

Red-crested Pochard. Spring. Breeding plumage. Adult. Male ().

**RED-CRESTED POCHARD**  
(*Netta rufina*)

**IDENTIFICATION**

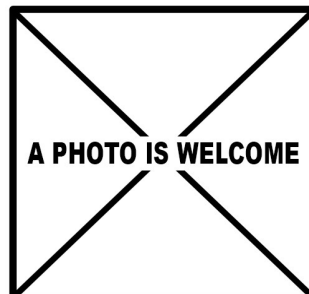
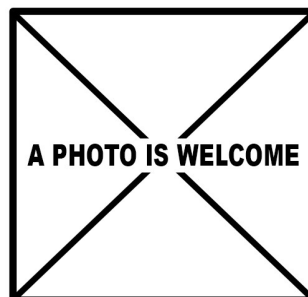
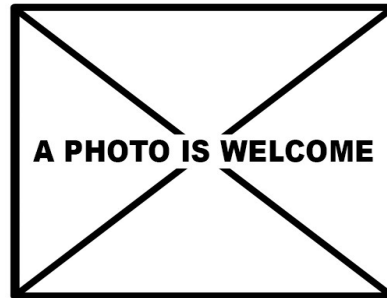
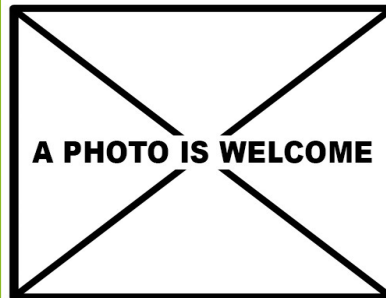
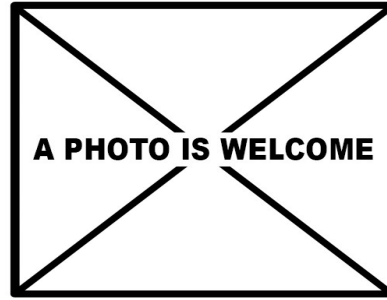
53-57 cm. **Male** with red-chestnut head; black breast and tail coverts; white flanks; wings chestnut with a white band; red bill. **Female** pale brown; chestnut crown and white cheeks; bill greyish with pink tip.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**

This species is unmistakable.

**SEXING**

**Male** in **breeding** plumage unmistakable with head and nape red-chestnut; breast and upper and under-tail coverts black; white flanks; white leading edge of wing; reddish iris and bill; in **non breeding** plumage similar to **female** but distinguishable by red iris and bill and by white leading edge of wing. **Female** with brown body; head brown on crown and white on cheeks and hindneck; breast and tail coverts brownish; leading edge of wing similar as rest of wing coverts; iris reddish-brown and bill brown with pinkish tip. **Juvenile** birds similar but **male** has whiter the leading edge of wings.

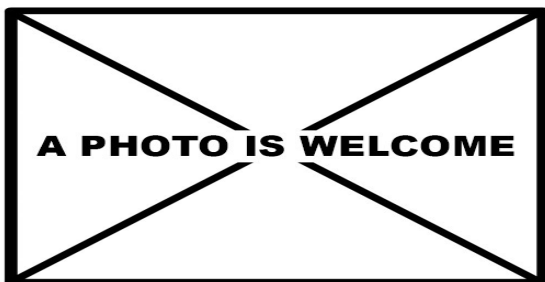
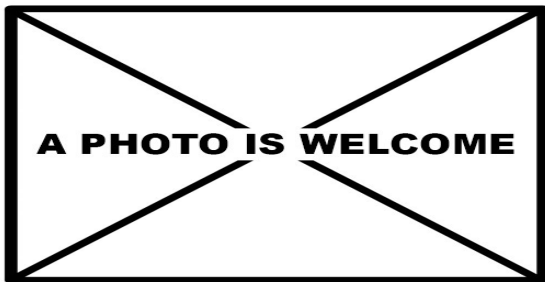


Red-crested Pochard. Sexing. Pattern of head: top breeding male; middle non-breeding male; bottom female.

Red-crested Pochard. Sexing. Pattern of breast: top male; bottom female.



Red-crested Pochard. Sexing. Adult: pattern of upper lesser coverts: top male; bottom female.



Red-crested Pochard. Sexing. Juvenile: pattern of upper lesser coverts: top male; bottom female.

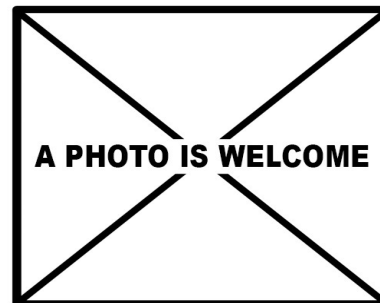
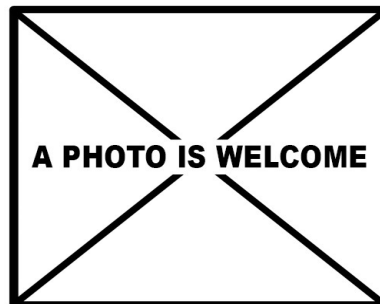
**AGEING**

3 types of age can be recognized:

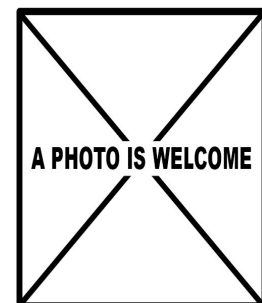
**1st year summer** similar to **female** but with narrow tail feathers with notched tips; greater coverts narrow with rounded tips; grey bill; pale brown iris.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with juvenile flight feathers retained. In **breeding** plumage, **male** with duller and mottled underparts and narrower leading edge of wing than the **adult male**; **female** with upperparts and crown greyer-brown than the **adult female**.

