



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Male (22-IV)

BLACK-WINGED STILT (*Himantopus himantopus*)

IDENTIFICATION

37-38 cm. White plumage except dark upperparts; usually black on head and neck; black bill; red and very long legs.



Black-winged Stilt. Pattern of head and legs.



SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable.

SEXING

In **adult** birds, **male** with upperparts, scapulars and tertials black; wing longer than 240 mm. **Female** with upperparts, scapulars and tertials dark brown, contrasting with black wing coverts; wing shorter than 235 mm (**CAUTION:** in **breeding plumage** pattern of black colour on head is strongly variable in both sexes; in **non breeding plumage** both sexes have similar grey pattern). Sexing of **juveniles** recorded by some authors (**male** with wing coverts with metallic green gloss; **female** with wing coverts without metallic green gloss) doubtful due to overlap and must be verified.



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of upperparts: left male; right female.

AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with fresh plumage; feathers of upperparts, scapulars, tertials and wing coverts clearly edged buff; secondaries and inner primaries with white tips; crown greyish, never white; pale pink legs.

2nd year similar to **adult female** but with **juvenile** flight feathers, which are worn and have white tips; sometimes with **juvenile** tertials and wing coverts retained.

Adult with upperparts, scapulars, tertials and wing coverts plain black; secondaries and inner primaries without pale tips; crown white or with a black patch; deep pink legs.

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Black-winged Stilt. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Black-winged Stilt. Ageing. Pattern of wing coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.



MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, suspended during migration and finished in wintering sites. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, some central tail feathers and all or most of lesser and median wing coverts; starts in July and finished in winter quarters. Both age classes have a partial **prebreeding** moult including body feathers, some scapulars, tertials and central tail feathers.

PHENOLOGY

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

- Summer visitor
- Resident
- Wintering
- On passage



Black-winged Stilt. Ageing. Pattern of upperparts: left adult; right juvenile.



Black-winged Stilt. Ageing. Colour of legs: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Female (22-IV)

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Black-winged Stilt. 2nd year. Male ()

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Black-winged Stilt. 2nd year. Female ()



Black-winged Stilt. Juvenile (21-VII).



Black-winged Stilt. Young (22-VI)

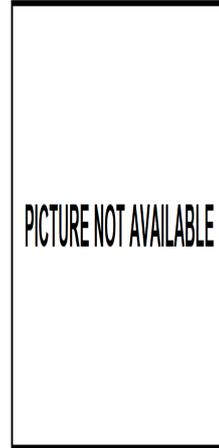
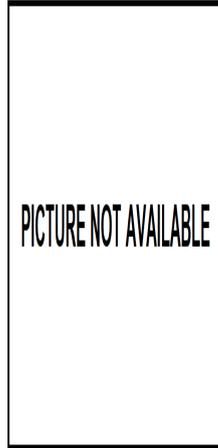


Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Head pattern: top male (22-IV);
bottom female (22-IV)

