



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Adult (21-VI) (Photo: Vincent van der Spek/Turnstones.org)

SPOTTED REDSHANK (*Tringa erythropus*)

IDENTIFICATION

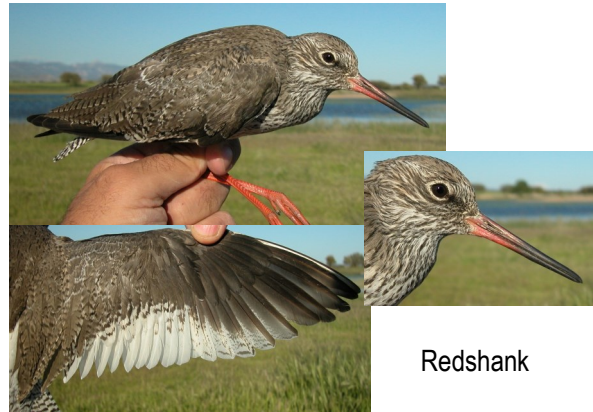
30-31 cm. In **spring** with very dark plumage spotted white on upperparts; belly with some white barred; lower part of upperparts and rump white; greyish tail, with narrow dark barred; wing with white marks on feathers; bill dark with red base and dark red legs. In **autumn** greyish on upperparts, with neck and sides of breast greyish; head with white supercilium; white underparts; legs pale reddish.



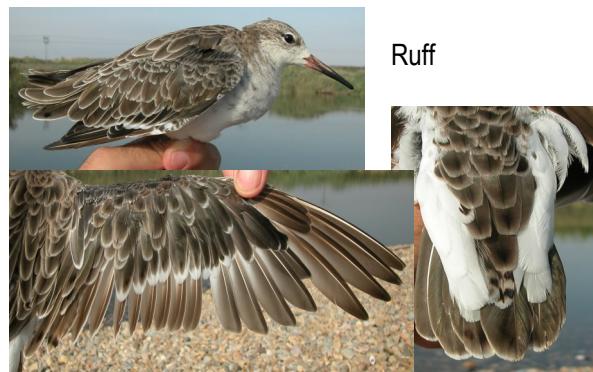
Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Pattern of wing, tail and bill.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Inmistakable in **spring**. In **non breeding** plumage recalls a **Redshank**, with shorter bill and a white patch on wing; **Ruff** has a wing band and two white bands on sides of uppertail



Redshank



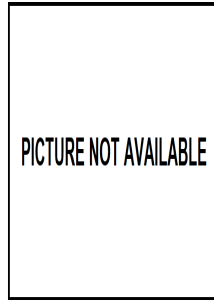
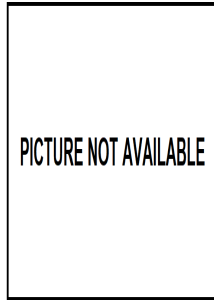
Ruff

SEXING

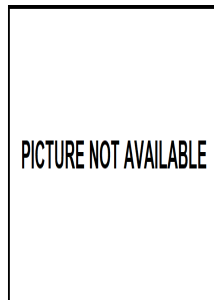
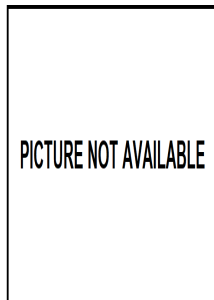
In fresh **breeding** plumage and only **adult** birds: **male** with blackish undertail coverts, feathers on crown black on distal half. **Female** with white undertail coverts, feathers on crown with pale edges to blackish on distal half. In **non breeding** plumage both sexes similar. In both seasons size can be a useful characteristic in extreme birds: **male** with wing shorter than 166 mm; **female** with wing longer than 173 mm.



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Sexing. Pattern of head and neck: top male; bottom female.



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Sexing. Pattern of crown feathers: left male; right female.



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Sexing. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male; right female.

AGEING

This species doesn't breed in Aragon so only 3 age groups are recognized:

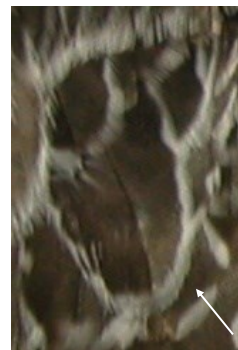
1st year with upperparts dark brown with buff spotted; median coverts with pale spotted at sides and a large central dark patch; white underparts with a brownish-grey barred; tail feathers narrow with pointed tips. **CAUTION:** throughout the autumn barred on underparts and spotted on median covers is lost.

2nd year spring usually similar to **adults**; recognizable by primaries and outer tail feathers heavily worn; generally with some **juvenile** lesser, median and greater coverts retained, which will be very worn. **CAUTION:** ageing using wear of feathers is very subjective since it depends of individual birds and mainly of larger or shorter distance from the wintering areas.

Adult in autumn with upperparts grey; median coverts grey-brown with broad white edges and subterminal brown bars; tail feathers broad with rounded tips. In **spring** with primaries and central pair of tail feathers slightly worn; feathers of upperparts black with whitish tips in fresh plumage; underparts black with some whitish on belly (**CAUTION:** some **2nd year** birds exhibit breeding plumage too).



