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Song Thrush. Adult (12-X).

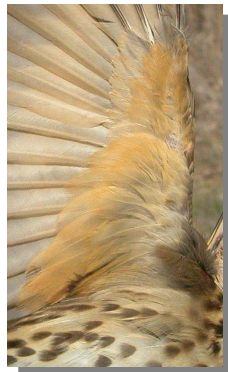
SONG THRUSH (*Turdus philomelos*)

IDENTIFICATION

20-22 cm. Brownish upperparts; rusty breast strongly streaked brown; white belly; rusty-buff underwing coverts.



Song Thrush. Pattern of breast and underwing coverts.



Fieldfare



Redwing

SIMILAR SPECIES

Mistle Thrush and **Fieldfare** are bigger and have white underwing coverts. **Redwing** has a white supercilium and reddish underwing coverts. **Female Blackbird** has dark underparts.



Mistle Thrush



Blackbird. Female.

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SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

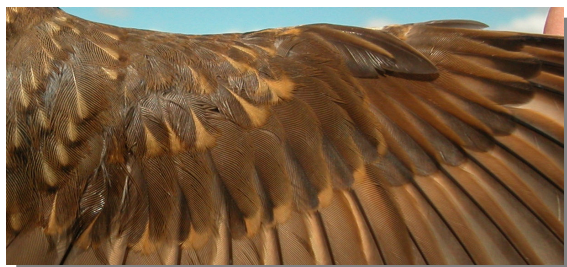
Juvenile more yellowish than **adults**; mantle and lesser and median wing coverts streaked pale along shaft; with fresh plumage.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit between inner moulted greater covers (with rounded pale marks on tips) and **juvenile** retained (usually with triangular marks on tips); **juvenile** tail feathers with very pointed tips

Adult without moult limit on wing coverts; mantle and lesser wing coverts unstreaked; tips of all greater coverts with rounded pale marks; tail feathers with slightly pointed tips.



Song Thrush. Ageing. Pattern of upperparts: left adult; right juvenile.



Song Thrush. Ageing. Pattern of wing coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.



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



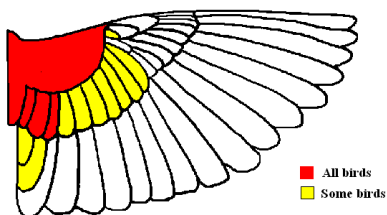
Song Thrush. Ageing. Mould limit on wing coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in early October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, lesser and median wing coverts and inner greater coverts; some birds extend their moult to all greater coverts and some tertials; usually finished in October.

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Song Thrush.
Extent of
postjuvenile
moult.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident, breeding in forests from Sistema Iberico and the Pyrenees. Widely distributed throughout the Region with contribution of wintering European birds.



Song Thrush. 2nd year (30-X).



Song Thrush. Juvenile (15-VI).



Song Thrush.
Head pattern: top adult (12-X); middle 2nd year (30-X); bottom juvenile (15-VI).



Song Thrush. Breast pattern: top left adult (12-X); top right 2nd year (30-X); left juvenile (15-VI).

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Song Thrush.
1st year: pattern
of tail (30-X).



Song Thrush. Upper-
parts pattern: top left
adult (12-X); top
right 2nd year (30-
X); left juvenile (15-
VI).



Song Thrush.
Juvenile: pattern
of tail (15-VI).



Song Thrush.
Adult: pattern of
tail (12-X).



Song Thrush. Adult: pattern of wing coverts (12-X).



Song Thrush. 1st year: pattern of wing coverts (30-X).

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Song Thrush. Juvenile: pattern of wing coverts (15-VI).



Song Thrush. Adult: pattern of wing (12-X).



Song Thrush. 1st year: pattern of wing (30-X).



Song Thrush. Juvenile: pattern of wing (15-VI).