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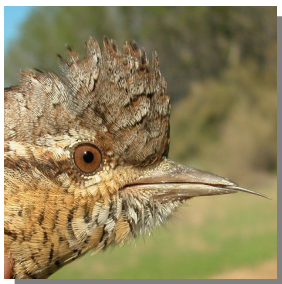
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Wryneck. Spring. Adult (12-IV).

IDENTIFICATION

16-18 cm. Brown and grey upperparts; grey underparts, with buff and barred breast; tail with grey and brown bars; grey-brown bill and legs.



Wryneck. Pattern of head, upperparts and breast.

SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable.

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

6 age groups can be recognised:

Juvenile with grey iris; the outermost primary (10th) long and broad reaching half length of 9th.

1st year autumn with dull brown iris; **juvenile** primary coverts; fresh secondaries of a single generation with tertials with a light spot on the tip (**adults** have worn retained secondaries which will be moulted in wintering grounds and tertials without a light spot on the tip); after moult, 10th primary minute as in **adults**.

2nd year spring with iris hazel in the centre and grey at the distal part; slight difference in wear between primaries and secondaries; sometimes with some retained **juvenile** secondary, more worn and longer than neighbouring ones; retained primary coverts as fresh as the primaries.

2nd year autumn/3rd year spring in birds with moult limit between primary coverts due to having moulted 1 to 3 outer feathers (often only the outermost) which will be fresher than the retained inner **juvenile** feathers.

3rd year autumn/4th year spring only in birds that have retained juvenile primary coverts, which will be extremely worn and discoloured; the outer primary coverts have two generations of **adult** type, the outermost being the newest.

Adult with iris reddish-brown; in **spring** with primaries more worn than secondaries; in **autumn** with fresh body feathers, primaries, tertials and tail, but secondaries are worn.

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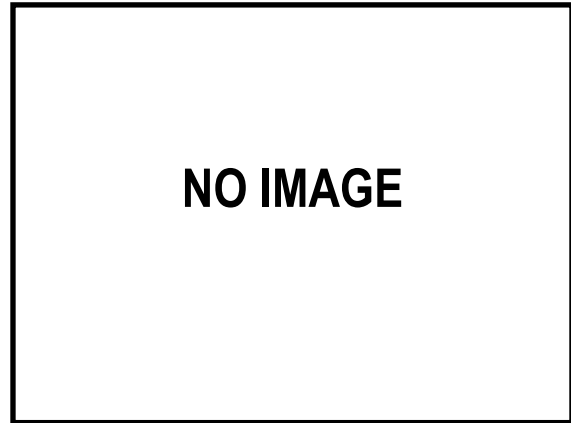
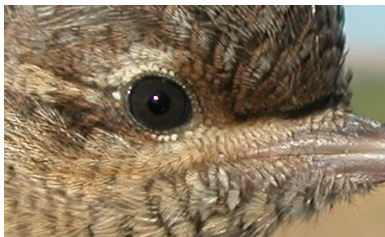
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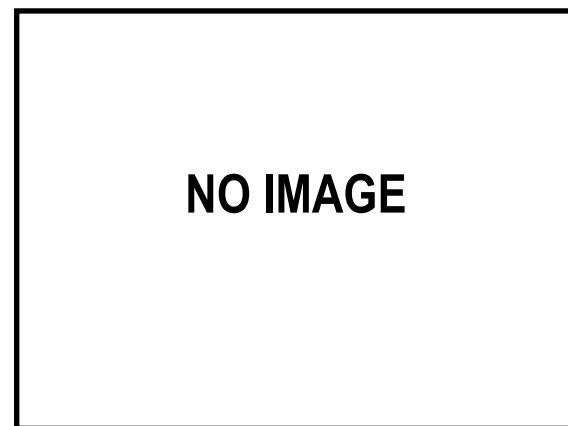
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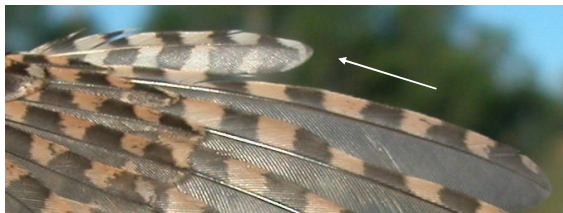
Wryneck. Ageing. Colour of iris: top adult; middle 2nd year; bottom juvenile.



Wryneck. Ageing. Spring. Primary coverts: 4th year.



Wryneck. Ageing. Spring. Primary coverts: 3rd year.



Wryneck. Ageing. Length of the 10th primary: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Wryneck. Ageing. Spring. Primary coverts: 2nd year.



