

# 12200 Cetti's Warbler (*Cettia cetti*)

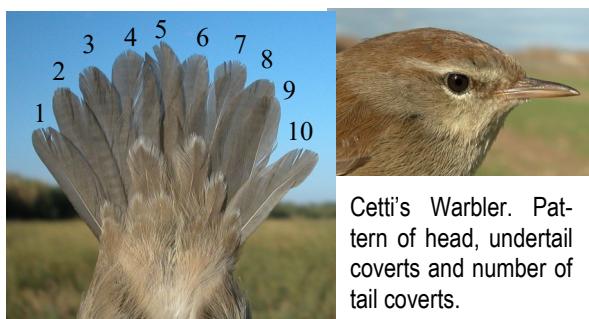


Cetti's Warbler. Spring. Adult (17-V).

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### 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.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

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



Savi's Warbler

### 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

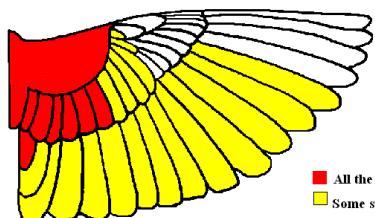
3 age groups can be recognized:

**Juvenile** resembles **adult**, with fresh plumage; tongue with two dark spots, some birds until December (**CAUTION**: poorly marking on some specimens); tail feathers narrow; iris dark grey.

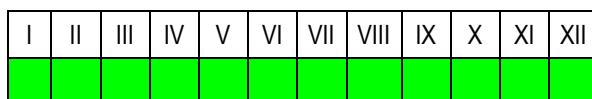
**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with moult limit within moulted greater coverts, with broader edges, and the **juvenile** retained, with narrow and dull brown edges; primary coverts are always unmoulted; unmoulted **juvenile** tail feathers narrow; some birds maintain **juvenile** undertail coverts, 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 juve-nileCetti's Warbler. Ageing. Width of tail feathers: left adult;  
right juvenile

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Extent of  
postjuvenile moult.**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.

**PHENOLOGY**

■ Summer visitor ■ Resident  
■ Wintering ■ On passage



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

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



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



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

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Cetti's Warbler.  
Spring. Upperpart  
pattern: top left adult  
(17-V); top right 2nd  
year (14-V); left juve-  
nile (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. Adult: pattern of wing(20-XII).



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

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