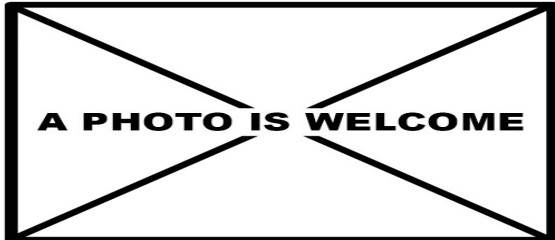
**Adult** with greater coverts broad and square shaped, mainly the inner coverts; non-notched tail feathers. In **breeding** plumage, **male** with black underparts.



Red-crested Pochard. Ageing. Pattern of head and bill: top adult female; bottom juvenile.



Red-crested Pochard. Ageing. Pattern of tail feathers: left female; right juvenile.



Red-crested Pochard. Ageing. Pattern of greater

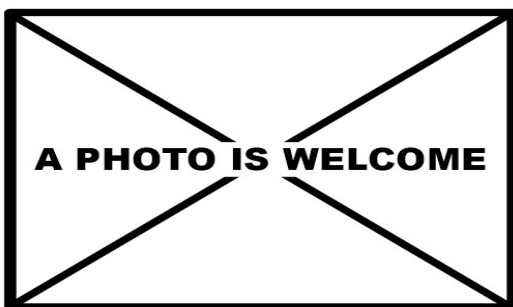
**MOULT**

Complete **postbreeding** moult, acquiring eclipse plumage, usually finished in September. Partial **postjuvenile** moult changing body feathers, tail and tertials; usually finished in October. Both types of age have a partial **prebreeding** moult acquiring breeding plumage.

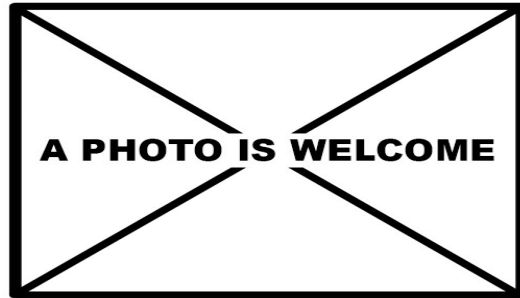
**PHENOLOGY**

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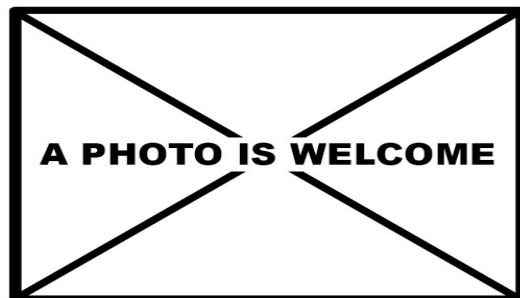
- Summer visitor    ■ Resident
- Wintering        ■ On passage



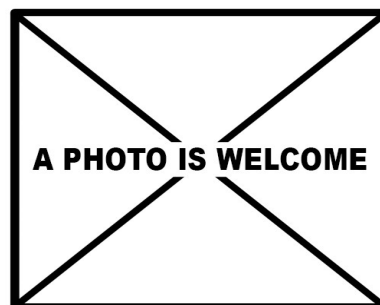
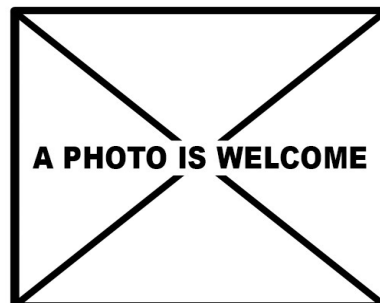
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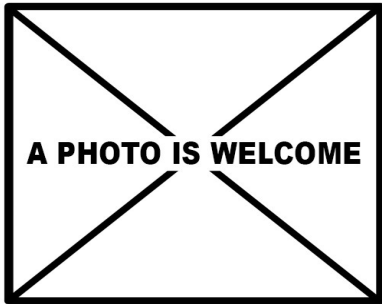
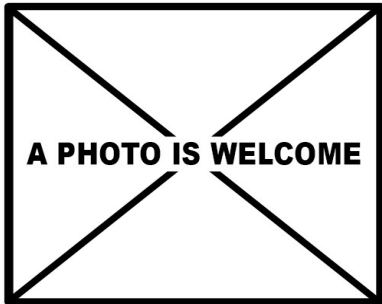
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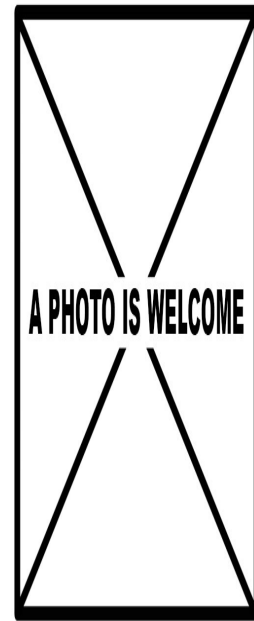
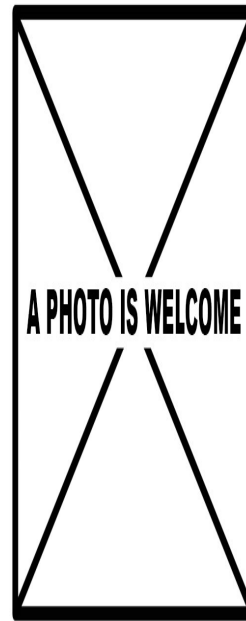
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Red-crested Pochard. Spring. Breeding plumage. Adult. Pattern of head and bill: top male (); bottom female ().



