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Fieldfare. Adult. Male (09-I).

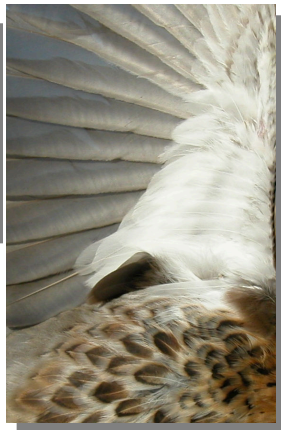
FIELDFARE (*Turdus pilaris*)

IDENTIFICATION

25-26 cm. Grey head; red-brown back; grey rump and dark tail; pale underparts; pale flanks spotted black; white underwing coverts; yellow bill with ochre tip.

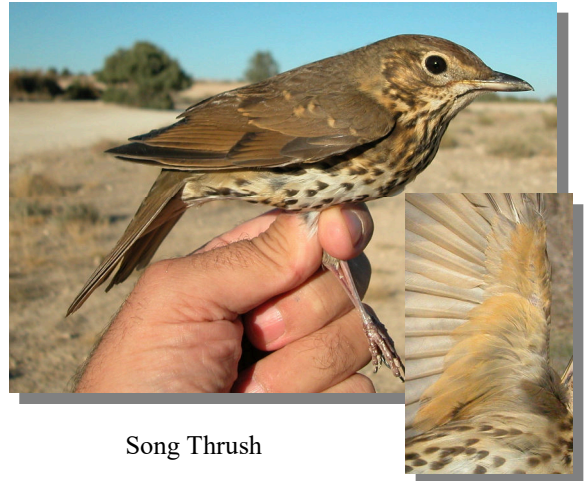


Fieldfare. Pattern of head, underwing coverts and flank.



SIMILAR SPECIES

Song Thrush has orange underwing coverts; **Redwing** has reddish underwing coverts; **Mistle Thrush** has white underwing coverts, but lacks pale supercilium and its rump isn't grey.



Song Thrush



Redwing



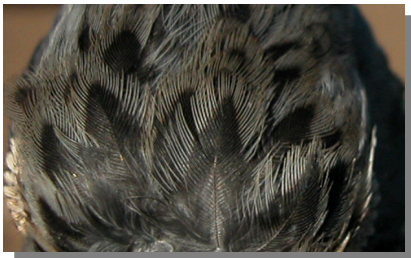
Mistle Thrush

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SEXING

Male with dark or black tail feathers; reddish feathers on back with blackish center; most have a broad mark on crown feathers. **Female** with dark brown tail feathers but not black; dull reddish feathers on back with dark centre (but not blackish); most have a thin mark on crown feathers. **CAUTION:** some birds of both sexes have similar pattern on crown feathers.



Fieldfare. Sexing. Pattern of crown feathers: top male; bottom female.



Fieldfare. Sexing. Pattern of tail: left male; right female.

AGEING

Since this species doesn't breed in Aragon, only 2 age groups can be recognized:

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit within moulted chestnut inner greater coverts and retained **juvenile** outer greater coverts, shorter and duller with traces of white tips; pointed tail feathers. **CAUTION:** pattern of white tip of **juvenile** greater coverts is very variable. **Adult** without moult limits on wing coverts; rounded tail feathers.



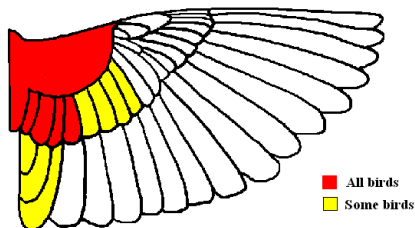
Fieldfare. Sexing. Pattern of upperparts: left male; right female.



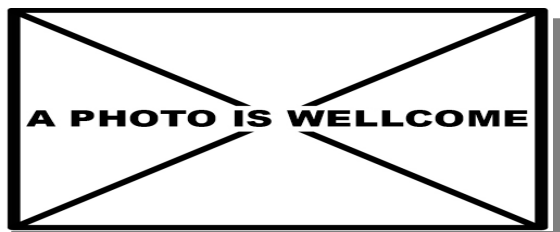
Fieldfare. Ageing. Pattern of tips of tail feathers: left adult; right 1st year.

