

349 Cetti's Warbler

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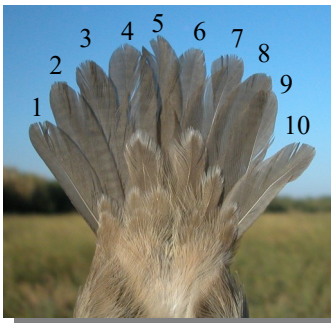


Cetti's Warbler. Spring. Adult (17-V).

CETTI'S WARBLER (*Cettia cetti*)

IDENTIFICATION

13-14 cm. Rufous olive upperparts; whitish underparts; whitish line over the eye; rounded tail with only 10 feathers.



Cetti's Warbler. Pattern of head, undertail coverts and number of tail coverts.

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike. Size allows sexing most of the birds: in **Aragon**, **male** with wing longer than 59 mm; **female** with wing shorter than 55 mm (**CAUTION**: size of the species varies depending on its geographical location).

AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile resembles **adult**, with fresh plumage; tongue with two dark spots, some birds until December; tail feathers narrow; iris dark grey.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit within moulted greater coverts, with broader edges, and the **juvenile** retained, with narrow and dull brown edges; primary coverts are always unmoulted; unmoulted **juvenile** tail feathers narrow; some birds maintain **juvenile** undertail coverts, with different colour and pattern from the moulted ones. **CAUTION**: if all greater coverts have been moulted, then moult limit is within tertials or between tertials and flight feathers.

Adult with wing without moult limits; tail feathers wide; iris reddish.



Cetti's Warbler. Ageing. Colour of iris: top adult; bottom juvenile



SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Reed Warbler** or a **Savi's Warbler** but has only 10 tail feathers and not 12.



Reed Warbler



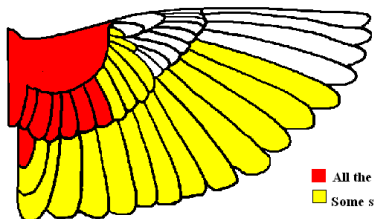
Savi's Warbler



Cetti's Warbler. Ageing. Width of tail feathers: left adult; right juvenile

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■ All the specimens
 ■ Some specimens

Cetti's Warbler. Extent of postjuvenile moult.



Cetti's Warbler. Spring. Juvenile (24-VI).

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in September. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, lesser and median coverts, most of the inner greater coverts and some tertial; some specimens may moult all greater coverts and a variable number of flight feathers, but primary coverts are always retained; usually finished in September. Both age groups may have a **prebreeding** moult changing body feathers, wing coverts and some tertial.



Cetti's Warbler. Spring. Head pattern and iris colour: top adult (17-V); middle 2nd year (14-V); bottom juvenile (24-VI)

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident. Widely distributed throughout Region in places with dense waterside vegetation.



Cetti's Warbler. Spring. 2nd year (14-V).



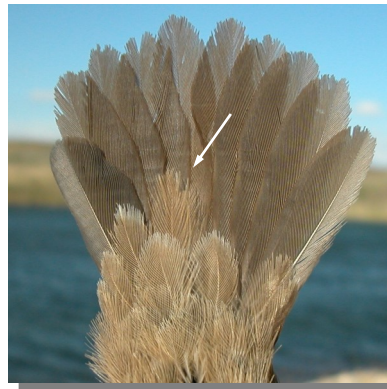
Cetti's Warbler. Spring. Breast pattern: top left adult (17-V); top right 2nd year (14-V); left juvenile (24-VI)

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Cetti's Warbler. Spring. Upperpart pattern: top left adult (17-V); top right 2nd year (14-V); left juvenile (24-VI)



Cetti's Warbler. Spring. Pattern of undertail coverts: top adult (17-V); middle 2nd year (14-V); bottom juvenile (24-VI)



Cetti's Warbler. Spring. Tail pattern: top left adult (17-V); top right 2nd year (14-V); left juvenile (24-VI)



Cetti's Warbler. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing (17-V).

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Cetti's Warbler. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing (14-V).



Cetti's Warbler. Autumn. 1st year (16-X).



Cetti's Warbler. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of wing (24-VI).



Cetti's Warbler. Autumn. Head pattern and iris colour: top adult (20-XII); bottom 1st year (16-X).



Cetti's Warbler. Autumn. Adult (20-XII).



Cetti's Warbler. Autumn. Breast pattern: left adult (20-XII); right 1st year (16-X).

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Cetti's Warbler. Autumn. Upperpart pattern: left adult (20-XII); right 1st year (16-X).



Cetti's Warbler. Autumn. Tail pattern: left adult (20-XII); right 1st year (16-X).



Cetti's Warbler. Autumn. Pattern of undertail coverts: top adult (20-XII); bottom 1st year (16-X).



Cetti's Warbler. Autumn. Adult: pattern of wing(20-XII).



Cetti's Warbler. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing (25-VII).