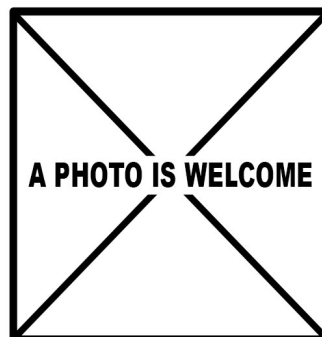
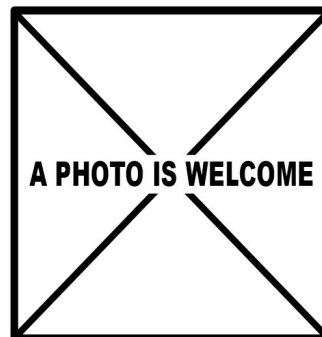
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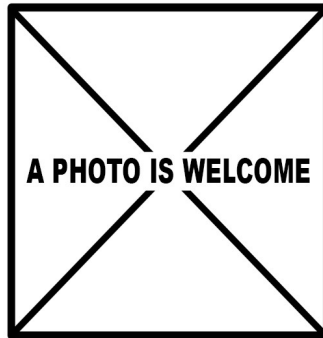
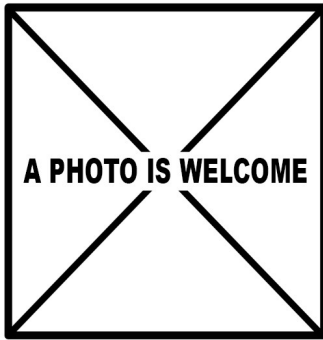
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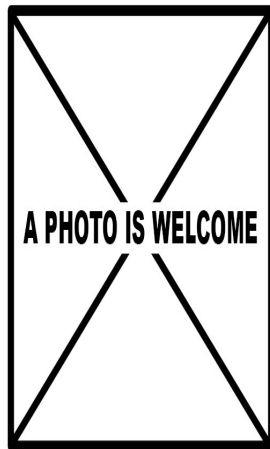
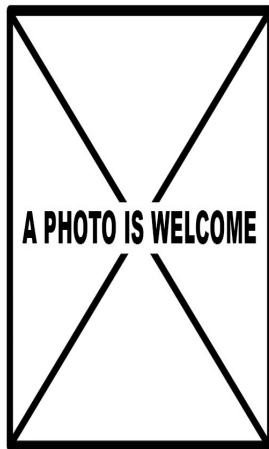
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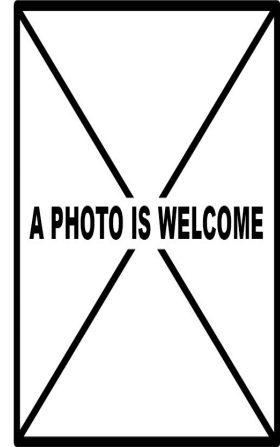
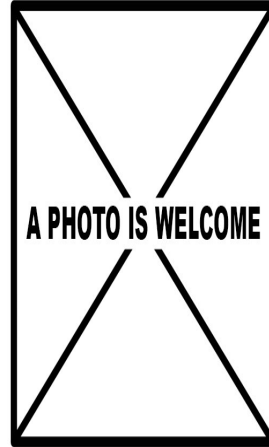
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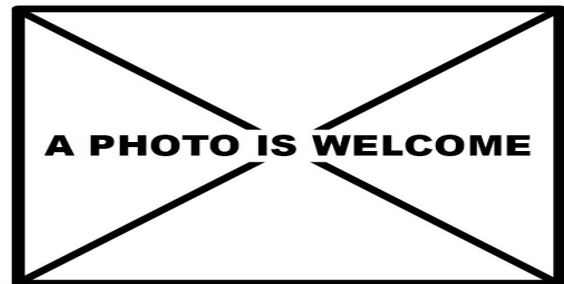
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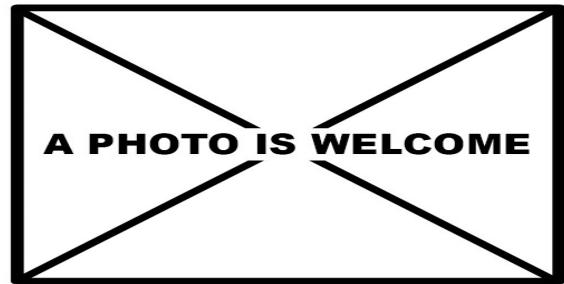
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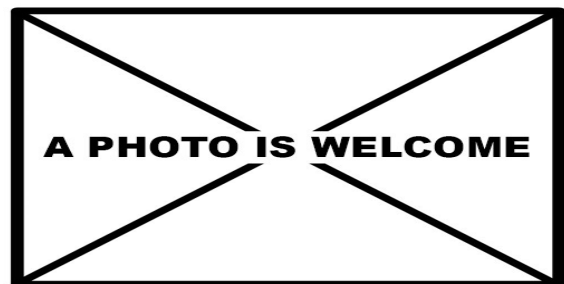
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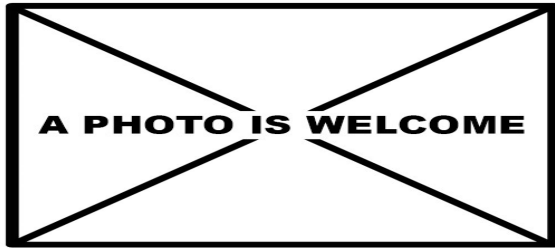


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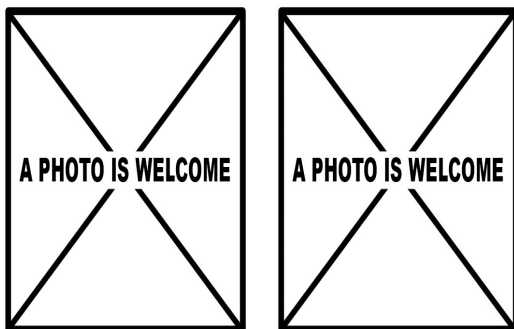