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Extent of
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moult.

**PHENOLOGY**

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STATUS IN ARAGON

Wintering species, widely distributed throughout the Region, mainly in places with open trees.

Fieldfare. Male. Ageing. Moult limit on wing coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.



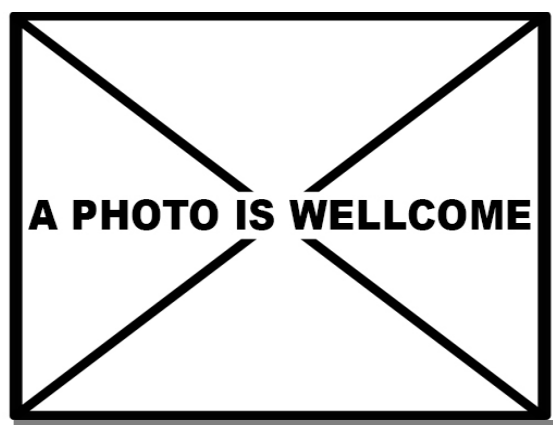
Fieldfare. Adult. Female (05-XII).



Fieldfare. Female. Ageing. Moult limit on wing coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, finished in September. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, lesser and median wing coverts and a variable number of inner greater coverts; rarely some birds change tertials and exceptionally some tail feathers; usually finished between July and October.



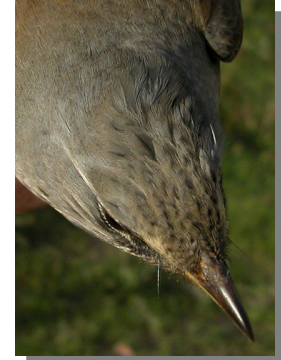
Fieldfare. 1st year. Male ().

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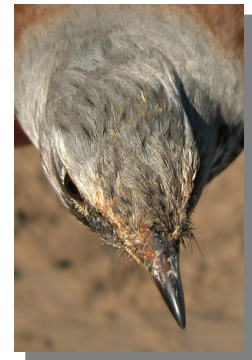
Fieldfare. 2nd year. female (09-I).



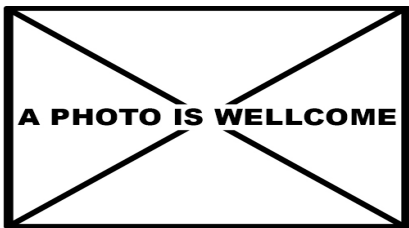
Fieldfare. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (); right female (05-XII).



Fieldfare. Adult. Head pattern: top male (09-I); bottom female (05-XII).



Fieldfare. 2nd year. Crown pattern: left male (); right female (09-I).



Fieldfare. 2nd year. Head pattern: top male (); bottom female (09-I).



Fieldfare. Adult. Pattern of crown feathers: top male (09-I); bottom female (05-XII).



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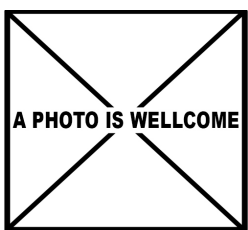
Fieldfare.
2nd year.
Pattern of
crown feathers:
top male ();
bottom female
(09-I).



Fieldfare. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (09-I);
right female (05-XII).



Fieldfare. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (09-I);
right female (05-XII).



Fieldfare. 2nd year. Breast pattern: left male ();
right female (09-I).



Fieldfare. 2nd year. Upperpart pattern: left male ();
right female (09-I).

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Fieldfare. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (09-I); right female (05-XII).



Fieldfare. 2nd year. Tail pattern: left male (); right female (09-I).



Fieldfare. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (05-XII).



Fieldfare. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing ().



Fieldfare. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (09-I).



Fieldfare. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (09-I).