

09950 Red-rumped Swallow (*Cecropis daurica*)



Red-rumped Swallow. Adult . Male (01-VI).

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IDENTIFICATION

18-20 cm. Glossy dark blue upperparts; rusty brown neck and rump; streaked pale underparts; very long outermost tail feathers.



Red-rumped Swallow: pattern of head, tail and rump.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Barn Swallow**, which lacks pale rump and neck band and has chestnut on the head. **House Martin** lacks chestnut on the head and has white rump.



Barn Swallow



House Martin

SEXING

Sexes with very similar plumage, but length of the outermost tail feathers can be an useful feature for sexing most birds: **male** with the outermost tail feather longer than 100 mm and distance between tips of the longest and the shortest tail feathers longer than 55 mm. **Female** with the outermost tail feather shorter than 92 mm and distance between tips of the longest and the shortest tail feathers shorter than 50 mm. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed.



Red-rumped Swallow. Sexing. Length of the outermost tail feathers: left male; right female.

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AGEING

2 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile with dull head feathers; buff brown neck; very pale rump; tertials and greater coverts with white buff tips; short and rounded outermost tail feathers (shorter than 80 mm); fresh plumage.

Adult with metallic black-bluish upperparts; rusty brown neck and rump; tertials and greater coverts without white buff tips; long and pointed outermost tail feathers (longer than 80 mm); in **summer** with worn plumage.

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



Red-rumped Swallow. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Red-rumped Swallow. Ageing. Pattern of tips of tertials: left adult; right juvenile.



Red-rumped Swallow. Ageing. Pattern of wing coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Red-rumped Swallow. Ageing. Pattern of the outermost tail feathers: left adult; right juvenile

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults, which can begin in breeding areas and are completed in wintering quarters.

PHENOLOGY

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

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- Summer visitor ■ Resident
- Wintering ■ On passage



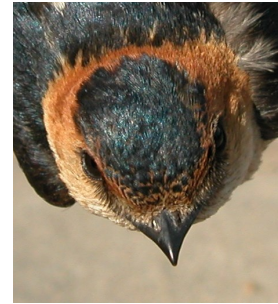
Red-rumped Swallow. Adult . female (01-VI).



Red-rumped Swallow. Juvenile (29-VII).



Red-rumped Swallow. Head pattern: top adult male (01-VI); middle adult female (01-VI); bottom juvenile (29-VII).



Red-rumped Swallow. Crown pattern: top left adult male (01-VI); top right adult female (01-VI); left juvenile (29-VII).



Red-rumped Swallow. Breast pattern: top adult male (01-VI); middle adult female (01-VI); bottom juvenile (29-VII).

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Red-rumped Swallow. Upperparts pattern: top left adult male (01-VI); top right adult female (01-VI); left juvenile (29-VII).



Red-rumped Swallow. Tail pattern: top left adult male (01-VI); top right adult female (01-VI); left juvenile (29-VII).



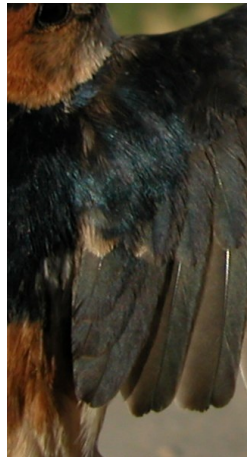
Red-rumped Swallow. Adult. Male: pattern of wing coverts (01-VI).



Red-rumped Swallow. Adult. Female: pattern of wing coverts (01-VI).



Red-rumped Swallow. Juvenile: pattern of wing coverts (29-VII).



Red-rumped Swallow. Pattern of tertials: top left adult male (01-VI); top right adult female (01-VI); left juvenile (29-VII).



Red-rumped Swallow. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (01-VI).



Red-rumped Swallow. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (01-VI).



Red-rumped Swallow. Juvenile: pattern of wing (29-VII).