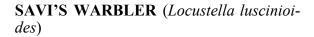


Savi's Warbler. Autumn. Adult no moulted (07-VII)



## **IDENTIFICATION**

13-14 cm. Brown plumage, with paler underparts; broad tail; brown olive legs; without bristles near the base of bill.



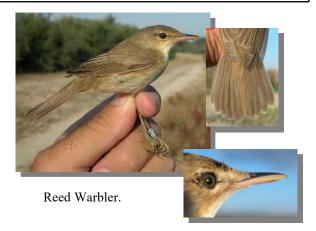


Savi's Warbler. Tail pattern and without bristles near the base of bill.

### **SIMILAR SPECIES**

Recalls a **Reed Warbler**, with bristles near the base of bill and tail with feathers of the same length. **Cetti's Warbler** has only ten tail feathers.





#### **SEXING**

Plumage of both sexes alike.

### **AGEING**

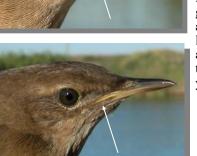
Since this species doesn't breed in Aragon, only 2 types of age can be recognized:

**1st year** usually with fresh flight feathers and similar age (CAUTION: some birds may have moult limits on flight feathers but then the old feathers are only slightly worn); usually with two dark spots on tongue (CAUTION: black spots are missing in some birds); iris grey brown; gape flange yellowish and well marked. **Adult** with wing feathers without moult limits and worn, or with two ages with the old feathers quite worn (CAUTION: birds with complete moult in breeding areas have fresh all flight feathers); without black spots on tongue; iris brown reddish; gape flange pink and indistinct.

After **prebreeding** moult a confidently ageing is not possible using plumage characteristics.



Savi's Warbler.
Ageing.
Pattern of gape flange and iris colour: top adult; bottom 1st year.





Savi's Warbler. Autumn. Adult with completed moult (05-IX).

#### **MOULT**

Complete **postbreeding** moult, which can be completed in breeding areas, suspended before migration and finished in wintering quarters or started after migration. **Postjuvenile** moult either non-existent or variably extensive and then may involve some outer primaries, tertials and greater coverts. Both age clases have in winter a very variable **prebreeding** moult which can be partial leaving some primaries and primary coverts unmoulted, complete or suspended to be finished during spring migration.

# **PHENOLOGY**

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

### STATUS IN ARAGON

On passage, related with marshlands.



Savi's Warbler. Autumn. Adult with suspended moult (18-IX)



Savi's Warbler. Autumn. 1st year no moulted (06-IX).



Savi's Warbler. Autumn. 1st year with suspended moult (24-VIII).







Savi's Warbler. Autumn. Pattern of head, gape flange and iris colour: top adult (05-IX);middle adult (18-IX); bottom 1st year (06-IX).







Savi's Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Upperparts pattern: top left no moulted (07-VII); top right with suspended moult (06-IX); left with completed moult (05-IX).







Savi's Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Breast pattern: top left no moulted (07-VII); top right with suspended moult (06-IX); left with completed moult (05-IX).





Savi's Warbler. Autumn. 1sty year. Breast pattern: left no moulted (06-IX); right with suspended moult (24-VIII).





Savi's Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Upperpart pattern: left no moulted (06-IX); right with suspended moult (24-VIII).







Savi's Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Tail pattern: top left no moulted (07-VII); top right with suspended moult (06-IX); left with completed moult (05-IX).





Savi's Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Tail pattern: left no moulted (06-IX); right with suspended moult (24-VIII).



Savi's Warbler. Autumn. Adult no moulted: pattern of wing (07-VII)



Savi's Warbler. Autumn. Adult with suspended moult: pattern of wing (18-IX)



Savi's Warbler. Autumn. Adult with completed moult: pattern of wing (05-IX)



Savi's Warbler. Autumn. 1st year no moulted: pattern of wing (06-IX).



Savi's Warbler. Autumn. 1st year with suspended moult: pattern of wing (24-VIII).