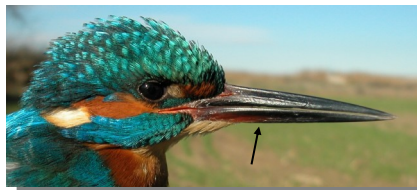


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Kingfisher. Spring. Adult. Male (17-IV).

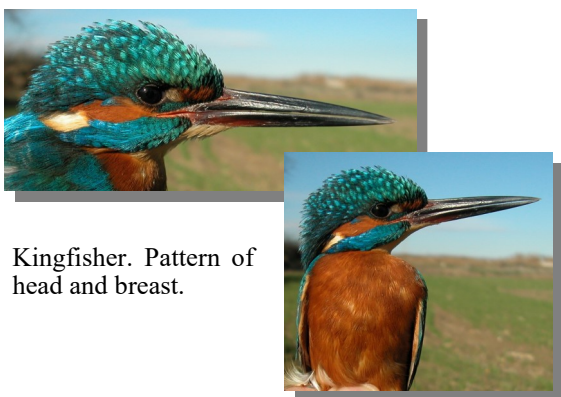


Kingfisher. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of bill: top male; bottom female.

## COMMON KINGFISHER (*Alcedo atthis*)

### IDENTIFICATION

15-17 cm. Blue upperparts; brown chestnut underparts; white throat with white patches on sides of neck.



Kingfisher. Pattern of head and breast.

### AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with breast feathers orange edged brown or greenish forming a dark band; dark legs; fresh flight feathers.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** similar to **adult** but with flight feathers slightly worn in **autumn** and worn in **spring**; if some tail feathers have been moulted then with moult limit within rectrices.

**Adult** with pure orange breast; in **spring** with intense orange legs (**CAUTION:** after breeding can have dark legs similar to **1st year** birds); if moult is arrested then with old and fresh flight feathers; if moult is completed then with very fresh flight feathers in **autumn** and slightly worn in **spring**; tail with only one generation of feathers. **CAUTION:** wear on flight feathers used as a characteristic for ageing is usually very difficult to use.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable.

### SEXING

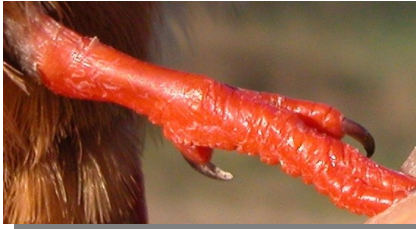
**Male** with lower mandible all black or pale orange at base. **Female** with two-thirds of lower mandible orange, becoming dark brown or black towards the tip. **CAUTION:** juveniles have all black bill similar to **males**, so their sexing is not possible using this characteristic.



Kingfisher. Ageing. Pattern of breast: left adult; right juvenile.

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Kingfisher.  
Ageing.  
Pattern of  
legs: top  
adult; bot-  
tom juveni-  
le.



Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. Male (26-IV).

## MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in November; some flight feather can remain unmoulted. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, with some birds changing all or most tail feathers; usually finished in October, but late hatched birds may have **juvenile** plumage until December.

## PHENOLOGY

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

## STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident, with contribution of wintering European birds.



Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. Female (20-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult. Female (20-V).

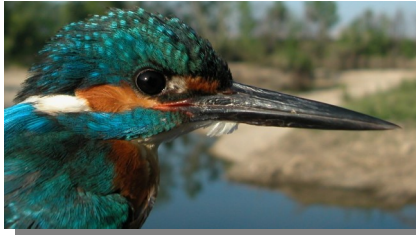


Kingfisher. Spring. Juvenile (22-V)



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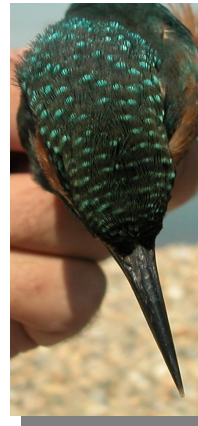
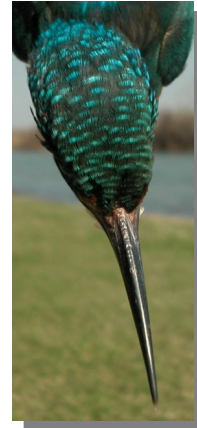
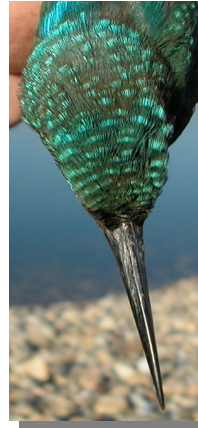
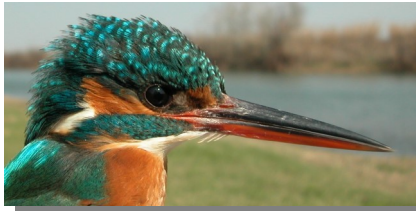
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Kingfisher. Spring. Adult. Head pattern and colour of bill: top male(17-IV); bottom female (20-V).