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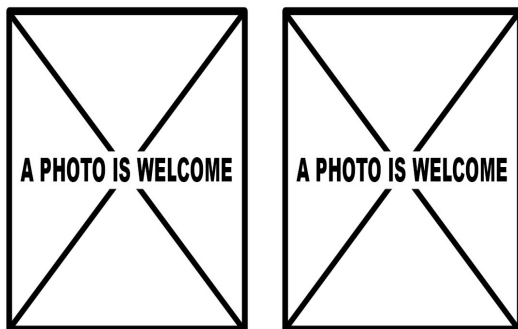
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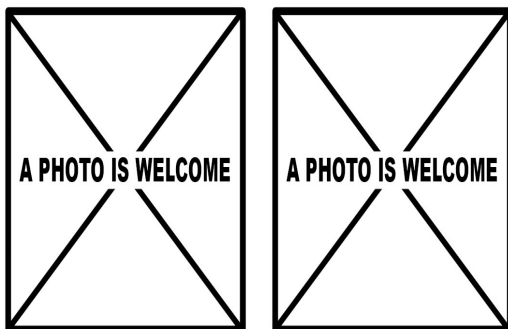
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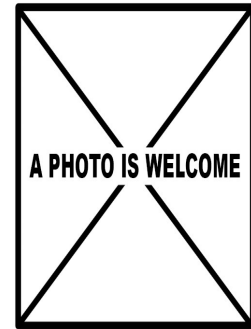
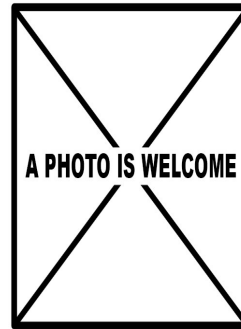
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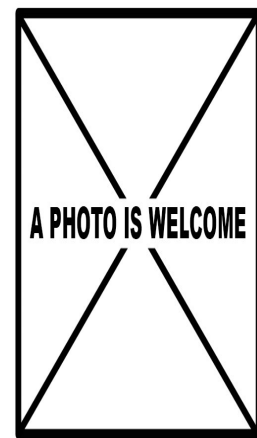
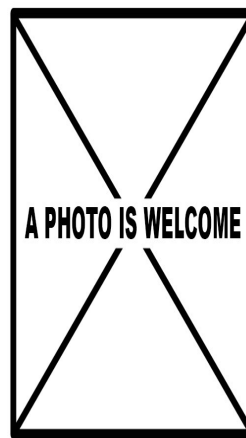
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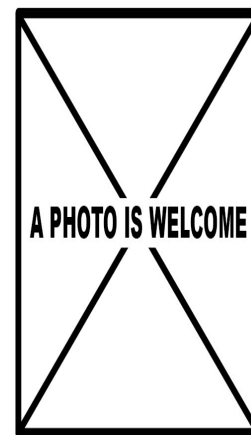
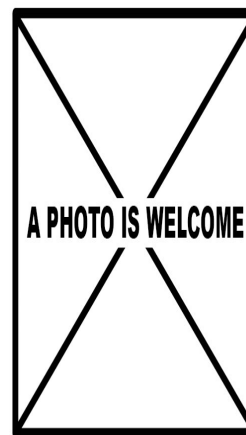
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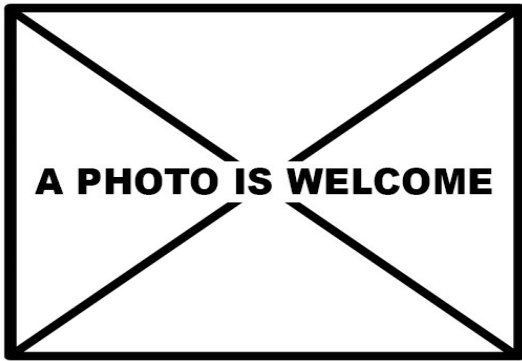
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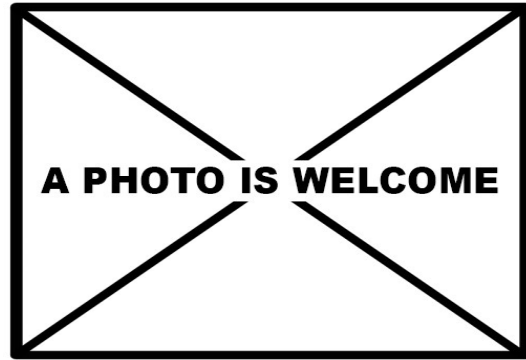
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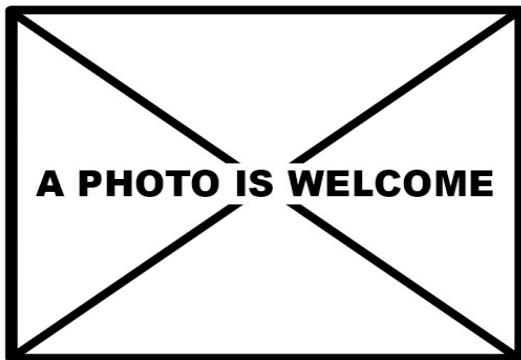