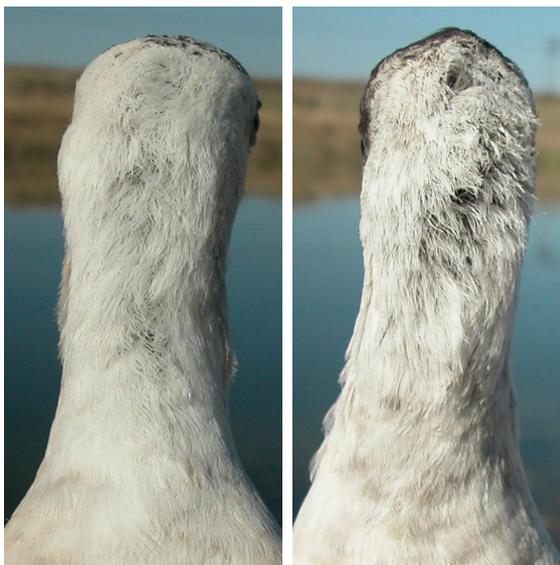
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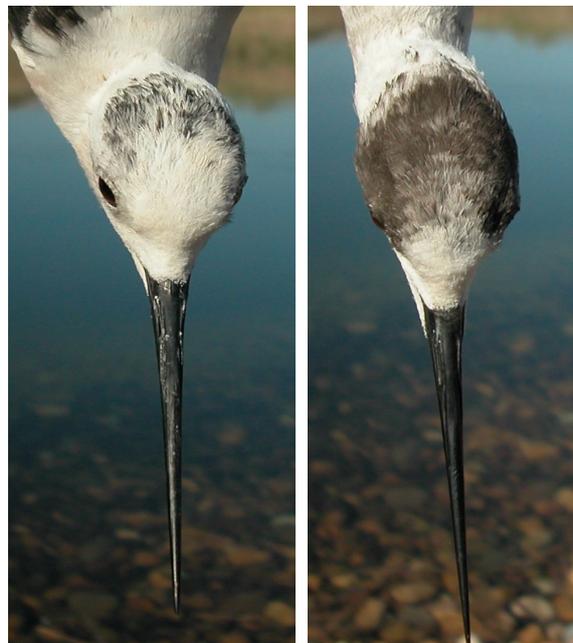
Black-winged Stilt. Head pattern: top 2nd year male (); middle 2nd year female (); bottom juvenile (21-VII).



Black-winged Stilt. Nape pattern: top 2nd year male (); top right 2nd year female (); left juvenile (21-VII).

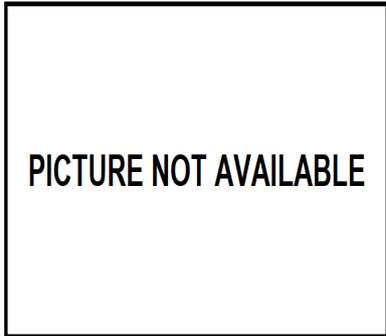
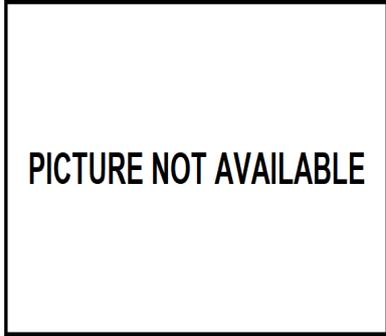
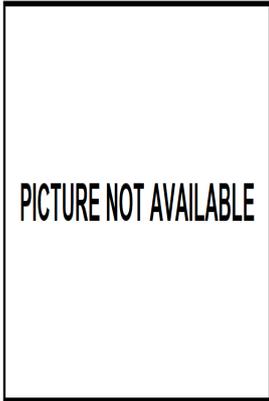
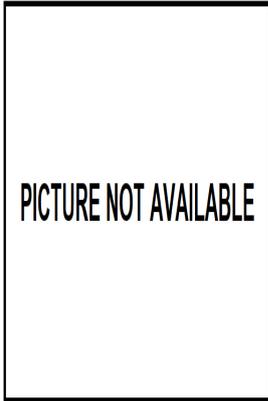


Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Nape pattern: left male (22-IV); right female (22-IV)



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (22-IV); right female (22-IV)

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Black-winged Stilt. Crown pattern: top left 2nd year male (); top right 2nd year female (); left juvenile (21-VII).

Black-winged Stilt. Head pattern: top 2nd year male (); middle 2nd year female (); bottom juvenile (21-VII).

