

351 Common Grasshopper Warbler

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Grasshopper Warbler. Spring. Adult (08-V) (Photo: Ondrej Kauzal).

COMMON GRASSHOPPER WARBLER (*Locustella naevia*)

IDENTIFICATION

12-13 cm. Brown olive upperparts, streaked dark; wings dark brown; rounded tail with diffuse barred; pale underparts; pinkish legs.



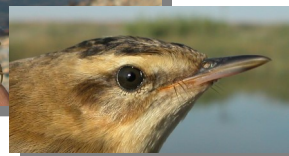
Grasshopper Warbler. Pattern of head and upperparts..

SIMILAR SPECIES

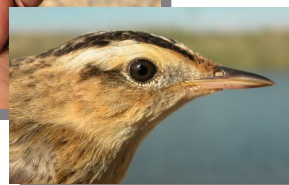
Sedge Warbler and **Aquatic Warbler** have a similar spotted, but they both have a white supercilium.



Sedge Warbler



Aquatic Warbler



SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

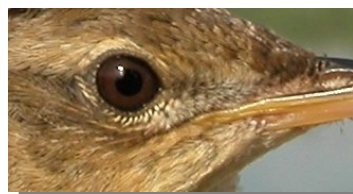
3 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with fresh plumage; iris dark grey.

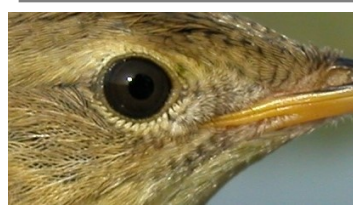
2nd year spring in birds with **juvenile** flight feathers and/or primary coverts retained **CAUTION:** these retained feathers are often only slightly bleached and difficult to find.

Adult in **autumn** with worn tail and flight feathers (**CAUTION:** if moult has been started, then with some fresh feathers); iris reddish.

CAUTION: in **spring**, birds with complete **prebreeding** moult are **adults** but cannot be aged safely since an unknown proportion of **2nd year** birds are also included.



Grasshopper Warbler. Ageing. Colour of iris: top adult; bottom juvenile.



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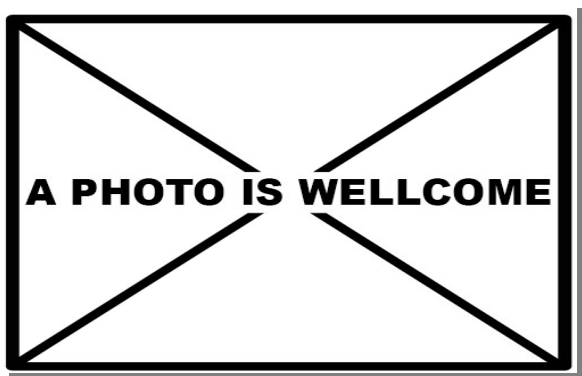
Partial **postbreeding** moult of variable extension, involving from only a few body feathers to part of the flight and tail feathers. Apparently no **postjuvenile** moult. Both age classes have a **prebreeding** moult in their wintering sites, which is complete in **adults** and in a small proportion of **2nd year** birds and incomplete in a high percentage of **2nd year** birds which may retain a variable number of primaries, secondaries and/or primary coverts.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

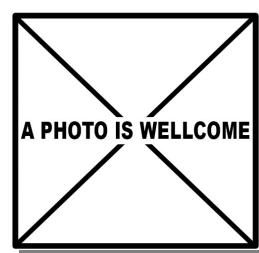
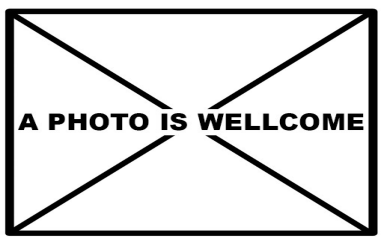
On passage, related with marshlands.



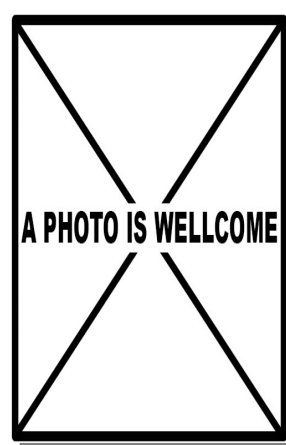
Grasshopper Warbler. Spring. 2nd year ().



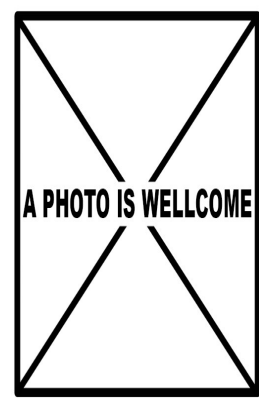
Grasshopper Warbler.
Spring. Head pattern: top adult (08-V) (Photo: Ondrej Kauzal); bottom 2nd year ().



Grasshopper Warbler. Spring. Breast pattern: left adult (08-V) (Photo: Ondrej Kauzal); right 2nd year ().



Grasshopper Warbler. Spring. Upperparts pattern: left adult (); right 2nd year ().



Grasshopper Warbler. Spring. Tail pattern: left adult (08-V) (Photo: Ondrej Kauzal); right 2nd year ().

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Grasshopper Warbler. Spring. Adult/2nd year: wing pattern (08-V) (Foto: Ondrej Kauzal).



Grasshopper Warbler. Spring. 2nd year: wing pattern (07-V) (Photo: Ottenby Bird Observatory)



Grasshopper Warbler. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted (22-VIII)



Grasshopper Warbler. Autumn. Adult with large moult (10-IX).



Grasshopper Warbler. Autumn. Juvenile (24-VIII)



Grasshopper Warbler. Autumn. Head pattern and iris colour: top adult poorly moulted (22-VIII); middle adult with large moult (10-IX); bottom juvenile (24-VIII).

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Grasshopper Warbler. Autumn. Breast pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (22-VIII); top right adult with large moult (10-IX); left juvenile (24-VIII).



Grasshopper Warbler. Autumn. Tail pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (22-VIII); top right adult with large moult (10-IX); left juvenile (24-VIII).



Grasshopper Warbler. Autumn. Upperpart pattern: top left adult poorly moulted (22-VIII); top right adult with large moult (10-IX); left juvenile (24-VIII).



Grasshopper Warbler. Autumn. Adult poorly moulted: pattern of wing (22-VIII).



Grasshopper Warbler. Autumn. Adult with large moult: pattern of wing (10-IX).

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Grasshopper Warbler. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of wing (24-VIII)