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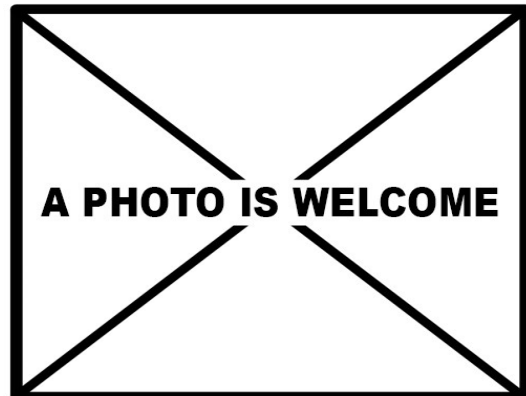
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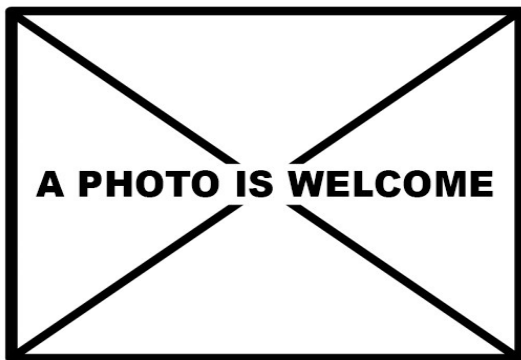
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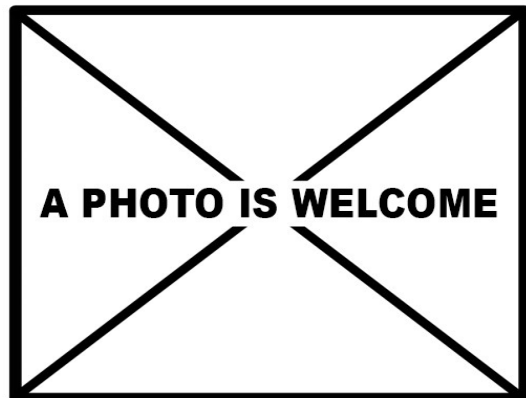
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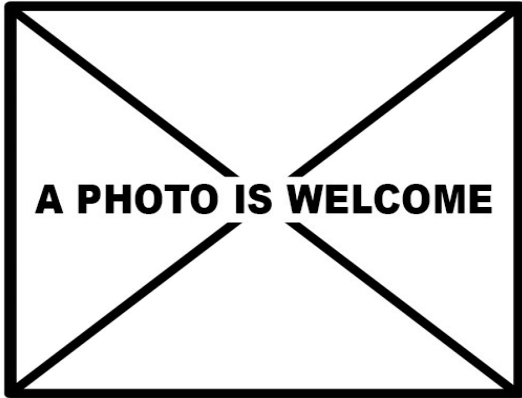
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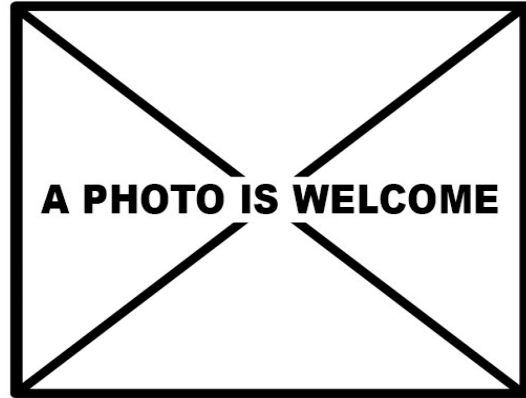
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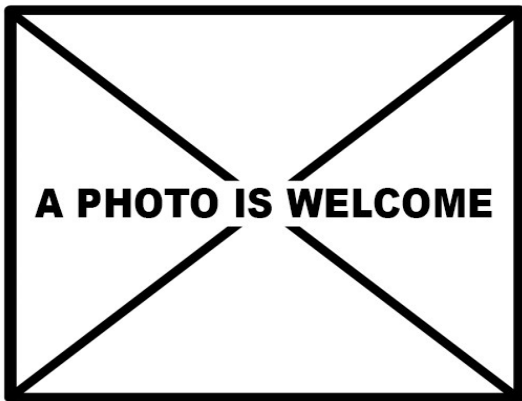
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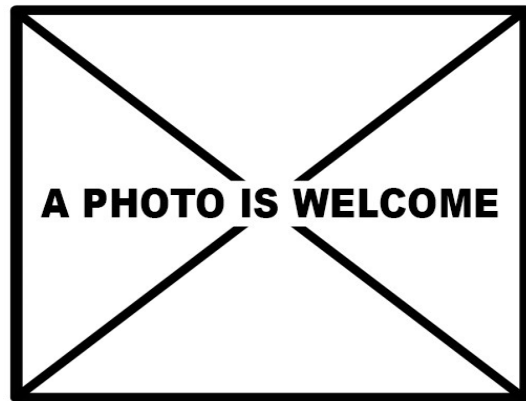
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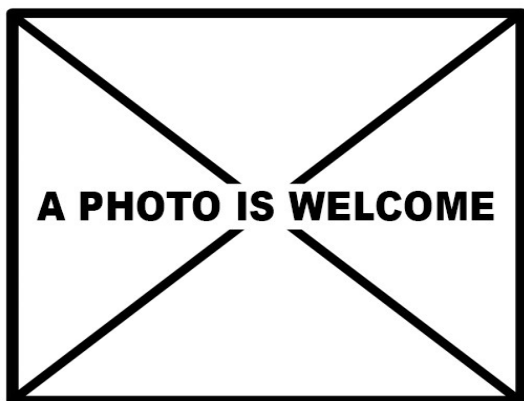
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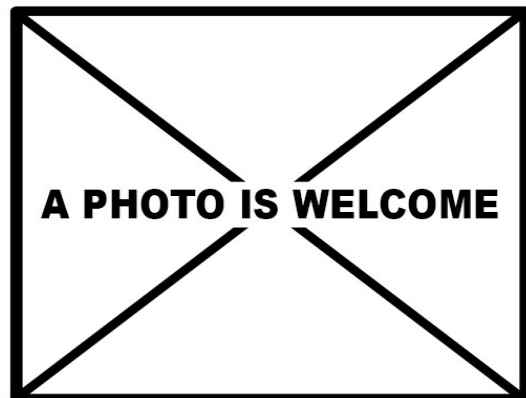
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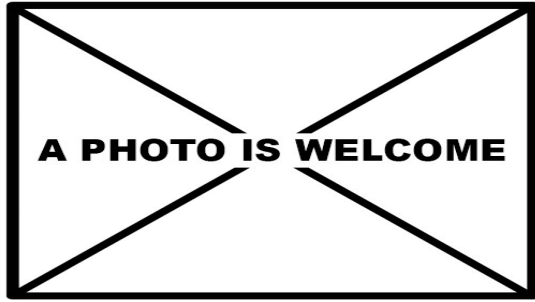


