

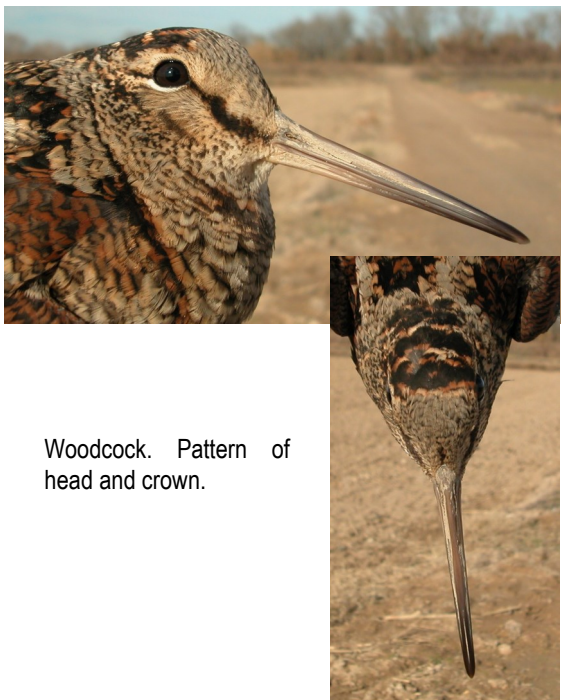


Woodcock (23-XII).

EURASIAN WOODCOCK (*Scolopax rusticola*)

IDENTIFICATION

34-36 cm. Grey upperparts; with black and buff streaked; grey underparts, with transversal lines; grey and brown crown, with pale transversal lines; brown wings con pale buff bands; dark tail, with red-dish tinge; long bill, darker on tip.



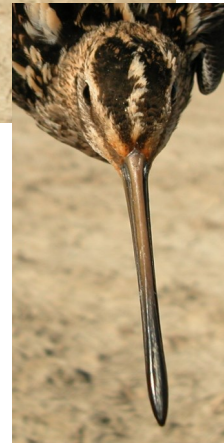
Woodcock. Pattern of head and crown.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Common Snipe** (25-28 cm), which is smaller and has longitudinal lines on crown.



Common Snipe



SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

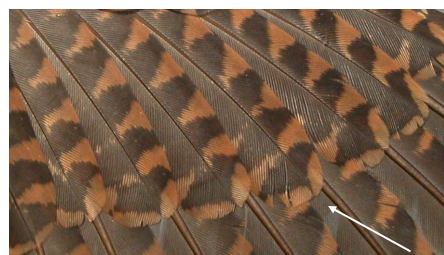
3 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile similar to **adults** but with tips of primary coverts broad buff edged; fresh plumage.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring maintain tips of primary coverts broad buff edged; pale flight feathers; primaries with worn tips.

Adult with narrow pale tips on primary coverts; dark flight feathers; primaries with fresh tips.

CAUTION: wear on primary tips in not evident in early winter.



Wood cock. Ageing. Pattern of tips of primary coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.

05290 Eurasian Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*)



Woodcock. Ageing. Pattern of primaries: top adult; bottom 1st year.



Woodcock. Ageing. Pattern of tail feathers (from below): left adult; right 1st year.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in September. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, all or most of tail, lesser and median coverts and inner secondaries with their coverts; usually finished in October. **Adults** have a **prebreeding** moult including some body feathers, wing coverts and tail feathers.

PHENOLOGY

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

- Summer visitor
- Wintering
- Resident
- On passage



Woodcock. Adult ().



Woodcock. Juvenile ().



Woodcock. Head pattern: top adult (); middle 1st year (23-XII); bottom juvenile ().



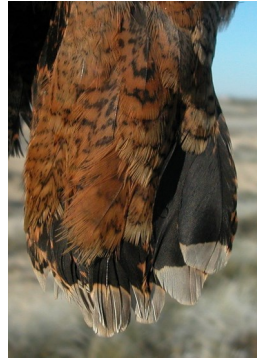
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Woodcock. Breast pattern: top left adult (); top right 1st year (23-XII); left juvenile ().



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Woodcock. Tail pattern: top left adult (); top right 1st year (23-XII); left juvenile ().

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Woodcock. Adult: pattern of primary coverts (16-XII).

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Woodcock. Upperpart pattern: top left adult (); top right 1st year (23-XII); left juvenile ().



Woodcock. 1st year: pattern of primary coverts (16-XII).



Woodcock. Juvenile: pattern of primary covers ().



Woodcock. Adult: pattern of primaries (16-XII).



Woodcock. 1st year: pattern of primaries (16-XII).



Woodcock. Juvenile: pattern of primaries ().



Woodcock. Adult: pattern of secondaries (16-XII).



Woodcock. 1st year: pattern of secondaries (16-XII).



Woodcock. Juvenile: pattern of secondaries ().



Woodcock. Adult: pattern of wing (16-XII).



Woodcock. 1st year: pattern of wing (16-XII).



Woodcock. Juvenile: pattern of wing ().