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Ageing. Wear of primaries: top adult (Photo: Vincent van der Spek/Turnstones.org); bottom 2nd year



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



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of the central tail feather: left adult; right 1st year

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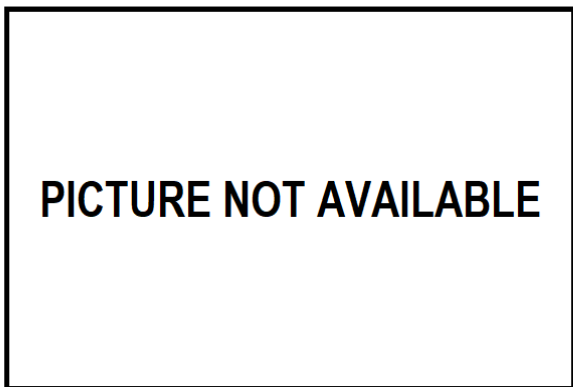
MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, starting in breeding areas, suspended during migration and finished in wintering sites. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving most of body feathers, some inner tertials, wing coverts and central tail feathers; started in breeding areas and finished in wintering sites. Both age classes have a **prebreeding** moult including body feathers, some or all tertials, occasionally some tail feathers and some lesser and median coverts.

PHENOLOGY

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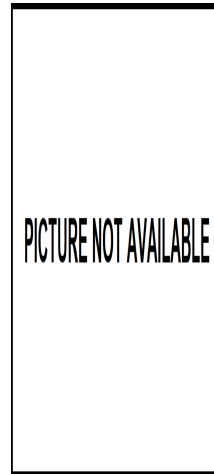
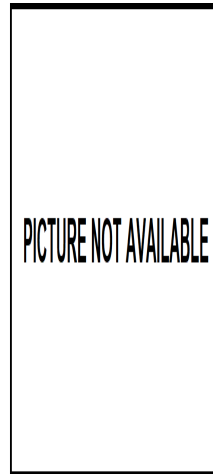
- Summer visitor
- Resident
- Wintering
- On passage



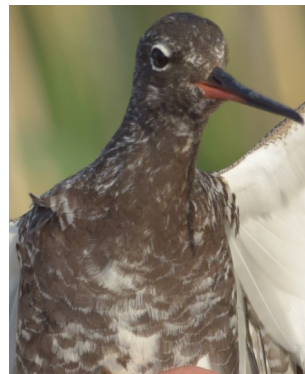
Spotted Redshank. Spring. 2nd year ()



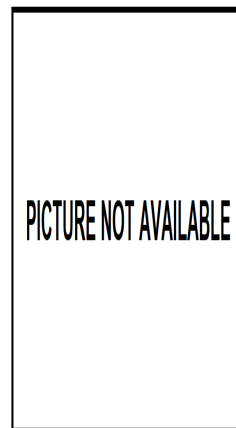
Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Head pattern: top adult (21-VI) (Photo: Vincent van der Spek/Turnstones.org); bottom 2nd year ()



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Crown pattern: left adult (); right 2nd year ()



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Breast pattern: left adult (21-VI) (Photo: Vincent van der Spek/Turnstones.org); right 2nd year ()

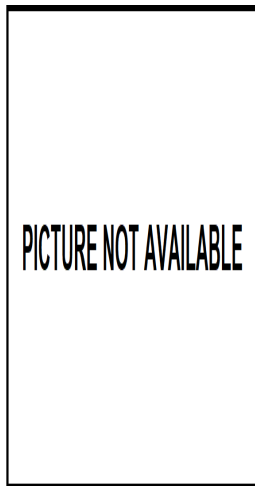


Spotted Redshank. Spring. Upperpart pattern: left adult (21-VI) (Photo: Vincent van der Spek/Turnstones.org); right 2nd year ()

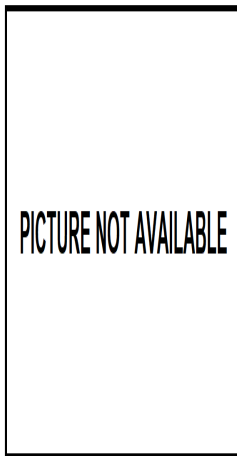
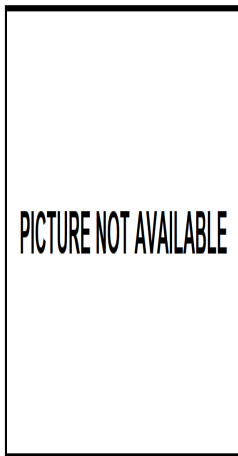
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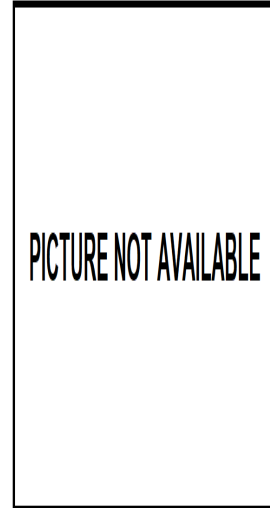
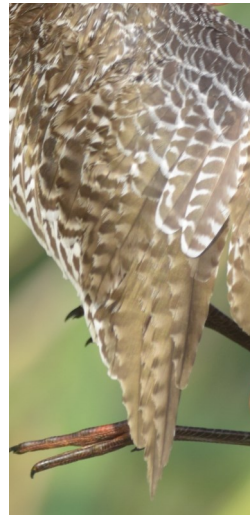
Spotted Redshank. Spring. Legs pattern: top adult (); bottom 2nd year ()



