



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Male (18-IV).

**IBERIAN GREEN WOODPECKER** (*Picus viridis sharpei*)

**IDENTIFICATION**

30-32 cm. Green upperparts, with yellow tinge; grey-green underparts; red crown; **male** with red moustachial stripe, **female** with dark moustachial stripe. **Juveniles** similar to **adults** but with white spots on upperparts and dark spots on underparts.



Green Woodpecker. Pattern of upperparts and crown.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**

This species is unmistakable

**SEXING**

**Adults** can be sexed by colour of moustachial stripe: **male** with red moustache edged black; **female** with dark moustache, without red. In **juveniles** only males with red moustachial stripe can be sexed safely; some very young **males** have dark moustachial stripes, so this characteristic in **juveniles** is useful for sexing only when body moult is advanced.



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of moustache: top male; bottom female.

**AGEING**

3 age groups can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with white spots on upperparts; underparts with dark spots; tertials with pale tips and pale barring; primary coverts narrow.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** similar to **adult**, but with moult limit between moulted and **juvenile** retained wing feathers; if some tertial moulted then greenish and fresh contrasting with **juvenile** unmoulted paler, worn and with pale barred; if none tertial changed then all feathers worn and pale barred; primary coverts remain **juvenile** (sometimes some changed and then moult limit is easy to see) so are more worn than neighboring feathers.

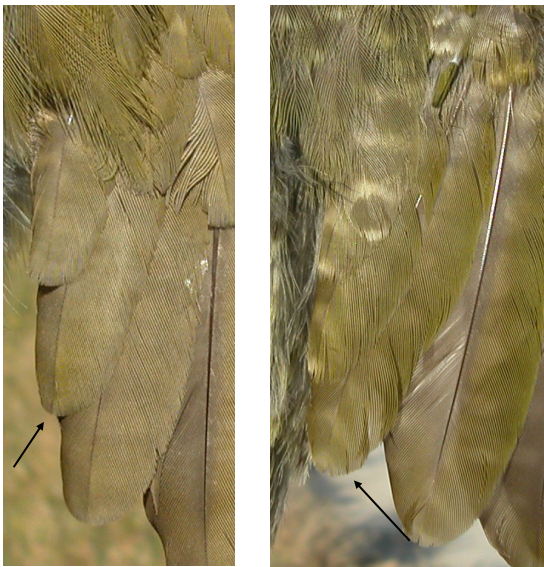
**Adult** without moult limits; upper and underparts without spots; tertials plain greenish without pale tips; primary coverts broad and rounded, with similar abrasion than rest of coverts.



Green Woodpecker. Ageing. Pattern of breast: left adult; right juvenile.



Green Woodpecker. Ageing. Pattern of upperparts: left adult; right juvenile.



Green Woodpecker. Ageing. Pattern of tertials: left adult; right juvenile.



Green Woodpecker. Ageing. Pattern of primary coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.



**MOULT**

Complete **postbreeding** moult, starting in June and usually finished in November. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, lesser and median coverts, all or part of greater coverts, sometimes one or two tertials, primaries and tail, so primary coverts (sometimes some are moulted) and secondaries remain unmoulted; usually finished in November.

**PHENOLOGY**

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

- Summer visitor
- Resident
- Wintering
- On passage



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Female (30-I).



Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male (18-IV).



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Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female (17-V).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male (08-VIII).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male/female (08-VIII).



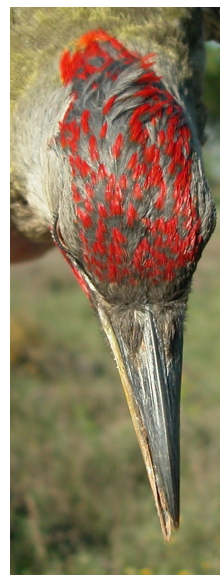
Green Woodpecker. Adult. Head pattern: top male (18-IV); bottom female (30-I).



Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Head pattern: top male (18-IV); bottom female (17-V).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Head pattern: top male (08-VIII); bottom male/female (08-VIII).



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (18-IV); right female (30-I).





Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Crown pattern: left male (18-IV); right female (17-V).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Crown pattern: left male (08-VIII); right male/female (08-VIII).



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (18-IV); right female (30-I).



Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Breast pattern: left male (18-IV); right female (17-V).

