

12069 Identification Turdus

IDENTIFICATION KEY: ADULTS OF GENUS *Turdus*.

1 - Plumage entirely uniform black; yellow eye ring; male Blackbird (*Turdus merula*)

- Plumage not uniformly black 2

2 - Plumage grey or dark brown..... 3

- Plumage with pale underparts mottled dark .. 4

3 - With a pale patch on breast; feathers edged white: Ring Ouzel (*Turdus torquatus*)

- Without a pale patch on breast; brownish plumage with little apparent mottling: female Blackbird (*Turdus merula*).

4 - White underwing coverts 5

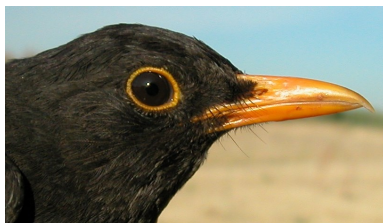
- Orange or reddish underwing coverts 6

5 - Outer tail feathers with white tips; brown upperparts: Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*)

- Outer tail feathers without white tips; buff back and grey rump: Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*)

6 - With reddish underwing coverts and flanks; well marked supercilium: Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*)

- With orange underwing coverts; flanks not reddish; poorly marked supercilium: Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelos*)



Blackbird. Male: plumage entirely uniform black; yellow eye ring.



Ring Ouzel: with a pale patch on breast; feathers edged white.



Blackbird. Female: without a pale patch on breast; brownish plumage with little apparent mottling.



Mistle Thrush: white underwing coverts; outer tail feathers with white tips; brown upperparts.

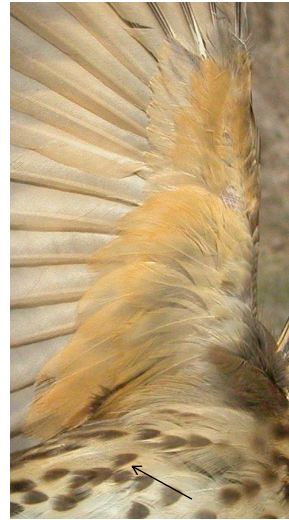
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Fieldfare: white underwing coverts; outer tail feathers without white tips; buff back and grey rump.



Redwing: with reddish underwing coverts and flanks; well marked supercilium.



Common Thrush: with orange underwing coverts; flanks not reddish; poorly marked supercilium.