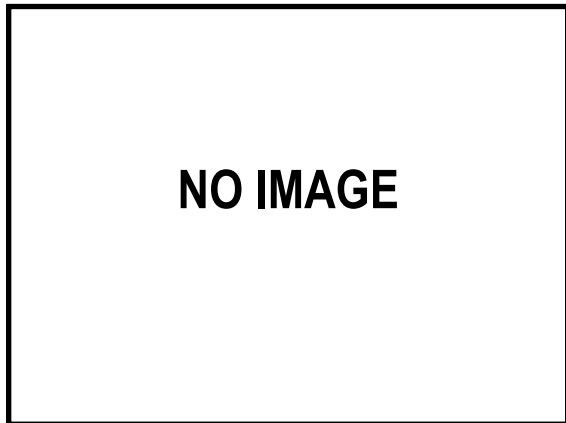
Wryneck. Ageing. Spring. Primary coverts: adult.

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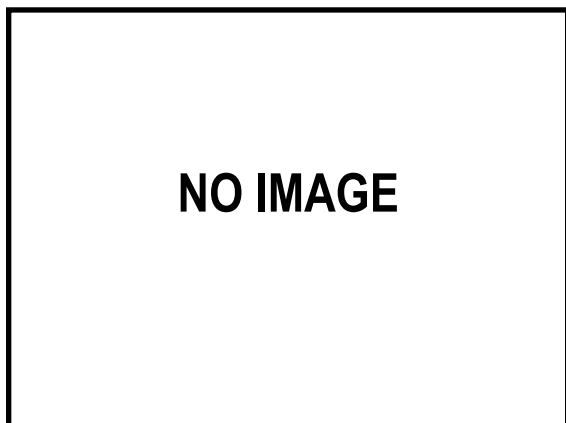
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Wryneck. Ageing. Spring. Primary coverts: juvenile.



Wryneck. Ageing. Autmn. Primary coverts: adult.



Wryneck. Ageing. Autmn. Primary coverts: 3rd year.



Wryneck. Ageing. Autmn. Primary coverts: 2nd year.



Wryneck. Ageing. Autmn. Primary coverts: 1st year.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, changing in breeding sites all feathers except some or all secondaries, which are usually moulted in the wintering grounds. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including all feathers except some secondaries and tertials, which are moulted in the wintering grounds; leave the primary coverts unmoulted, and may retain the innermost ones for several years. Both age classes have a **prebreeding** moult involving body feathers, wing coverts and all or part of the tail.

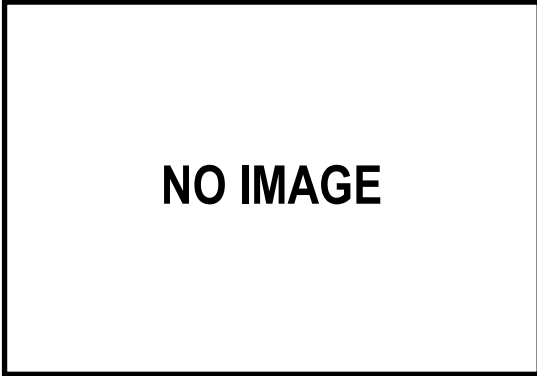
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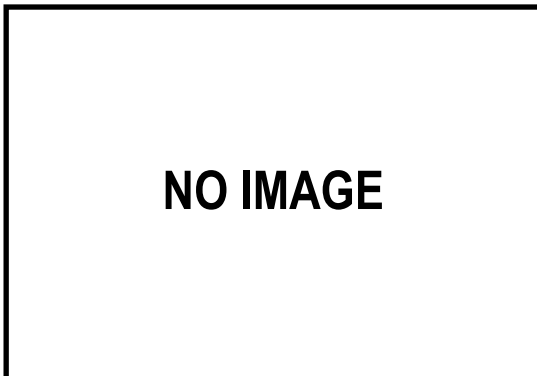
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Wryneck. Spring. 4th year ().



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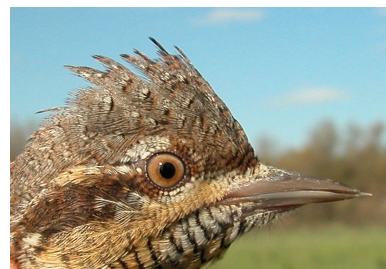
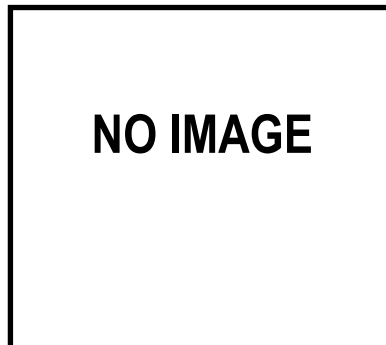
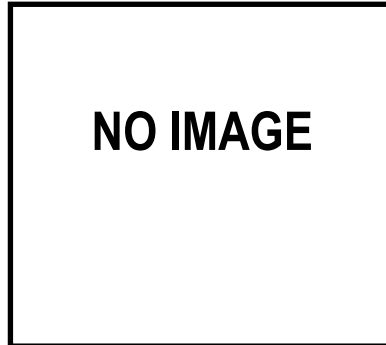
Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year ().



