



Green Sandpiper. Spring. Adult (21-III).

GREEN SANDPIPER (*Tringa ochropus*)

IDENTIFICATION

24-26 cm. Brown greenish upperparts, with whitish spotted; thin supercilium; white underparts, with streaked breast; dark wings lacking white band; dark underwing coverts; white rump; white tail, finely barred; dark bill with greenish base; green legs.



Green Sandpiper. Pattern of rump, tail, wing and underwing coverts.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Common Sandpiper**, which is smaller, lacks white rump and has a white line on wing. **Wood Sandpiper** is very similar but with a white supercilium and with pale underwing coverts.



Common Sandpiper



Wood Sandpiper

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

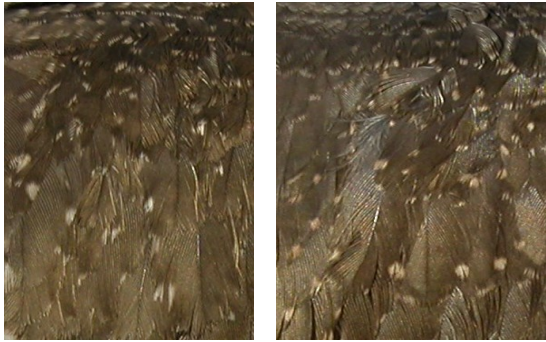
This species doesn't breed in Aragon, so only 3 age groups can be recognized:

1st year with feathers on upperparts and wing coverts pale brown with many distinct deep buff spots; tertials and scapulars with large whitish subterminal spots; flight feathers fresh without moult limits.

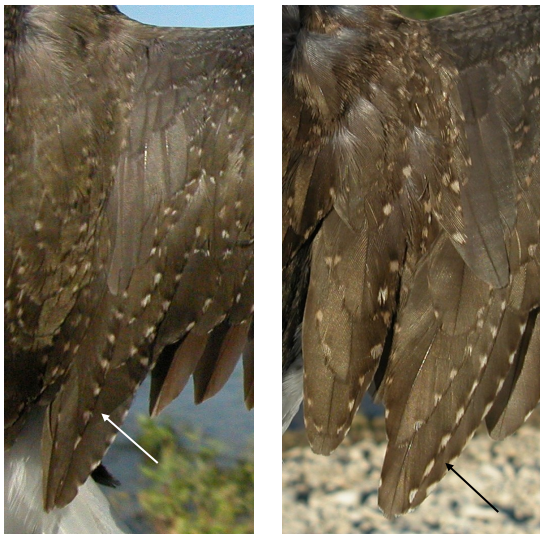
2nd year spring recognizable by **juvenile** flight feathers, which are from moderately to very worn; wing coverts with a mix of very worn **juvenile** feathers contrasting with the new spotted; usually with some or all moulted tertials with **adult** pattern; sometimes with some outer primary moulted.

Adult in **autumn** with feathers on upperparts and wing coverts olive brown with indistinctly whitish or buff spots; tertials and scapulars with small whitish subterminal spots: flight feathers eroded and usually with moult limit or in active moult. In **spring** with flight feathers slightly worn; wing coverts with similar wear and spotted.

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Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Ageing. Colour of spotted on wing coverts: left adult; right juvenile.



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of spots on scapulars and tertials: left adult; right juvenile.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, starting in breeding areas and finished in wintering sites. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, tertials, central tail feathers and some inner wing coverts, remaining flight feathers unmoulted; usually started in wintering sites. Both age classes have a **prebreeding** moult involving body feathers, all or part of scapulars and tertials and some inner wing coverts.

PHENOLOGY

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

- Summer visitor
- Wintering
- Resident
- On passage



Green Sandpiper. Spring. 2nd year (06-IV)



Green Sandpiper. Spring. Head pattern: top adult (11-III); bottom juvenile (06-IV).



Green Sandpiper. Spring. Breast pattern: top adult (11-III); bottom juvenile (06-IV).

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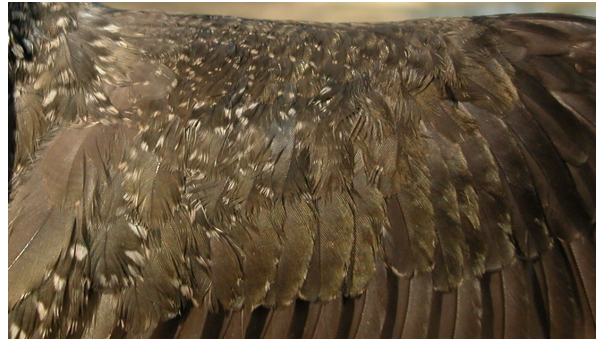
Green Sandpiper. Spring. Upperpart pattern: left adult (11-III); right juvenile (06-IV).



Green Sandpiper. Spring. Tail pattern: left adult (11-III); right juvenile (06-IV).



Green Sandpiper. Spring. Pattern of tertials: left adult (11-III); right juvenile (06-IV).



Green Sandpiper. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing coverts (21-III)



Green Sandpiper. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing coverts (06-IV)



Green Sandpiper. Spring. Adult: pattern of primaries (21-III)



Green Sandpiper. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of primaries (06-IV)



Green Sandpiper. Spring. Adult: pattern of secondaries (21-III)



Green Sandpiper. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing (06-IV)



Green Sandpiper. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of secondaries (06-IV)



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Adult (21-VIII).



Green Sandpiper. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing (21-III)



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Juvenile (27-VII)



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Head pattern: top adult (11-VII); bottom juvenile (27-VII).



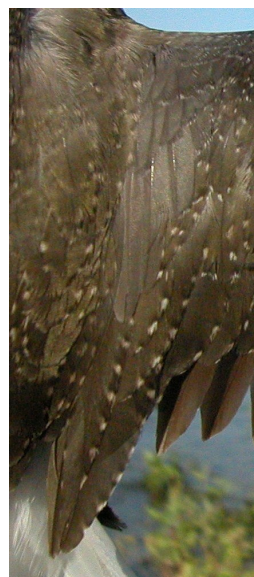
Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Breast pattern: top adult (11-VII); bottom juvenile (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Upperparts pattern: left adult (11-VII); right juvenile (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Tail pattern: left adult (11-VII); right juvenile (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Pattern of tertials and scapulars: left adult (11-VII); right juvenile (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. No moulted adult: pattern of wing coverts (11-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Adult with active moult: pattern of primaries (21-VIII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Adult with active moult: pattern of wing coverts (21-VIII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of primaries (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of wing coverts (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. No moulted adult: pattern of secondaries (11-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. No moulted adult: pattern of primaries (11-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Adult with active moult: pattern of secondaries (21-VIII).



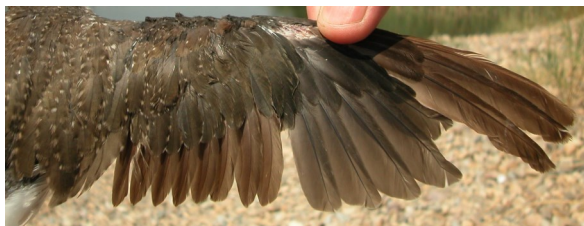
Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of secondaries (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of wing (27-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. No moulted adult: pattern of wing (11-VII).



Green Sandpiper. Autumn. Adult with active moult: pattern of wing (21-VIII).