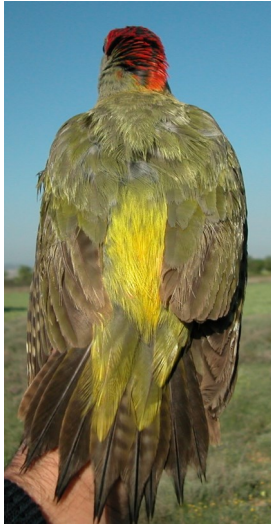


Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Breast pattern: left male (08-VIII); right male/female (08-VIII).



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (18-IV); right female (30-I).





Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Upperpart pattern: left male (18-IV); right female (17-V).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Upperpart pattern: left male (08-VIII); right male/female (08-VIII).



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (18-IV); right female (30-I).



Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Tail pattern: left male (18-IV); right female (17-V).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Tail pattern: left male (08-VIII); right male/female (08-VIII).



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (18-IV); right female (30-I).





Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (18-IV); right female (17-V).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (08-VIII); right male/female (08-VIII).



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Male: pattern of primary coverts (18-IV).



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Female: pattern of primary coverts (30-I).



Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primary coverts (18-IV).



Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primary coverts (17-V).





Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male: pattern of primary coverts (08-VIII).



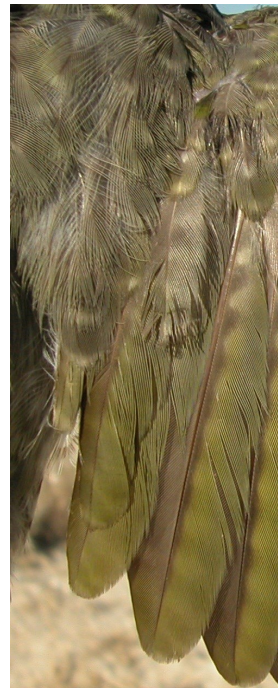
Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male/female: pattern of primary coverts (08-VIII).



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Pattern of tertials: left male (18-IV); right female (30-I).



Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Pattern of tertials: left male (18-IV); right female (17-V).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Pattern of tertials: left male (08-VIII); right male/female (08-VIII).





Green Woodpecker. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (18-IV).



Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primaries (17-V).



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries (30-I).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male: pattern of primaries (08-VIII).



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

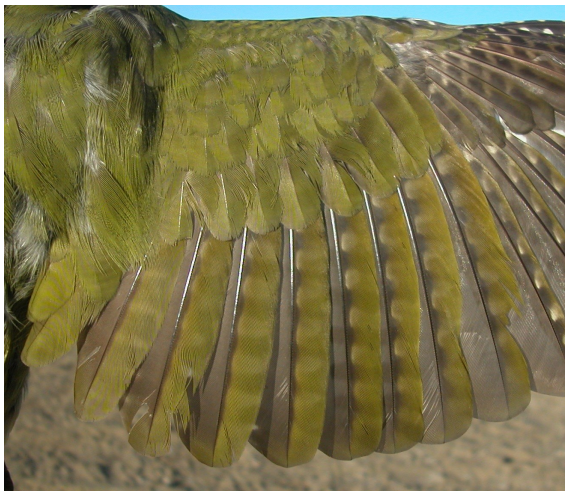


Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male/female: pattern of primaries (08-VIII).





Green Woodpecker. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (18-IV).



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (30-I).



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



Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of secondaries (17-V).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male: pattern of secondaries (08-VIII).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male/female: pattern of secondaries (08-VIII).

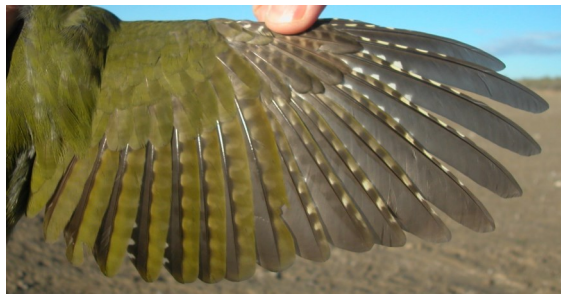




Green Woodpecker. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (18-IV).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male: pattern of wing (08-VIII).



Green Woodpecker. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (30-I).



Green Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male/female: pattern of wing (08-VIII).



Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (18-IV).



Green Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (17-V).