Wryneck. Spring. Juvenile (15-VI).



W r y n e c k .
Spring. Head
pattern and
iris colour.
From top to
bottom: adult
(12-IV); 4th
year (); 3rd
year (); 2nd
year (12-IV);
juvenile (15-
VI).



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Wryneck. Spring. Breast pattern: left adult (12-IV); right 4th year ().

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Wryneck. Spring. Upperparts pattern: top left 3rd year (); top right 2nd year (12-IV); left juvenile (15-VI).



Wryneck. Spring. Breast pattern: top left 3rd year (); top right 2nd year (12-IV); left juvenile (15-VI).



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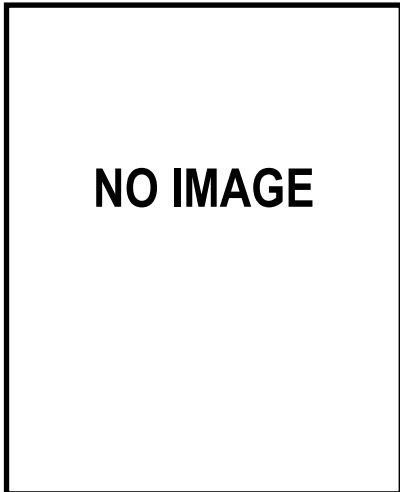


Wryneck. Spring. Upperparts pattern: left adult (12-IV); right 4th year ().

Wryneck. Spring. Adult: pattern of tail (12-IV).

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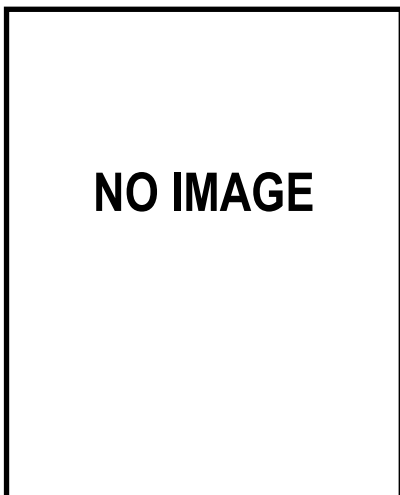
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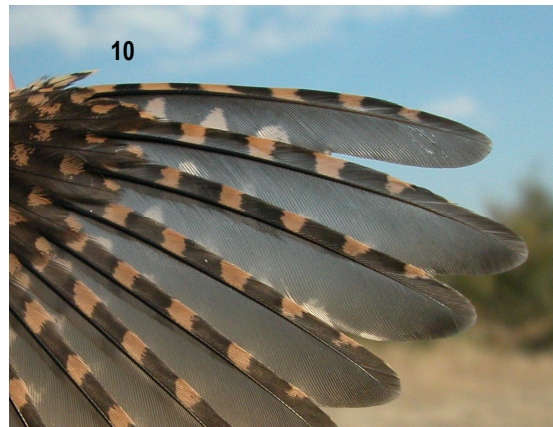
Wryneck. Spring. 4th year: pattern of tail ().



Wryneck. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of tail (15-VI).



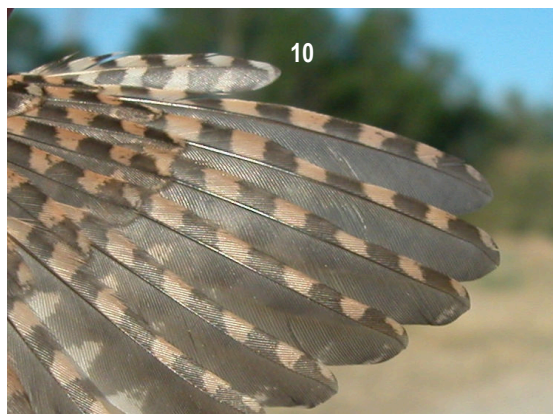
Wryneck. Spring. 3rd year: pattern of tail ().



Wryneck. Spring. Adult: length of 10th primary (12-IV).



Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of tail (12-IV).



Wryneck. Spring. Juvenile: length of 10th primary (05-VII).

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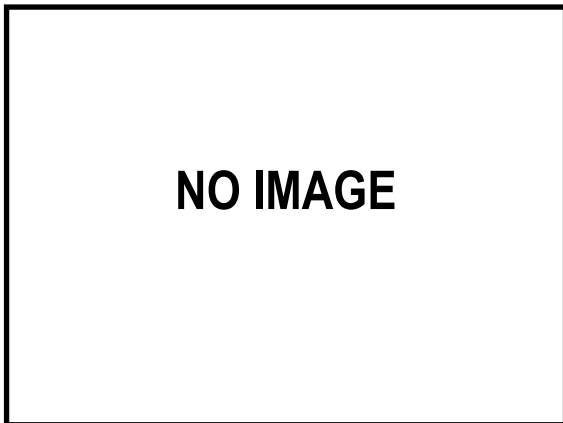
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Wryneck. Spring. Adult: pattern of primary covers (12-IV).



