

286 Eurasian Hoopoe

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Hoopoe. Adult. Male (27-V).

EURASIAN HOOPOE (*Upupa epops*)**IDENTIFICATION**

25-28 cm. Brownish upperparts, with transversal black and white lines; pink-vinaceous breast; white underparts; rufous head with a pink crest with black and white tips; wings and tail black with white bands; long and curved bill.

SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable.

AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile resembles a **female**, but with fresh flight feathers and without moult limits; outermost tail feather with rounded tip.

2nd year with unmoulted flight feathers very worn; if tertials and inner secondaries changed then with moult limit between these darker and fresh feathers and the worn and bleached rest of retained juvenile flight feathers; if tail is unmoulted, then with very worn feathers.

Adult without moult limit on wing feathers, which will be fresh; outermost tail feather with squared tip.



Hoopoe. Ageing. Pattern of tip of the outermost tail feather: left adult (27-IV); right juvenile (04-VIII).

SEXING

In **adult** birds, **male** with chin and breast deep vinaceous pink; mantle lacks pinkish tinge. **Female** with chin and breast cinnamon rufous; mantle with pale pinkish tinge. **Juveniles** can be sexed in some extreme birds: **males** with head and breast more intense pink than **females**. **CAUTION:** with worn plumage, colour differences are very difficult to see and sexing is possible only by comparing within pair.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, changing in breeding areas body feathers and sometimes some flight and tail feathers between July-August and finished in wintering sites. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving only body feathers, with some birds changing all or most tail feathers, tertials or inner secondaries; usually moulted in wintering sites. Mainly **adults**, and some **juveniles**, have a **prebreeding** moult including only head and neck feathers.

PHENOLOGY

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STATUS IN ARAGON

Summer visitor with some scarce wintering birds. Breeds widely distributed throughout the Region, absent only from Northern areas.



Hoopoe. Adult. Female (17-VI).



Hoopoe. 2nd year. Male (18-IV).



Hoopoe. 2nd year. Female (07-V).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Male (04-VIII).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Female (26-VII).



Hoopoe.
Adult. Head
pattern: top
male (27-
IV); bottom
female (17-
VI).

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Hoopoe. 2nd year. Head pattern: top male (18-IV); bottom female (07-V).



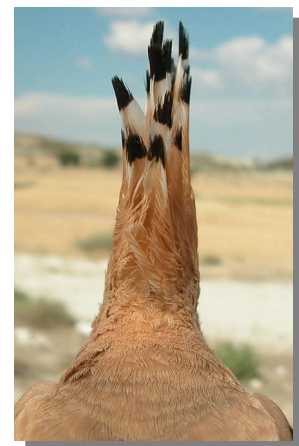
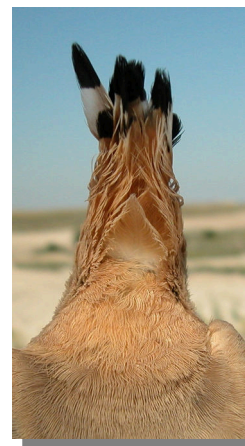
Hoopoe. 2nd year. Breast pattern: left male (18-IV); right female (07-V).



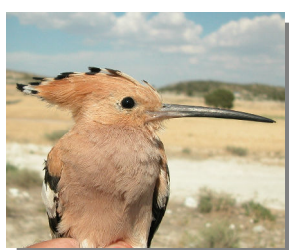
Hoopoe. Juvenile. Breast pattern: left male (04-VIII); right female (26-VII).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Head pattern: top male (04-VIII); bottom female (26-VII).



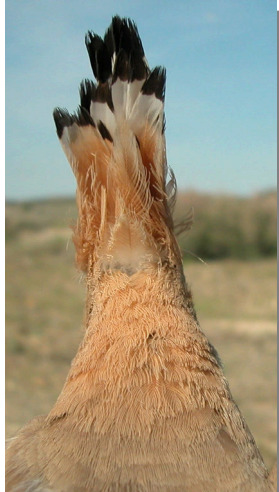
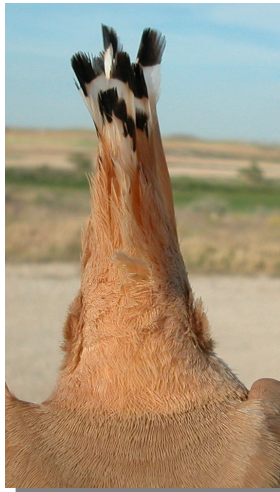
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Hoopoe. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (27-IV); right female (17-VI).

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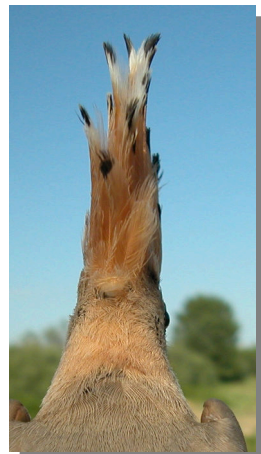
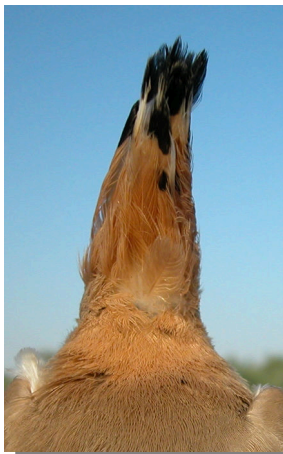
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Hoopoe. 2nd year. Nape pattern: left male (18-IV); right female (07-V).



Hoopoe. 2nd year. Upperpart pattern: left male (18-IV); right female (07-V).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Nape pattern: left male (04-VIII); right female (26-VII).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Upperpart pattern: left male (04-VIII); right female (26-VII).



Hoopoe. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (27-IV); right female (17-VI).



Hoopoe. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (27-IV); right female (17-VI).

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Hoopoe. 2nd year. Tail pattern: left male (27-V); right female (07-V).



Hoopoe. Adult. female: pattern of primaries (17-VI).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Tail pattern: left male (04-VIII); right female (26-VII).



Hoopoe. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primaries (18-IV).



Hoopoe. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (27-IV).



Hoopoe. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primaries (07-V).

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Hoopoe. Juvenile. Male: pattern of primaries (04-VIII).



Hoopoe. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (17-VI).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Female: pattern of primaries (26-VII).



Hoopoe. 2nd year. Male: pattern of secondaries (18-IV).



Hoopoe. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (27-IV).



Hoopoe. 2nd year. Female: pattern of secondaries (07-V).

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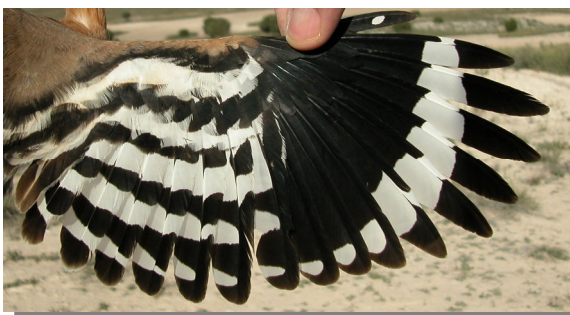
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Hoopoe. Juvenile. Male: pattern of secondaries (04-VIII).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Female: pattern of secondaries (26-VII).



Hoopoe. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (27-IV).



Hoopoe. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (17-VI).



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Hoopoe. Juvenile. Female: pattern of wing (26-VII)