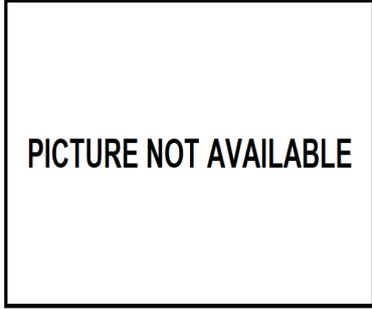
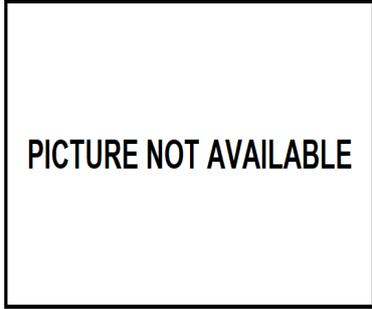
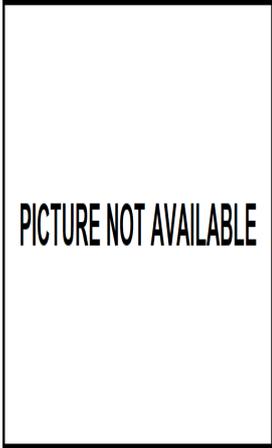
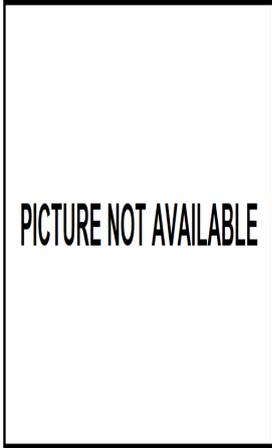


Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Breast pattern: top male (22-IV); bottom female (22-IV)



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (22-IV); right female (22-IV)

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Black-winged Stilt. Legs pattern: top 2nd year male (); middle 2nd year female (); bottom juvenile (21-VII).



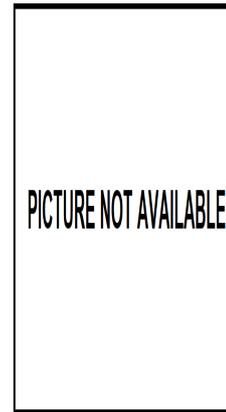
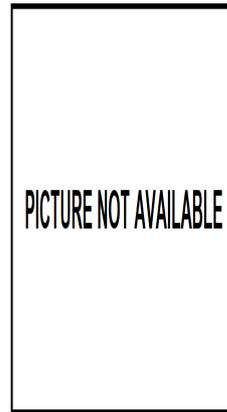
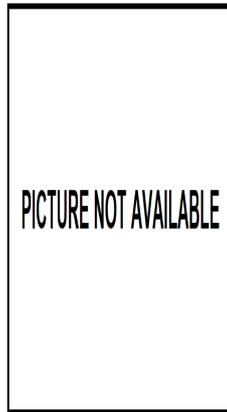
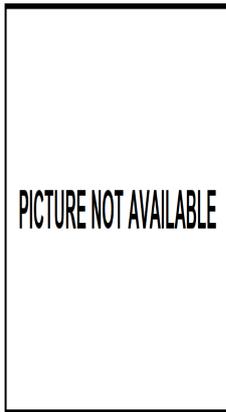
Black-winged Stilt. Upperpart pattern: top left 2nd year male (); top right 2nd year female (); left juvenile (21-VII).



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Legs pattern: top male (22-IV); bottom female (22-IV)



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (22-IV); right female (22-IV)



Black-winged Stilt. Tail pattern: top left 2nd year male (); top right 2nd year female (); left juvenile (21-VII).



Black-winged Stilt. Pattern of tertials: top left 2nd year male (); top right 2nd year female (); left juvenile (21-VII).



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Pattern of tertials: left male (22-IV); right female (22-IV)



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Male: pattern of wing coverts (22-IV).

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Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Female: pattern of wing covers (22-IV).



Black-winged Stilt. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing covers ().



Black-winged Stilt. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing covers ().



Black-winged Stilt. Juvenile: pattern of wing covers (21-VII)



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (22-IV)



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries (22-IV)



Black-winged Stilt. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primaries ()

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Black-winged Stilt. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primaries
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Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries
(22-IV)



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Black-winged Stilt. Juvenile: pattern of primaries (21-VII)

Black-winged Stilt. 2nd year. Male: pattern of secondaries
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Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (22-IV)

Black-winged Stilt. 2nd year. Female: pattern of secondaries
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Black-winged Stilt. Juvenile: pattern of secondaries (21-VII)



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (22-IV)



Black-winged Stilt. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (22-IV)



Black-winged Stilt. Juvenile: pattern of wing (21-VII)

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Black-winged Stilt. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing ()

Black-winged Stilt. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing ()



Black-winged Stilt. Juvenile: pattern of wing (21-VII)