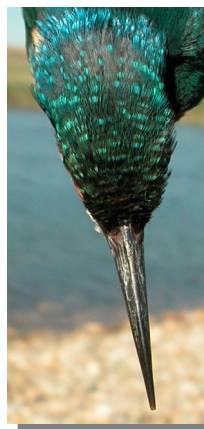
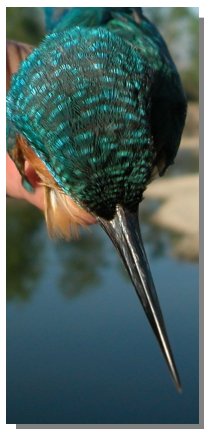
Kingfisher. Spring. Head pattern and colour of bill: top 2nd year male (26-IV); middle 2nd year female (20-IV); bottom juvenile (22-V).



Kingfisher. Spring. Crown pattern: top left 2nd year male (26-IV); top right 2nd year female (20-IV); left juvenile (22-V).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (17-IV); right female (20-V).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (17-IV); right female (20-V).



Kingfisher. Spring. Breast pattern: top left 2nd year male (26-IV); top right 2nd year female (20-IV); left juvenile (22-V).



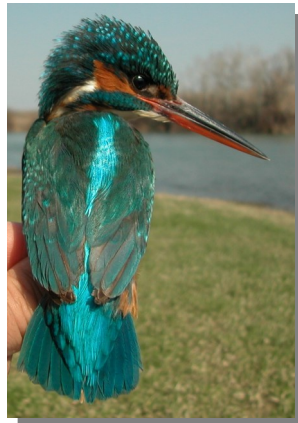
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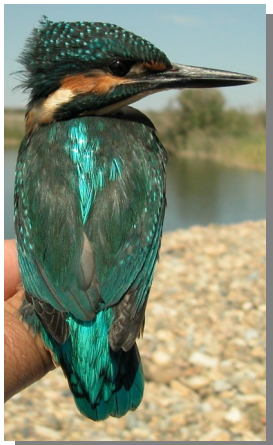


Kingfisher. Spring. Colour of legs: top adult/2nd year (07-VII); bottom juvenile (19-VI).

Kingfisher. Spring. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (17-IV); right female (20-V).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult. Male: tail pattern (17-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Upperparts pattern: top left 2nd year male (26-IV); top right 2nd year female (20-IV); left juvenile (22-V).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult. Female: tail pattern (20-V).

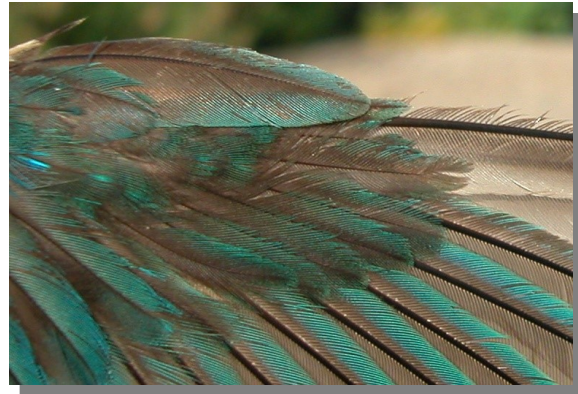


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Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. Male: tail pattern (26-IV).



