

174 Eurasian Dotterel

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Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted (01-IX).

EURASIAN DOTTEREL (*Charadrius morinellus*)

IDENTIFICATION

21-23 cm. In **breeding** plumage buff breast and black belly. In **winter** with grey plumage. In all time breast crossed by a pale line and white supercilium; yellow legs. **Juveniles** grey as adults in **winter** plumage



Dotterel. Adult. Breeding plumage. Pattern of the breast line and white supercilium.



Dotterel. Adult. Non breeding plumage. Pattern of the breast line and white supercilium.



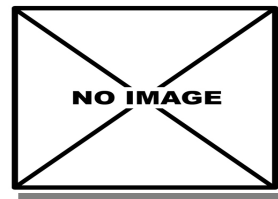
Dotterel. Juvenile. Pattern of breast and white supercilium.

SIMILAR SPECIES

In **breeding** plumage both sexes very similar, but **males** duller than **females**. **Adults** in **winter** plumage and **juveniles** can not be sexed.



Golden Plover



Grey Plover

SEXING

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Dotterel. Sexing. Pattern of breast: left male; right female.

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AGEING

This species doesn't breed in Aragon, so only 3 age groups can be recognized:

1st year autumn with brown breast spotted dark; white belly often spotted dark; tip of median coverts with two pale lateral spots and one dark central; tertials with broad pale fringes.

2nd year spring with some inner coverts with juvenile pattern; very worn flight feathers.

Adult with some body feathers with **breeding** pattern (**CAUTION:** if complete **non breeding** plumage acquired, then with body plumage similar to **1st year** birds); median coverts without pale spots, with only a narrow lateral line; tertials without broad pale fringes, with only a narrow lateral line.



Dotterel. Autumn. Ageing. Breast pattern: top left adult poorly moulted; top right adult with extensive moult; left 1st year.



Dotterel. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of median coverts: left adult; right 1st year.



Dotterel. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of tertials: left adult; right 1st year.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult starting in breeding sites, suspended before migration and finished in winter quarters. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, scapulars and some wing coverts. Both age classes have a **pre-breeding** moult including body feathers, wing coverts and sometimes tail feathers.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

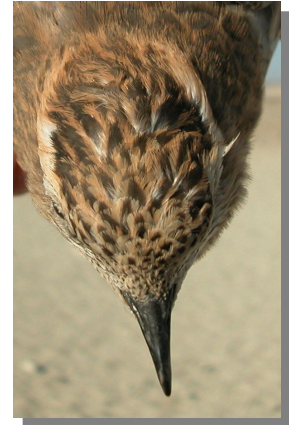
It is possible to find this species only on migration on arable or short grass fields.



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult (07-X).

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Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. Crown pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (01-IX); top right adult with extensive moult (07-X); left 1st year (28-VIII).



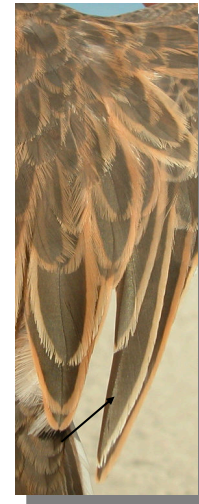
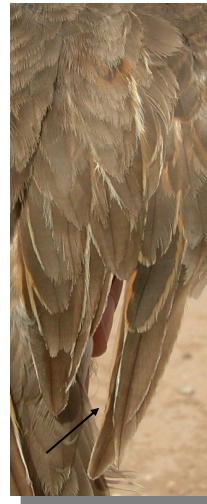
Dotterel. Autumn. Tail pattern: top adult poorly moulted (01-IX); middle adult with extensive moult (07-X); bottom 1st year (28-VIII).



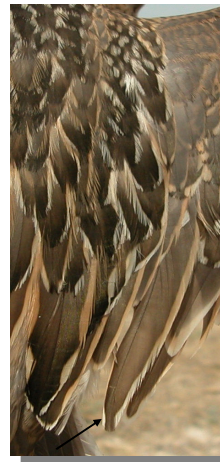
Dotterel. Autumn. Breast pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (01-IX); top right adult with extensive moult (07-X); left 1st year (28-VIII).

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Dotterel. Autumn. Upperpart pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (01-IX); top right adult with extensive moult (07-X); left 1st year (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. Pattern of tertials: top left adult poorly moulted (01-IX); top right adult with extensive moult (07-X); left 1st year (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. Tail pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (01-IX); top right adult with extensive moult (07-X); left 1st year (28-VIII).

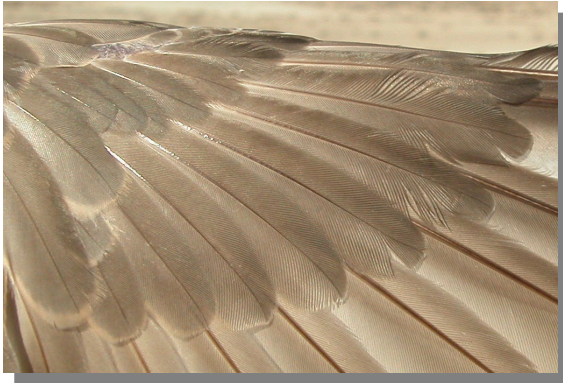


Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of primary coverts (01-IX).



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Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult: pattern of primary coverts (07-X).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult: pattern of wing coverts (07-X).



Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of primary coverts (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing coverts (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of wing coverts (01-IX).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of primaries (01-IX).

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Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult: pattern of primaries (07-X).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult: pattern of secondaries (07-X).



Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of primaries (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of secondaries (28-VIII).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of secondaries (01-IX).



Dotterel. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of wing (01-IX).

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Dotterel. Autumn. Adult with extensive moult: pattern of wing (07-X).



Dotterel. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing (28-VIII).