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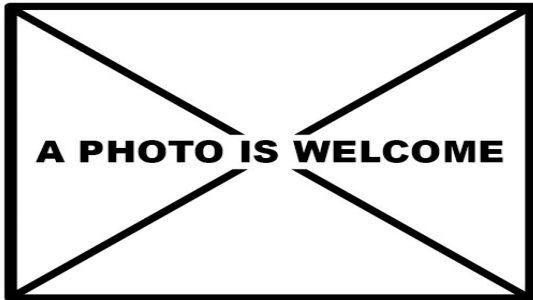


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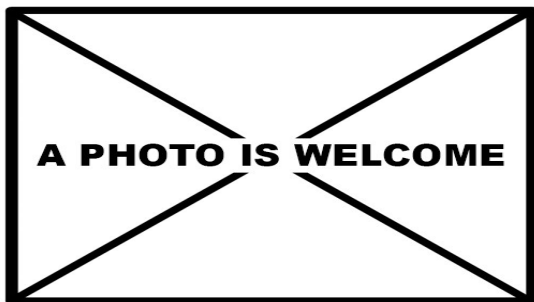




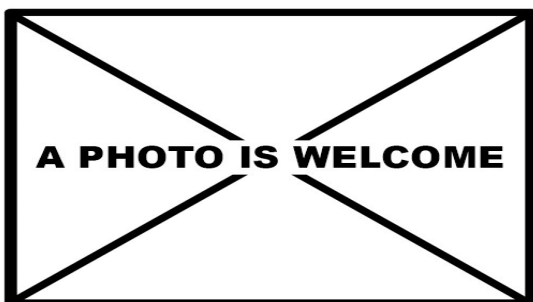
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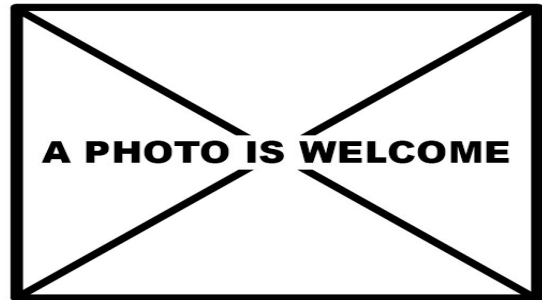
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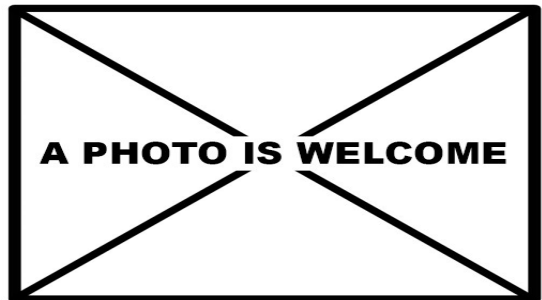
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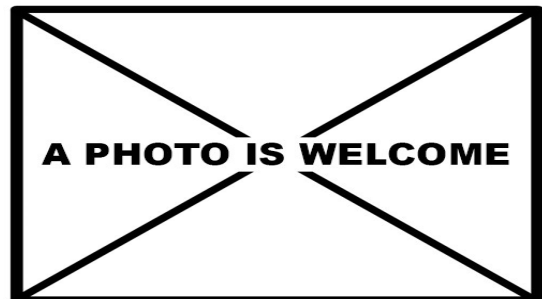
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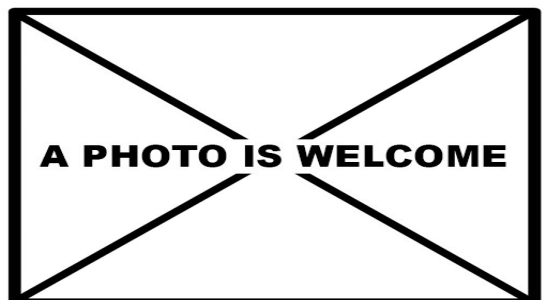
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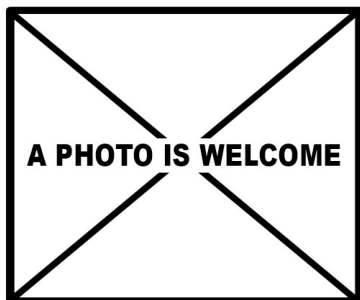
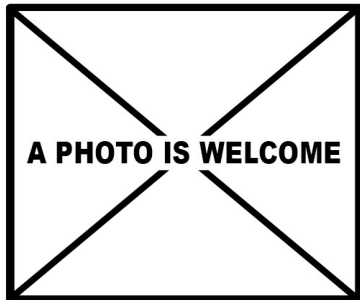
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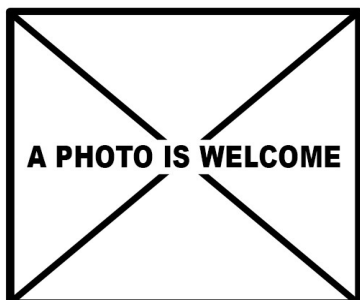
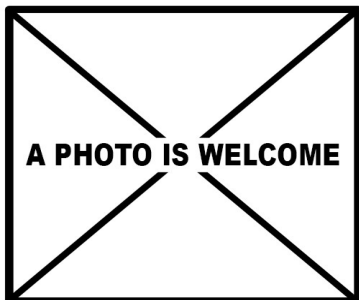
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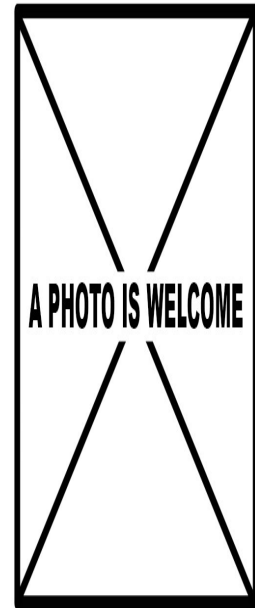
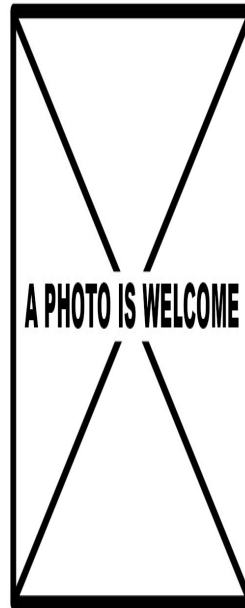
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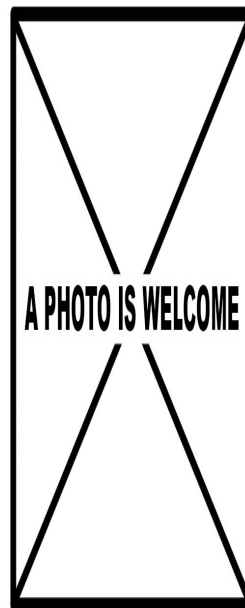
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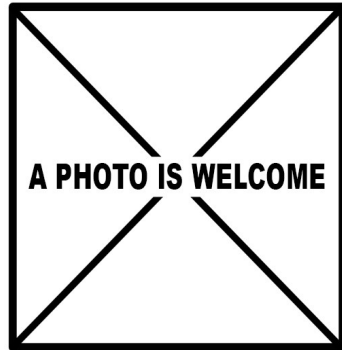