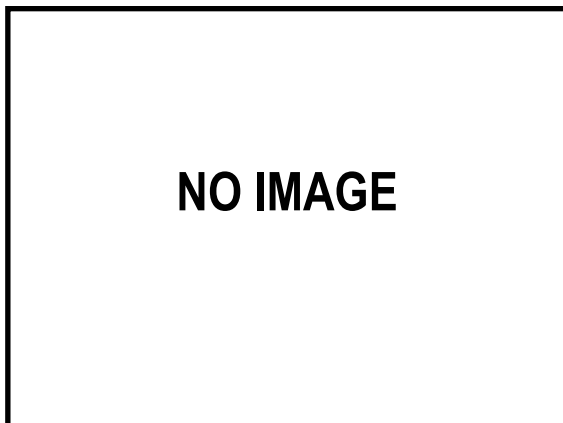
Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of primary covers (12-IV).



Wryneck. Spring. 4th year: pattern of primary covers ().



Wryneck. Spring. Juvenile: patch on tips of primary covers with "V" shaped pattern (15-VI).



Wryneck. Spring. 3rd year: pattern of primary covers ().



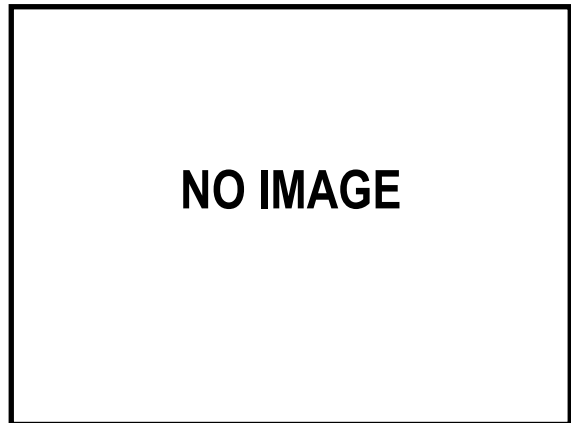
Wryneck. Spring. Juvenile: patch on tips of primary covers without "V" shaped pattern (15-VI).

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Wryneck. Spring. Adult: pattern of strongly worn primaries (06-VI).



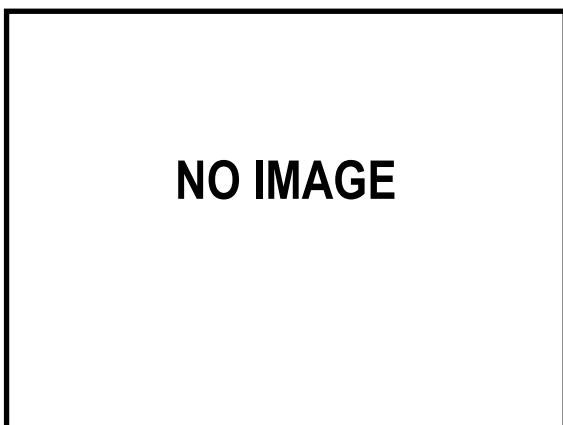
Wryneck. Spring. 3rd year: pattern of primaries ().



Wryneck. Spring. Adult: pattern of little worn primaries (05-IV).



Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of primaries (05-IV).



Wryneck. Spring. 4th year: pattern of primaries ().



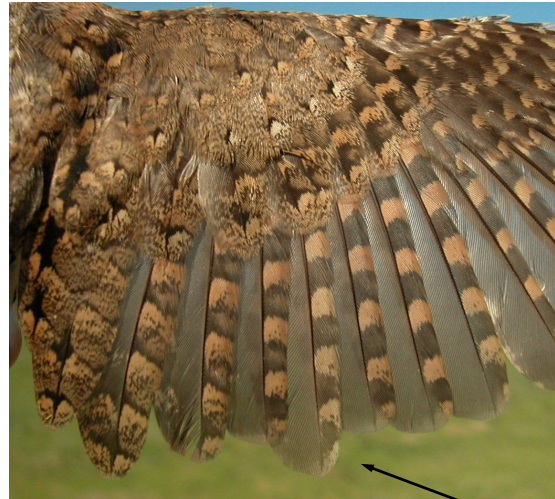
Wryneck. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of primaries (15-VI).

