

# 354 Moustached Warbler

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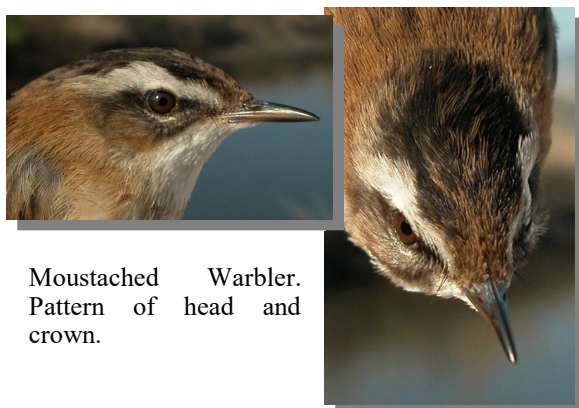


Moustached Warbler. Spring (10-III).

## MOUSTACHED WARBLER (*Acrocephalus melanopogon*)

### IDENTIFICATION

11-13 cm. Brown reddish upperparts, streaked black; unstreaked nape and rump; distinct white supercilium; dark crown; white underparts, with buff throat; brown tail with reddish edges.



Moustached Warbler.  
Pattern of head and crown.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Reed Warbler**, without pale supercilium. Similar to **Aquatic Warbler** with a pale band along crown. **Sedge Warbler** has dark streaked crown, narrower pale supercilium and buff throat.



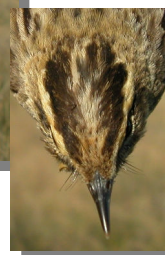
Reed Warbler



Sedge Warbler



Aquatic Warbler



### SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

### AGEING

2 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with fresh feathers (check flight feathers and tail); iris brown-olive; yellow inside of upper mandible; 10th primary with broad tip; with two black tongue spots.

**Adult in autumn** with worn plumage; iris brown-reddish; orange inside of upper mandible; 10th primary with narrow tip; without tongue spots.

After **postbreeding/postjuvenile** moults, ageing is not possible using plumage pattern.



Moustached Warbler.  
Summer.  
Ageing.  
Wear of tertials: left adult; right juvenile.

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

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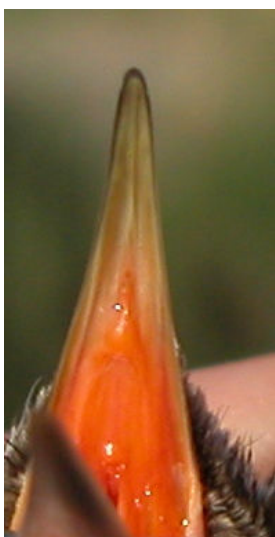
Complete **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults, usually finished in October.

**PHENOLOGY**

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

**STATUS IN ARAGON**

Resident. Breeding only in Laguna de Sariñena.



Moustached Warbler. Summer. Ageing. Colour inside of upper mandible: left adult; right juvenile.



Moustached Warbler. Summer. Adult (02-VII).



Moustached Warbler. Summer. Juvenile (02-VI).



Moustached Warbler.  
Summer.  
Ageing. Pattern of tip of the 10th primary: top adult; bottom juvenile.

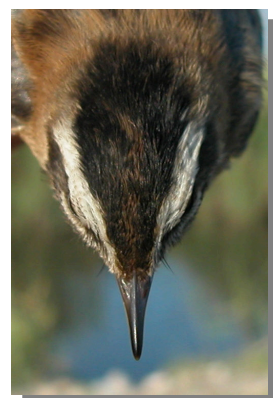
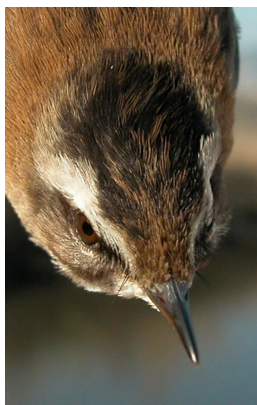


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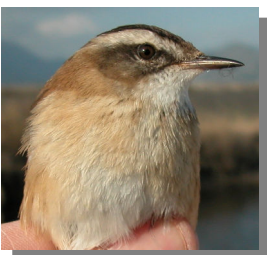
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Moustached Warbler. Head pattern and iris colour: top in spring (10-III); middle adult in summer (02-VI); bottom juvenile (02-VI).



Moustached Warbler. Crown pattern: top left in spring (10-III); top right adult in summer (02-VI); left juvenile (02-VI).



Moustached Warbler. Breast pattern: top left in spring (10-III); top right adult in summer (02-VI); left juvenile (02-VI).



Moustached Warbler. Upperpart pattern: top left in spring (10-III); top right adult in summer (02-VI); left juvenile (02-VI).



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Moustached Warbler. Tail pattern: top left in spring (10-III); top right adult in summer (02-VI); left juvenile (02-VI).



Moustached Warbler. Spring: wear of primaries and pattern of 10th primary (10-III).



Moustached Warbler. Summer. Adult: wear of primaries and pattern of 10th primary (02-VI).



Moustached Warbler. Summer. Juvenile: wear of primaries and pattern of 10th primary (02-VI).



Moustached Warbler. Spring: pattern of wing (10-III).

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Moustached Warbler. Summer. Adult: pattern of wing (02-VI).



Moustached Warbler. Summer. Juvenile: pattern of wing (02-VI).