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Tail pattern: left adult (21-VI) (Photo: Vincent van der Spek/Turnstones.org); right 2nd year ()



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Pattern of undertail coverts: left adult (); right 2nd year ()



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Pattern of tertials: left adult (21-VI) (Photo: Vincent van der Spek/Turnstones.org); right 2nd year ()



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing coverts (21-VI) (Photo: Vincent van der Spek/Turnstones.org).



Spotted Redshank. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing coverts ().

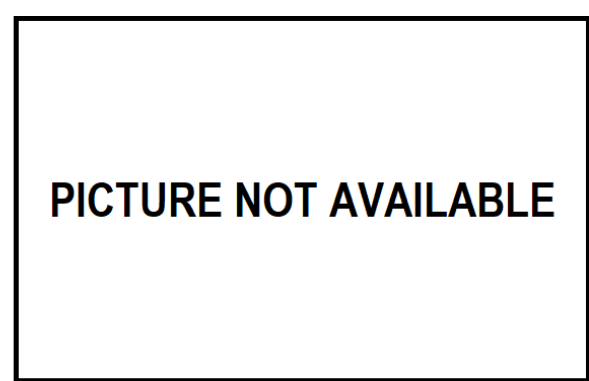
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Spotted Redshank. Spring. Adult: pattern of primary coverts (21-VI) (Photo: Vincent van der Spek/Turnstones.org).



Spotted Redshank. Spring. Adult: pattern of secondaries (21-VI) (Photo: Vincent van der Spek/Turnstones.org).



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Spotted Redshank. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of secondaries ().



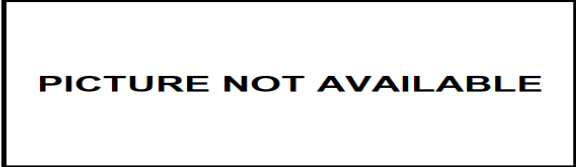
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Spotted Redshank. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing (21-VI) (Photo: Vincent van der Spek/Turnstones.org).

Spotted Redshank. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of primaries ().

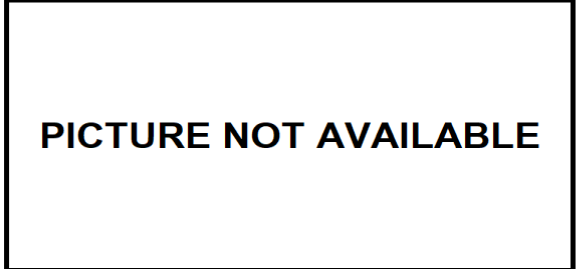
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Spotted Redshank. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing ().



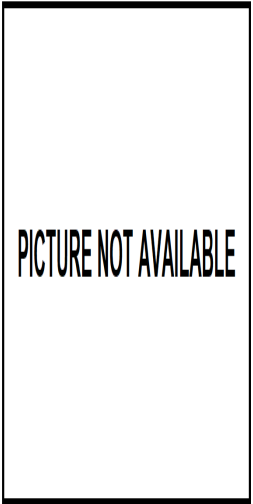
Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Adult (10-XI)



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. 1st year ()



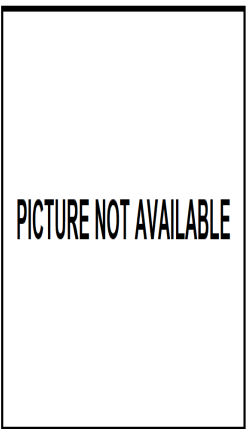
Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Head pattern: top adult (10-XI); bottom 1st year ()



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Crown pattern: left adult (10-XI); right 1st year ()



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Breast pattern: top adult (10-XI); bottom 1st year ()



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Upperpart pattern: left adult (10-XI); right 1st year ()

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Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Pattern of head: top adult (10-XI); bottom 1st year ()

PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Pattern of tertials: left adult (10-XI); right 1st year (21-IX)



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Tail pattern: left adult (10-XI); right 1st year (21-IX)



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Adult: pattern of wing covers (10-XI).



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Pattern of undertail covers: left adult (10-XI); right 1st year (21-IX)



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing covers (21-IX).



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Adult: pattern of primary coverts (10-XI).



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of primary coverts (21-IX).



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Adult: pattern of primaries (10-XI).



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of primaries (21-IX).



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of secondaries (10-XI).



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of secondaries (21-IX).



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. Adult: pattern of wing (10-XI).



Spotted Redshank. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing(21-IX).