

# 10940 Alpine Accentor (*Prunella collaris*)



Alpine Accentor. Adult (22-II).

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### IDENTIFICATION

16-18 cm. Grey upperparts with brown spots; greyish underparts with chestnut flanks; white throat with brown bars; wings with dark coverts tipped white; brown tail with white tips.



Alpine Accentor. Pattern of head, breast and upperparts.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Dunnock**, without barred throat and chestnut flanks.



Dunnock

### SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike. Size can be a useful characteristic in extreme birds: **male** with wing longer than 109 mm; **female** with wing shorter than 96 mm.

### AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with very fresh plumage; buff underparts with bad defined streaked; buff flanks with dark streaked; iris brown-greyish.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with moult limit between median and greater coverts or within greater coverts; unmoulted **juvenile** greater coverts with a distal brown-white mark broad and rounded; with a narrow edge between pale mark and brown-white tip; flight and tail feathers eroded.

**Adult** without moult limits on the wing; greater coverts with pure white marks on tips, contrasting with the black bases of feathers; unstreaked grey underparts; with chestnut flanks; flight and tail feathers fresh; iris brown-reddish.

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Alpine Accentor. Ageing. Pattern of head and colour of iris: top adult; bottom juvenile



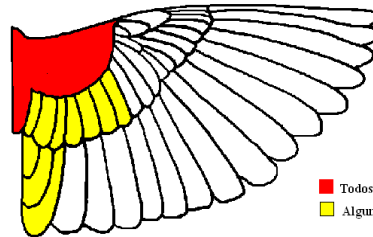
Alpine Accentor. Ageing. Pattern of breast: left adult; right juvenile



Alpine Accentor. Ageing. Pattern of greater coverts: top adult; bottom 2nd year

**MOULT**

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in November. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers and lesser and median wing coverts, but some birds may extend their moult to a variable number of inner greater coverts and tertials; usually finished in October.



Alpine Accentor. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

■ Todos los ejemplares  
■ Algunos ejemplares

**PHENOLOGY**

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

- Summer visitor
- Resident
- Wintering
- On passage



Alpine Accentor. 2nd year (06-II).

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Alpine Accentor. Juvenile (05-VII).



Alpine Accentor. Breast pattern: top left adult (22-II); top right 2nd year (06-II); left juvenile (05-VII).



Alpine Accentor. Head pattern and iris colour: top adult (22-II); middle 2nd year (06-II); bottom juvenile (05-VII).



Alpine Accentor. Pattern of upperparts: top left adult (22-II); top right 2nd year (06-II); left juvenile (05-VII).

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Alpine Accentor.  
Tail pattern: top left  
adult (22-II); top right  
2nd year (06-II); left  
juvenile (05-VII).



Alpine Accentor. Adult: pattern of flank (22-II)



Alpine Accentor. 2nd year: pattern of flank (06-II)



Alpine Accentor. Juvenile: pattern of flank (05-VII)



Alpine Accentor. Adult: pattern of greater coverts (22-II).



Alpine Accentor. 2nd year: pattern of greater coverts (06-II).

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Alpine Accentor. Juvenile: pattern of greater coverts (05-VII).



Alpine Accentor. Juvenile: pattern of primary coverts (05-VII).



Alpine Accentor. Adult: pattern of primary coverts(22-II).



Alpine Accentor. Adult: pattern of wing (22-II).



Alpine Accentor. 2nd year: pattern of primary coverts (06-II).



Alpine Accentor. 2nd year: pattern of wing (06-II).



Alpine Accentor. Juvenile: pattern of wing (05-VII).