvenile.



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Garganey. Female. Nonbreeding plumage. Ageing. Pattern of speculum: top adult; bottom juvenile.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, acquiring eclipse plumage, usually finished by August. Partial **postjuvenile** moult confined to body, tail, a few tertials and some wing coverts; starts by September and finished in wintering quarters. Both types of age have a partial **prebreeding** moult acquiring breeding plumage.

PHENOLOGY



AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized (see **SEXING**):

Juvenile with tail feathers notched at tips with bare shafts projecting; greater coverts narrow and pointed, usually with dark spot at tip of inner vane; speculum only dull metallic green in **male** and without green tinge in **female**.

2nd year spring with worn **juvenile** flight feathers; some birds with **juvenile** body feathers and wing coverts retained.

Adult in spring with fresh wing coverts and flight feathers. In autumn with broad and rounded greater coverts, without a dark spot at tip of inner vane; speculum bright metallic green in male and dull grey brown with slight green metallic sheen in the innermost secondaries in female.





Garganey. Ageing. Pattern of greater coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.

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Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Female ().

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Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Female ().



Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Head pattern: top male (28-VIII); bottom female ().

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Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (); right female ().



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Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Upperpart pattern: left male (28-VIII); right female ().

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Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (); right female ().





Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Tail pattern: left male (28-VIII); right female ().



Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (); right female ().





Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (28-VIII); right female ().

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Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Male: pattern of flank (28-VIII).





Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Pattern of tertials: left male (28-VIII); right female ().

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Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of greater coverts ().



Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Male: pattern of greater coverts (28-VIII).

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Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Female: pattern of greater coverts ().

Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries ().



Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Male: pattern of primaries (28-VIII).

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Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Female: pattern of primaries ().



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Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of wing ().

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Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Male: pattern of wing (28-VIII).

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Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Female: pattern of wing ().