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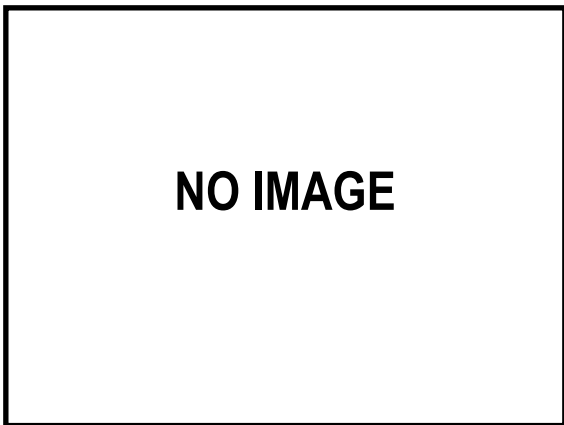
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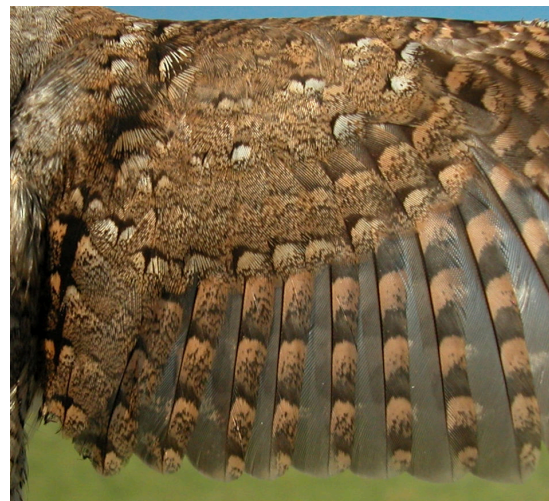
Wryneck. Spring. Adult: pattern of secondaries (05-IV).



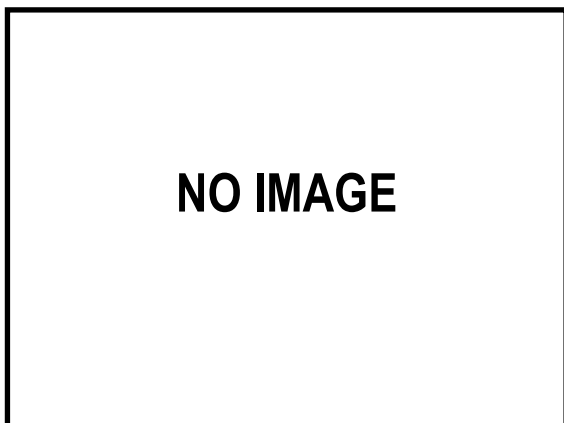
Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of secondaries with one juvenile secondary retained (05-IV).



Wryneck. Spring. 4th year: pattern of secondaries ().



Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of secondaries with all feathers moulted (05-IV).



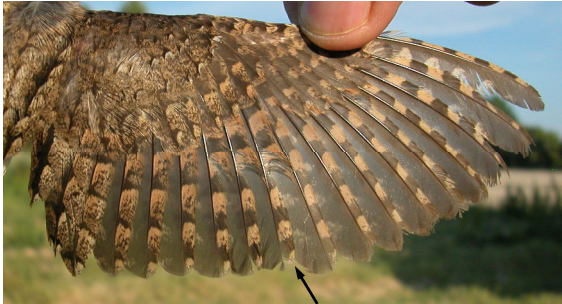
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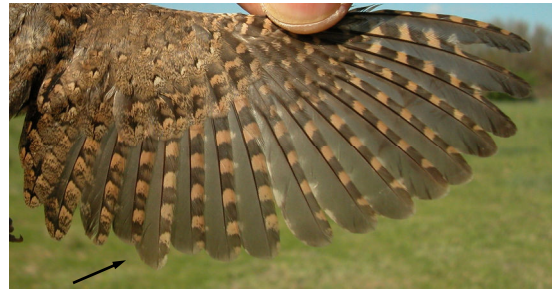
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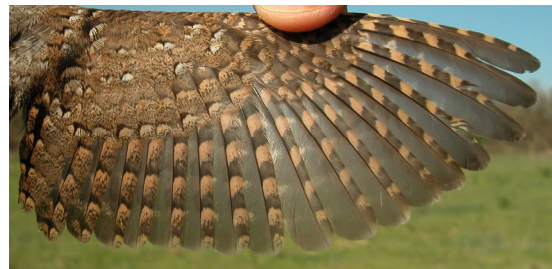
Wryneck. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing with strongly worn primaries (06-VI).



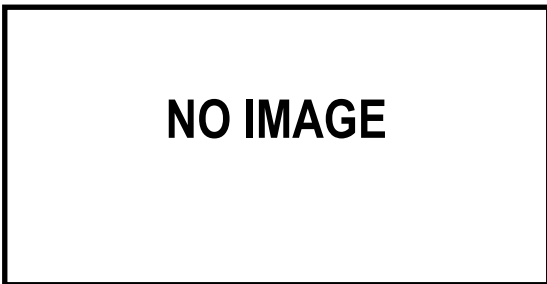
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Wryneck. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing with little worn primaries (05-IV).