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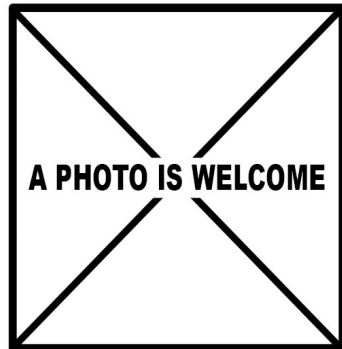
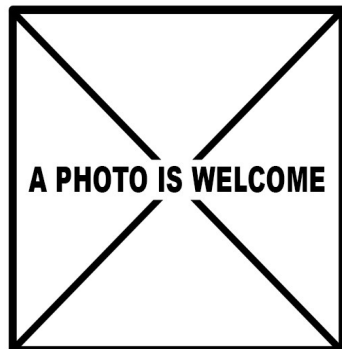


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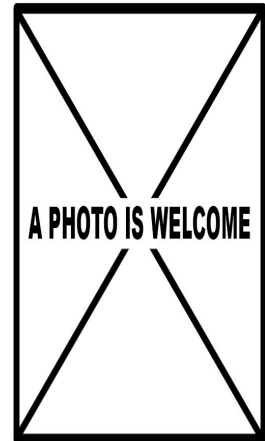
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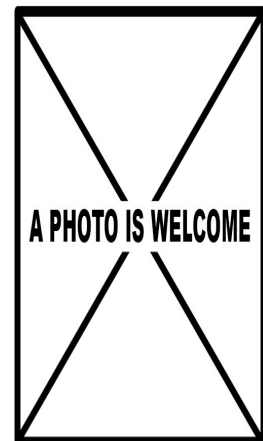
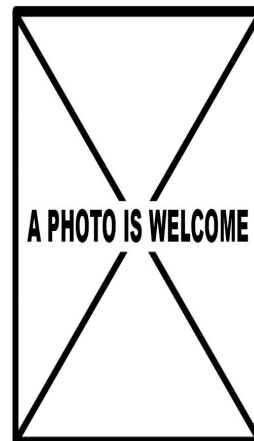
Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. Adult. Breast pattern: top male (); bottom female ().



Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. 1st year. Breast pattern: top male (); bottom female ().



Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (); right female ().



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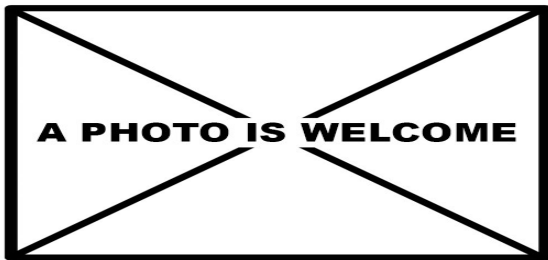


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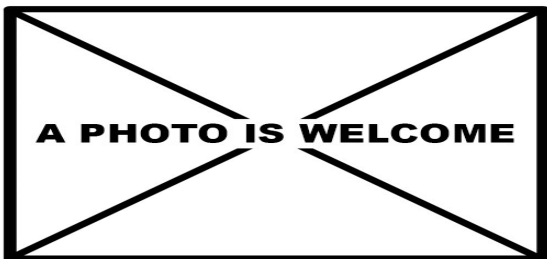
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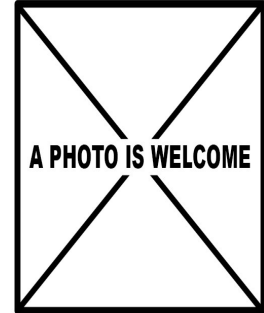
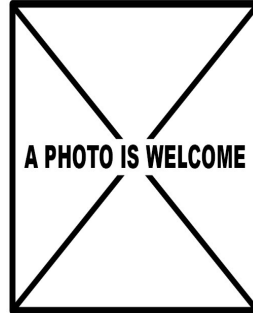
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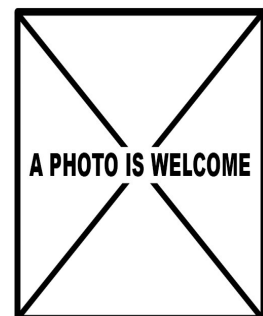
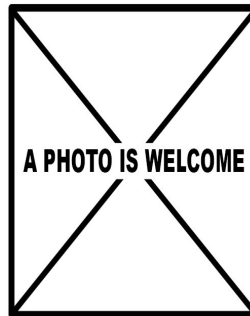
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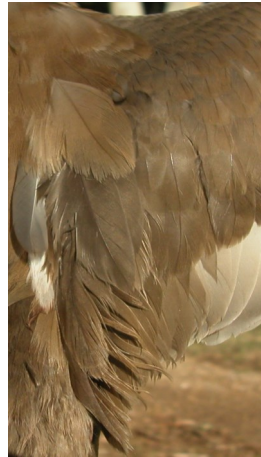
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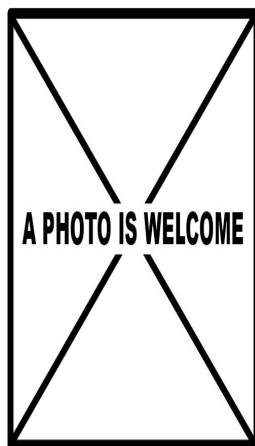
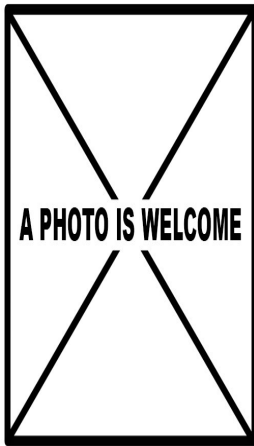
Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. Adult. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).



Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. 1st year. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (); right female ().



Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. Adult. Pattern of tertials: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).



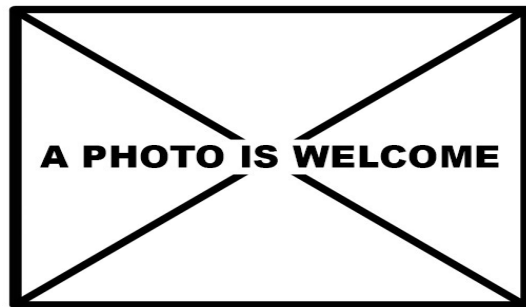
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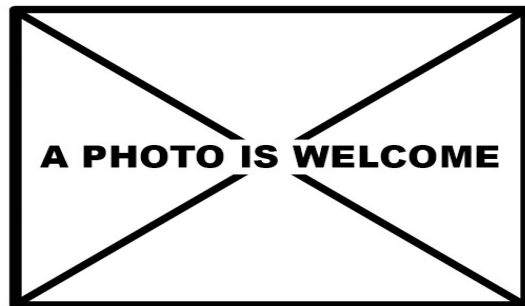
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Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. Adult. Female: pattern of wing coverts (03-XI).



Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing coverts ().



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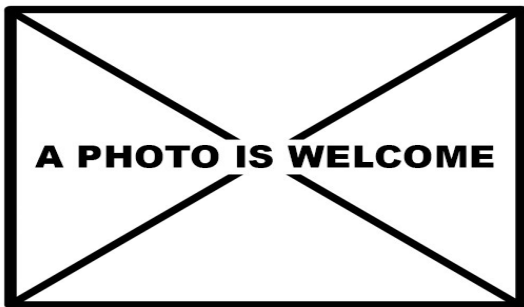


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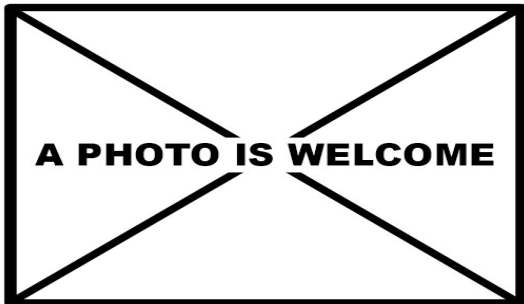
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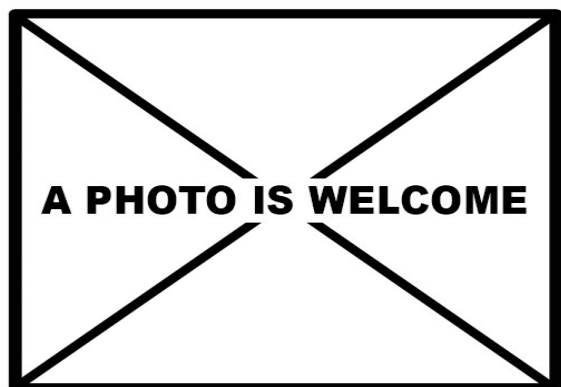
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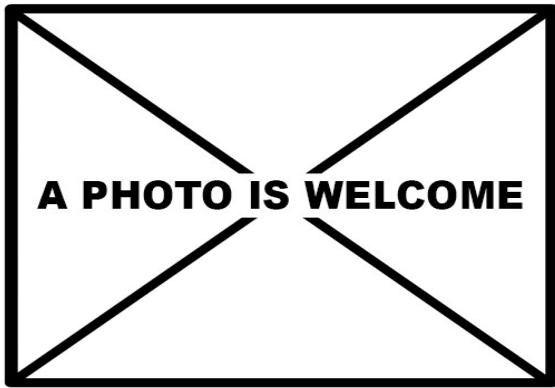
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Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. Adult. female: pattern of secondaries (03-XI).



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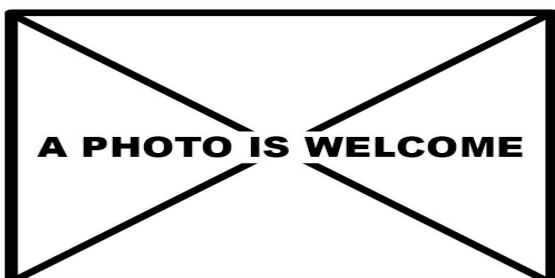
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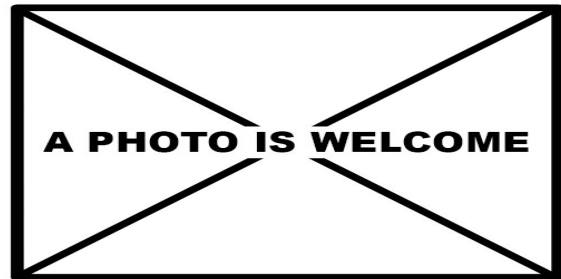
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Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (03-XI).



Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing ().



Red-crested Pochard. Summer. Non-breeding plumage. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing ().