

# 294 Lesser Spotted Woodpecker

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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Male (09-X).



Great Spotted Woodpecker. Female

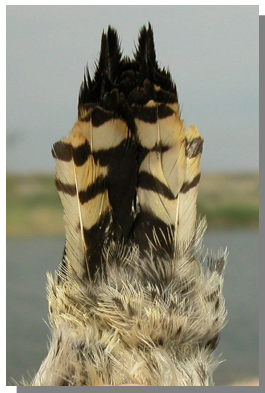
## LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER (*Dryobates minor*)

### IDENTIFICATION

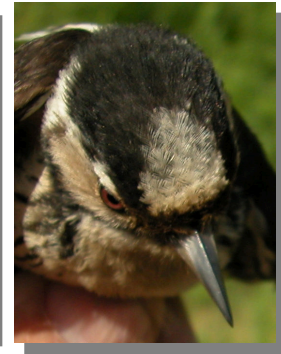
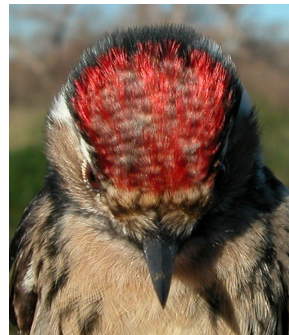
14-15 cm. White and black upperparts; white throat and breast; pale underparts streaked brown; black wings spotted white; red crown on **male**, black on **female**.

### SEXING

**Adult male** with red crown; **adult female** with white and black crown, sometimes with some feathers tipped reddish or pink. **Juveniles** can be sexed in extreme birds: **male** with large red crown; **female** with reduced, or absent, red patch on crown (**CAUTION**: in a very early age **males** with crown without red feathers can be found).



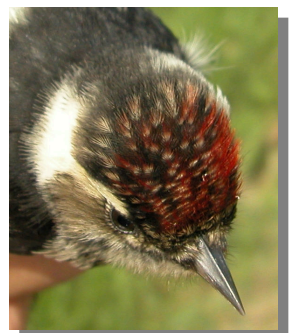
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Pattern of upperparts and undertail coverts.



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of crown: left male; right female.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Great Spotted Woodpecker** which is bigger (20-25 cm), has white patches on "shoulders" and red undertail coverts.



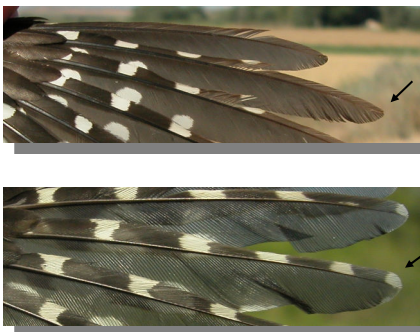
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AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:  
**Juvenile** with outer primaries with white spots on tips; iris dull brown-grey or chesnut.  
**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with body feathers and primaries similar to **adult** but with moult limit between paler retained **juvenile** primary coverts (sometimes 1 to 3 outer changed) and outer greater coverts (if unmoulted) and darker moulted wing coverts.  
**Adult** without moult limits on wing coverts (**CAUTION:** sometimes with some brownish primary covert retained); outer primaries without white spots on tips; iris reddish-brown to red.



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker Ageing. Pattern of tips of primaries: top adult; bottom juvenile

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in October; occasionally some secondaries and primary coverts can be retained. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, primaries, lesser and median coverts, greater coverts (sometimes not all) and tail, so outer greater coverts (if not all moulted), primary coverts (sometimes the outer changed), secondaries and tertials remain unmoulted; usually finished in November.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident, breeds in forests near the Ebro river.



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Female (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female (05-I).



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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male (23-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Head pattern and iris colour: top male (05-I); bottom female (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Female (14-VII).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Head pattern and iris colour: top male (23-VI); bottom female (14-VII).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Head pattern and iris colour: top male (09-X); bottom female (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (09-X); right female (02-XI).



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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Crown pattern: left male (05-I); right female (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Crown pattern: left male (23-VI); right female (14-VII).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Nape pattern: left male (09-X); right female (02-XI).



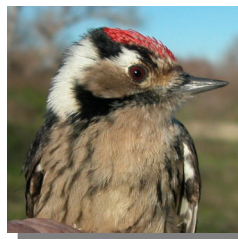
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Nape pattern: left male (05-I); right female (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Nape pattern: left male (23-VI); right female (14-VII).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (09-X); right female (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Breast pattern: left male (05-I); right female (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Breast pattern: left male (23-VI); right female (14-VII).



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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (09-X); right female (02-XI).

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Upperparts pattern: left male (23-VI); right female (14-VII).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Upperparts pattern: left male (05-I); right female (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (09-X); right female (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Tail pattern: left male (05-I); right female (05-I).