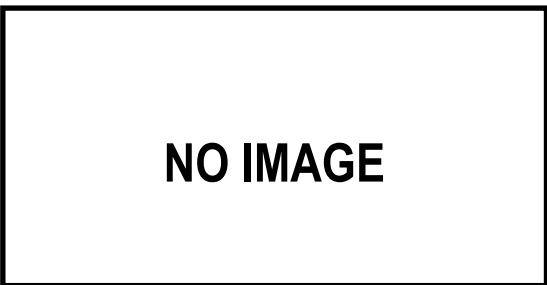
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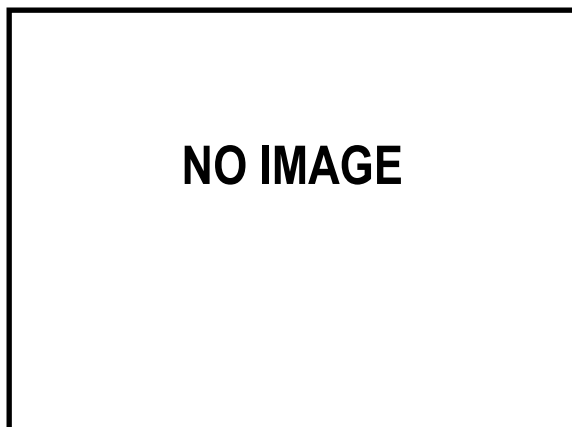
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Wryneck. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of wing (15-VI).



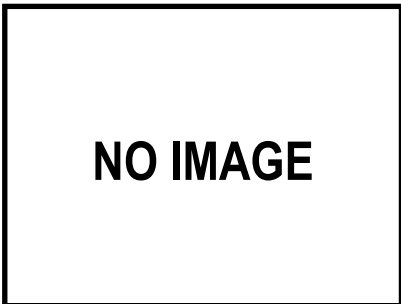
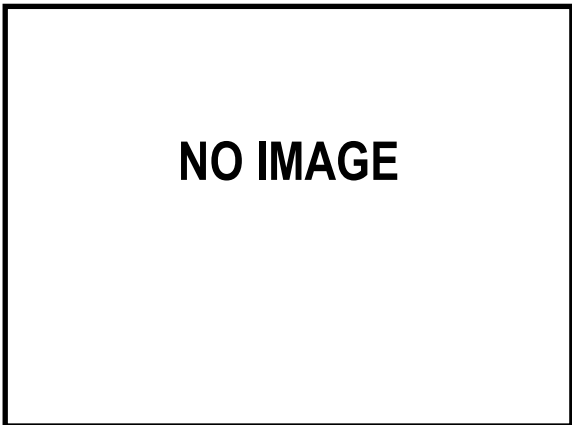
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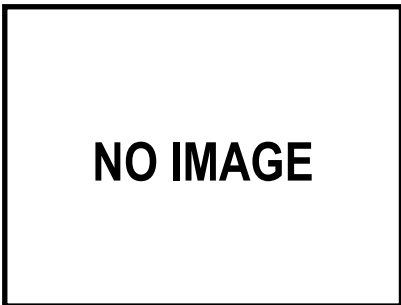
Wryneck. Autumn. Adult ().

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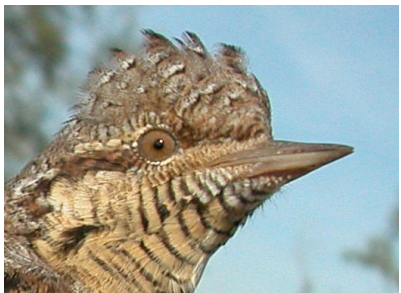
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Wryneck. autumn. Iris colour. From top to bottom: adult (); 3rd year (); 2nd year (09-IX); 1st year (14-IX).



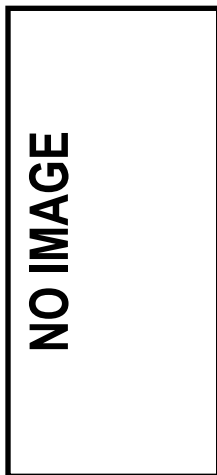
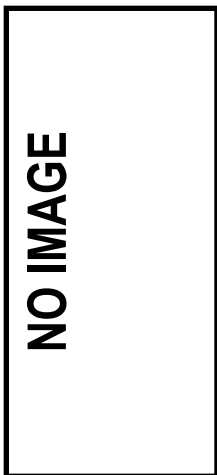
Wryneck. Autumn. 3rd year ().



Wryneck. Autumn. 2nd year (09-IX).



