

OLIVACEOUS WARBLER (*Iduna pallida*)

IDENTIFICATION

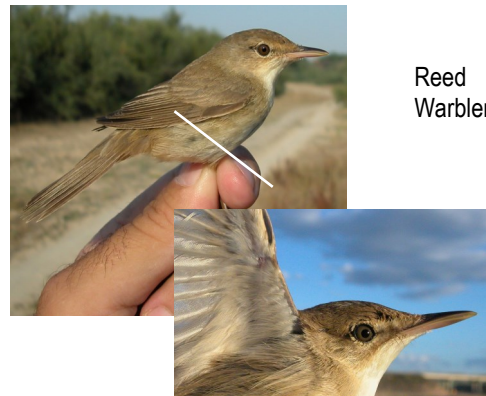
12-13 cm. Grey brownish upperparts; whitish underparts; whitish supercilium; brown bill and grey bluish legs; brownish flanks; tail with paler outer feathers and white tips; with bristles near the base of bill.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Similar to **Reed Warbler**, which is brown and has rufous underwing coverts. **Melodious Warbler** has outermost tail feathers without a white patch. **Willow Warbler** is yellow, but is smaller, with more distinct supercilium and narrow bill.



Melodious Warbler



Reed Warbler



Willow Warbler

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

2 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile with fresh feathers; tongue with two black spots.

Adult with worn plumage; tongue without black spots.

In **spring**, after **postbreeding/postjuvenile** moults, ageing is not possible using plumage characters.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults taking place in wintering quarters

PHENOLOGY

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

■ Summer visitor ■ Resident
■ Wintering ■ On passage