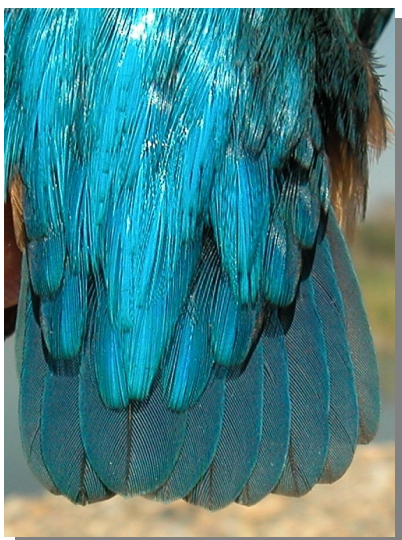
Kingfisher. Spring. Adult with completed moult. Male: pattern of primary coverts (07-VI).



Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. Female: tail pattern (20-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult with arrested moult. Male: pattern of primary coverts (23-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Juvenile: tail pattern (22-V).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern of primary coverts (20-V).



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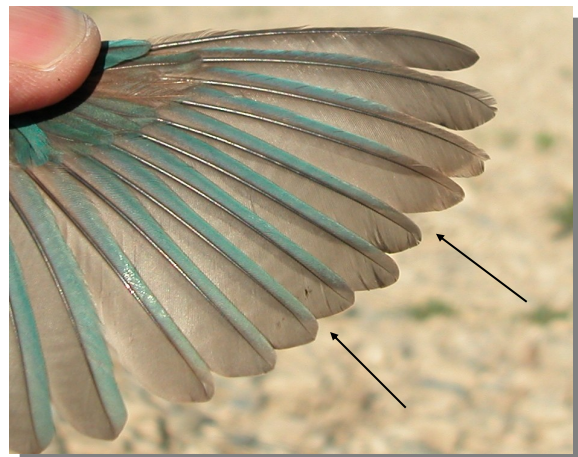


Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primary coverts (15-V).



Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primary coverts (15-V).

Kingfisher. Spring. Adult with completed moult. Male: pattern of primaries (17-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of primary coverts (07-VI).

Kingfisher. Spring. Adult with arrested moult. Male: pattern of primaries (23-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern and wear of primaries (20-V).

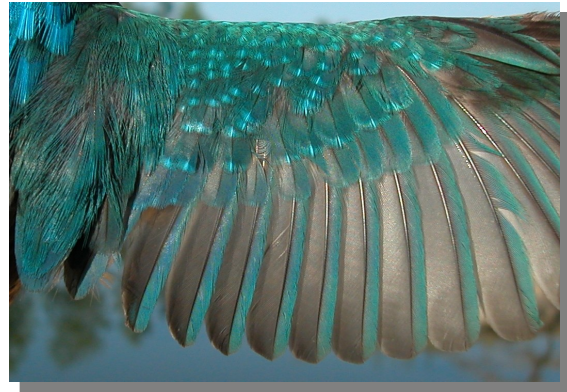


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Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern and wear of primaries (26-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult with completed moult. Male: pattern of secondaries (17-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. female: pattern and wear of primaries (20-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult with arrested moult. Male: pattern of secondaries (28-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Juvenile: pattern and wear of primaries (22-V).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern and wear of secondaries (20-V).



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Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern and wear of secondaries (26-IV).



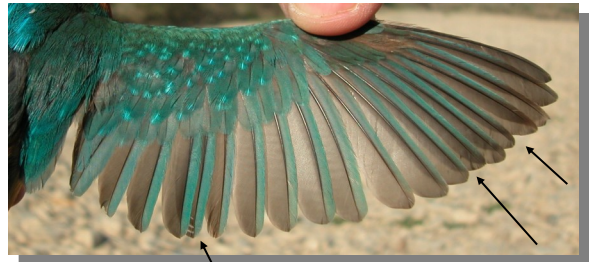
Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. Female: pattern and wear of secondaries (20-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Juvenile: pattern and wear of secondaries (22-V).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult with completed moult. Male: pattern of wing (17-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult with arrested moult. Male: pattern of wing (23-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult with arrested moult. Male: pattern of wing (28-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Adult with completed moult. Female: pattern of wing (20-V).



Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (26-IV).



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Kingfisher. Spring. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (20-IV).



Kingfisher. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of wing (22-V).



Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Male (18-XI).



Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Female (19-X).



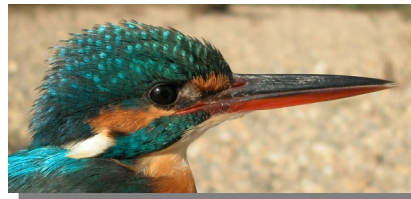
Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Male (29-XII).



Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Female (20-XII).



Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Head pattern and colour of bill: top male (18-XI); bottom female (19-X).



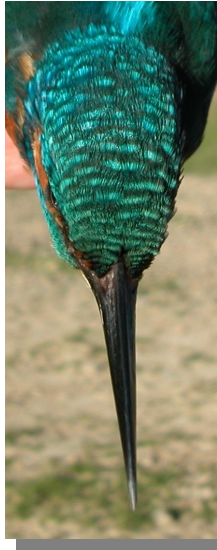
Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Head pattern and colour of bill: top male (29-XII); bottom female (20-XII).



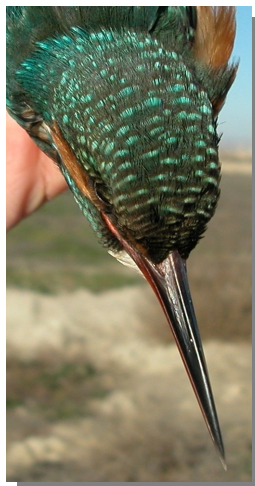
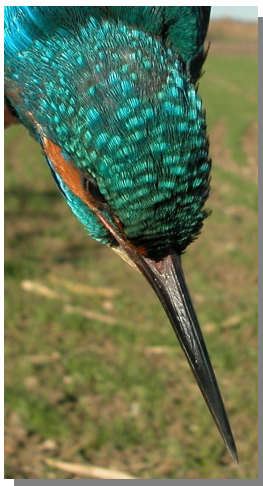


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Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (19-X).



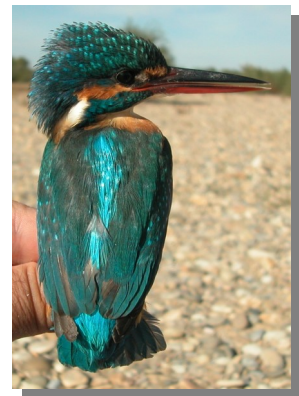
Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Crown pattern: left male (29-XII); right female (20-XII).



Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (19-X).



Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Breast pattern: left male (29-XII); right female (20-XII).



Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (19-X).



Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Upperparts pattern: left male (29-XII); right female (20-XII).



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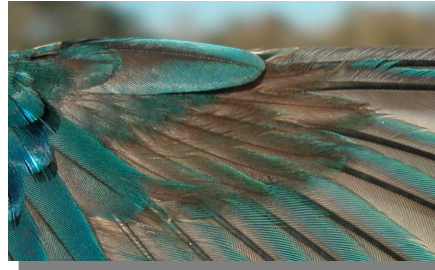
Kingfisher.  
Winter.  
Adult.  
Male: tail  
pattern (18-  
XI).



Kingfisher.  
Winter. 1st  
year. Fe-  
male: tail  
pattern (20-  
XII).



Kingfisher.  
Winter.  
Adult. Fe-  
male: tail  
pattern (19-  
X).



Kingfisher.  
Winter.  
Adult.  
Pattern of  
primary  
coverts:  
top male  
(18-XI);  
bottom  
female (19-  
X).



Kingfisher.  
Winter. 1st  
year. Male:  
tail pattern  
(29-XII).



Kingfisher.  
Winter. 1st  
year. Pat-  
tern of  
primary  
coverts:  
top male  
(29-XII);  
bottom  
female (20-  
XII).





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Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (18-XI).



Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of primaries (20-XII).



Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries (19-X).



Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (18-XI).



Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Male: pattern of primaries (29-XII).



Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (wing moulting: 1 old feathers) (19-X).



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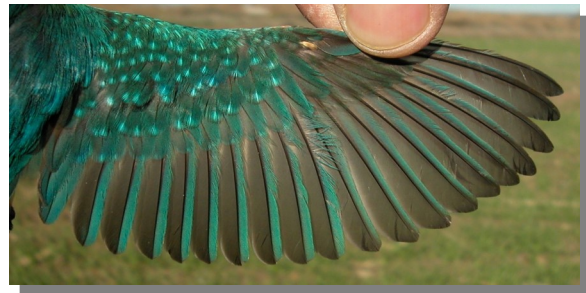
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Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Male: pattern of secondaries (29-XII).



Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (19-X).



Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing (29-XII).



Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of secondaries (20-XII).



Kingfisher. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (20-XII).



Kingfisher. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (18-XI).