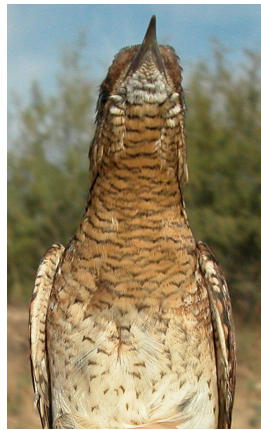
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Wryneck. Autumn. Breast pattern: left adult (); right 3rd year ().

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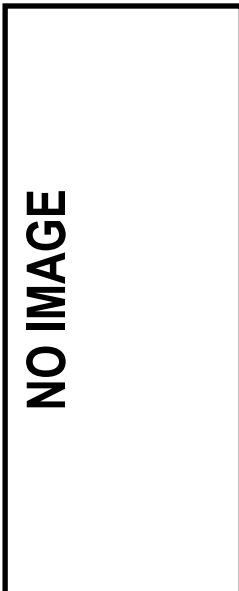
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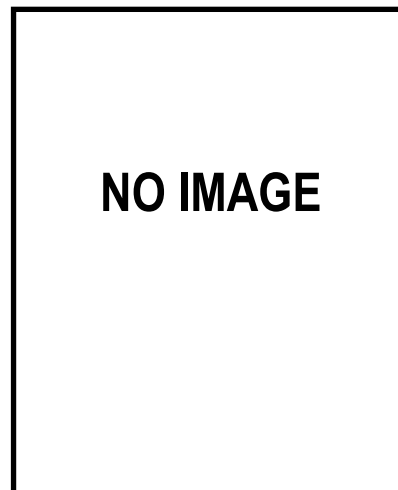
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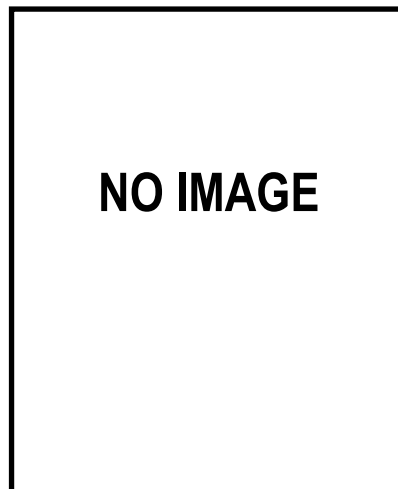
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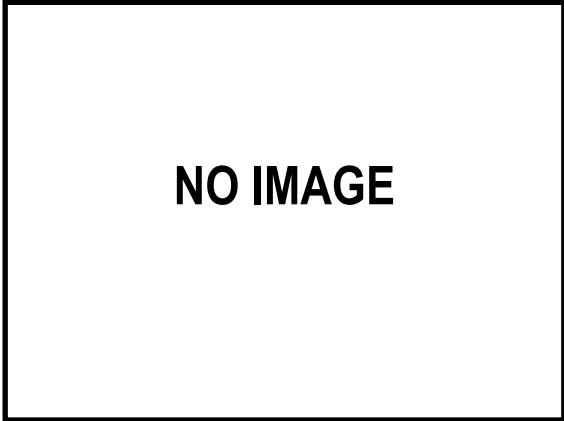
Wryneck. Autumn. Adult: tail pattern ().



Wryneck. Autumn. 3rd year: tail pattern ().

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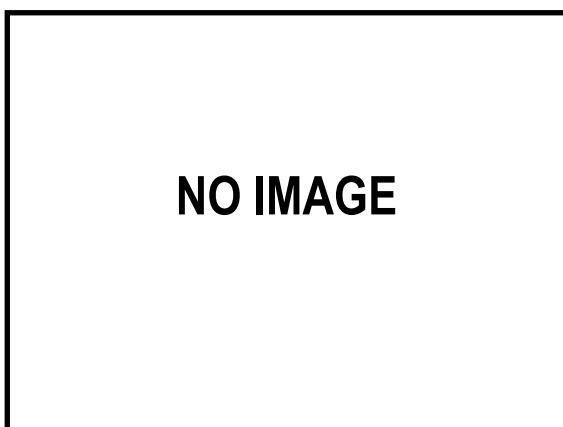
Wryneck. Autumn. 3rd year: pattern of primary coverts ().

Wryneck. Autumn. 2nd year: tail pattern (09-VIII).



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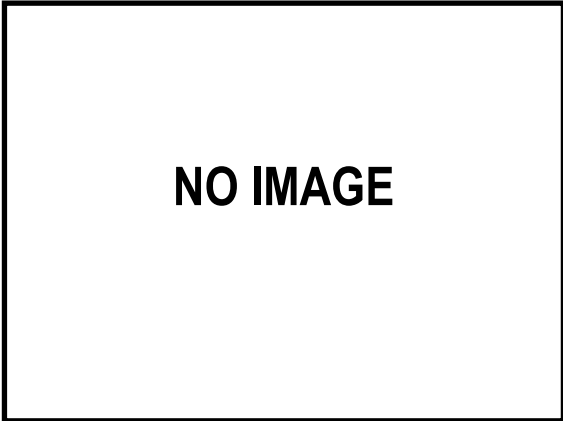


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Wryneck. Autumn. Adult: pattern of primary coverts ().