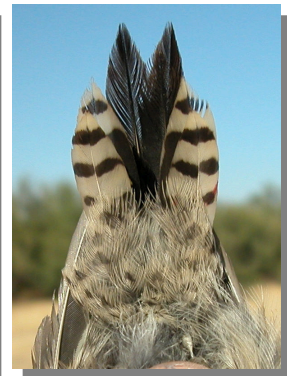
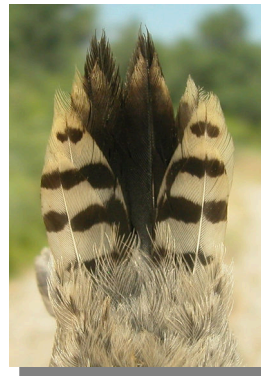


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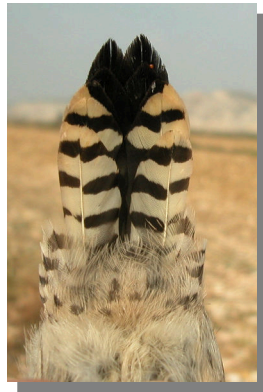
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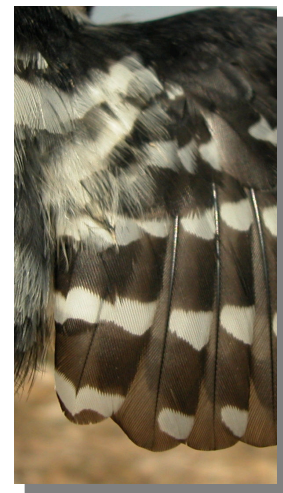
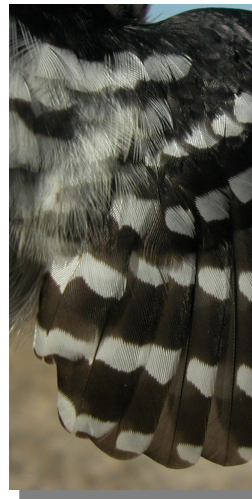
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Tail pattern: left male (23-VI); right female (14-VII).



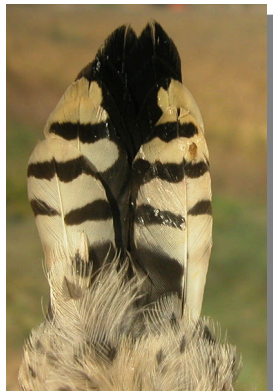
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (23-VI); right female (14-VII).



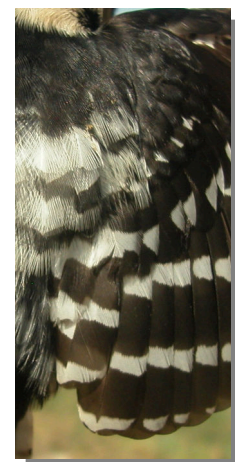
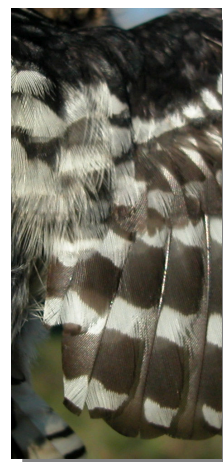
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (09-X); right female (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Pattern of tertials: left male (09-X); right female (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (05-I); right female (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Pattern of tertials: left male (05-I); right female (05-I).



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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Pattern of tertials: left male (23-VI); right female (14-VII).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Male: pattern of primary coverts with all feathers moulted (09-X).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Female: pattern of primary coverts with some feathers retained (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primary coverts (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primary coverts (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male: pattern of primary coverts (23-VI).



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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Female: pattern of primary coverts (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primaries (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (09-X).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primaries (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male: pattern of primaries (23-VI).



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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Female: pattern of primaries (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male: pattern of secondaries (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (09-X).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of secondaries (05-I).



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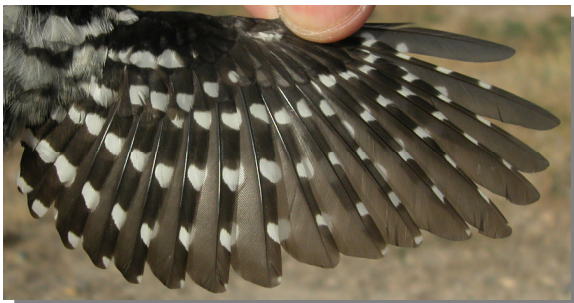
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Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Female: pattern of secondaries (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (09-X).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male: pattern of wing (23-VI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (02-XI).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Juvenile. Female: pattern of wing (05-I).



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (05-I).