



Woodlark. Adult (26-l).

**WOODLARK** (*Lullula arborea*)

**IDENTIFICATION**

14-16 cm. Brown plumage, streaked dark except rump; whitish underparts; throat and breast streaked; head with a little crest and broad supercilium joining at nape; primary coverts white and black; outer tail feathers with white tips. **Juveniles** have pure white edges on feathers.



Woodlark. Pattern of head, nape, primary coverts and tail..

**SIMILAR SPECIES**

This species is unmistakable due to its white supercilium joining at nape and pattern of primary coverts.

**SEXING**

Plumage of both sexes alike.

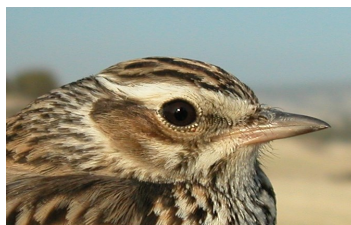
**AGEING**

2 age groups can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with distinct pale edges on wing coverts; fresh plumage.

**Adult** without prominent pale edges on wing coverts; worn plumage in **spring**.

After **postbreeding/postjuvenile** moults ageing is not possible using plumage pattern.



Woodlark. Ageing. Patern of head: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Woodlark. Ageing. Patern of upperparts: left adult; right juvenile.

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**MOULT**

Complete **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults, usually finished in October.

**PHENOLOGY**

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

- Summer visitor
- Resident
- Wintering
- On passage



Woodlark. Juvenile (30-VII).



Woodlark. Head pattern: top adult (26-I); bottom juvenile (30-VII)



Woodlark. Nape pattern: left adult (26-I); right juvenile (30-VII)



Woodlark. Breast pattern: top adult (26-I); bottom juvenile (30-VII)



Woodlark. Upperpart pattern: left adult (26-I); right juvenile (30-VII)



Woodlark. Tail pattern: left adult (26-I); right juvenile (30-VII)



Woodlark.  
Pattern of  
primary co-  
verts: top  
adult (06-XII);  
bottom juve-  
nile (30-VII).



Woodlark. Adult: pattern of wing (26-I)



Woodlark. Juvenile: pattern of wing (30-VII)