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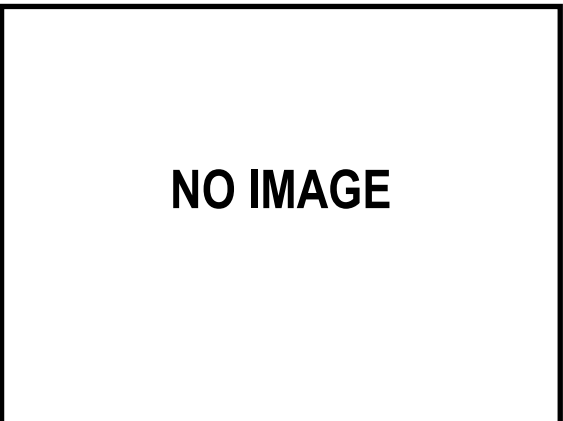
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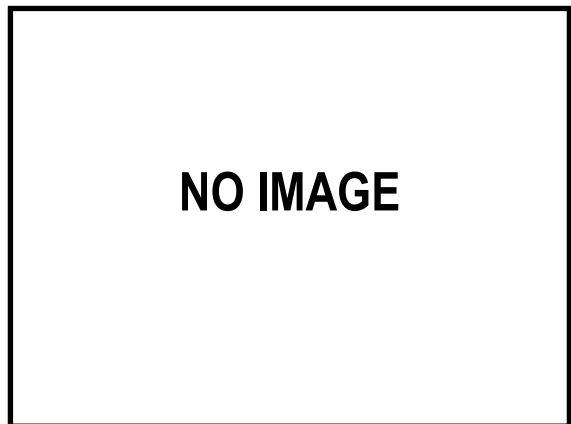
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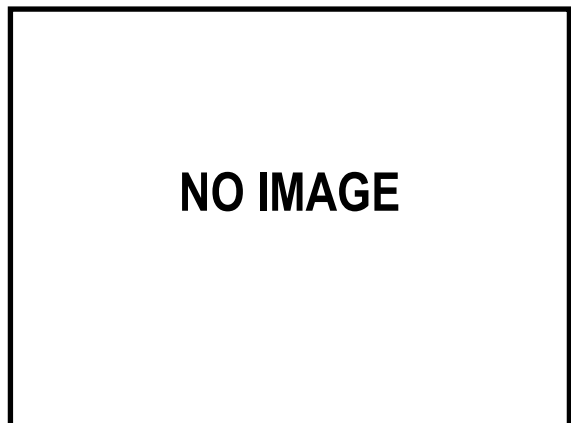
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Wryneck. Autumn. Adult: pattern of secondaries ().



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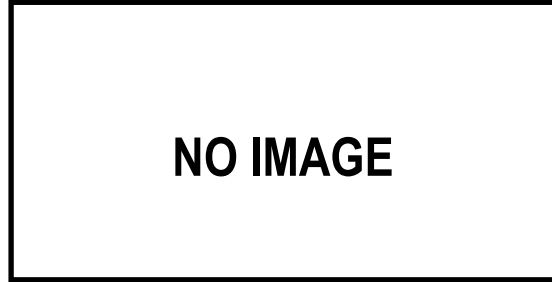
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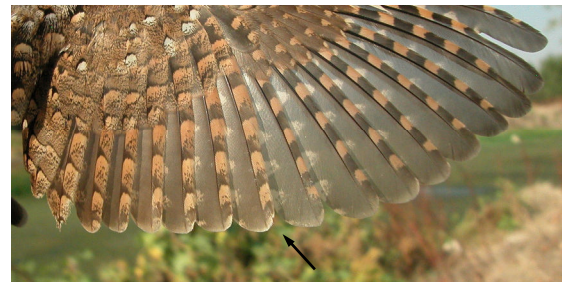
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Wryneck. Autumn. 2nd year: pattern of secondaries (09-IX).



Wryneck. Autumn. 3rd year: pattern of wing ().



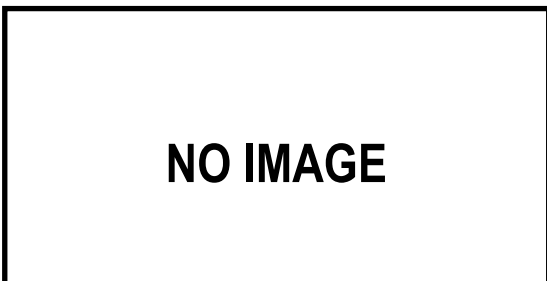
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Wryneck. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing (14-VIII).



Wryneck. Autumn. Adult: pattern of wing ().