

**12760** Garden Warbler (*Sylvia borin*)



Garden Warbler. Spring (18-V).

**GARDEN WARBLER** (*Sylvia borin*)

**IDENTIFICATION**

13-14 cm. Species with no obvious features, with plumage olive-brown on upperparts and paler on underparts.



Garden Warbler. Pattern of head and upperparts.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**

Recalls a **Reed Warbler** which has bill with orange base and yellowish legs.



Reed Warbler

**SEXING**

Plumage of both sexes alike.

**AGEING**

2 age groups can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with fresh plumage; pointed tail feathers; iris dark grey.

**Adult** in **autumn** with worn plumage, mainly primaries, unmoulted greater coverts and tertials; rounded tail feathers; iris reddish.

In **spring**, after **prebreeding** moult, ageing is not possible using plumage pattern.

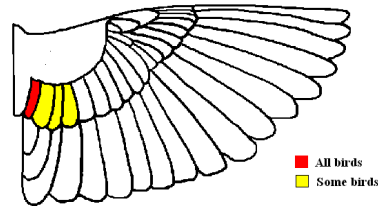


Garden Warbler. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of tips of tail feathers: left adult; right juvenile.

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



Garden Warbler. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

■ All birds  
■ Some birds

**PHENOLOGY**

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

■ Summer visitor    ■ Resident  
■ Wintering            ■ On passage



Garden Warbler. Autumn. Ageing. Wear of greater coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.

**MOULT**

Partial **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults, from June to September, including body feathers and a few wing coverts; a few **adults** start moult of some flight and tail feathers in breeding areas and generally arrest before autumn migration. Both age classes have a complete **prebreeding** moult in their wintering quarters.



Garden Warbler. Autumn. Adult (31-VIII)



Garden Warbler. Autumn. Juvenile (13-VIII).

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Garden Warbler. Head pattern and iris colour: top left in spring (02-V); top right adult in autumn (31-VIII); left juvenile (13-VIII).



Garden Warbler. Breast pattern: top left in spring (02-V); top right adult in autumn (31-VIII); left juvenile (13-VIII).



Garden Warbler. Tail pattern: top left in spring (02-V); top right adult in autumn (31-VIII); left juvenile (13-VIII).



Garden Warbler. Pattern and wear of upperparts: top left in spring (18-V); top right adult in autumn (31-VIII); left juvenile (13-VIII).



Garden Warbler. Autumn. Legs pattern: left adult (22-V); right juvenile (22-VII).



Garden Warbler. Spring: pattern of wing (02-V).



Garden Warbler. Autumn. Adult: pattern of wing (31-VIII).



Garden Warbler. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of wing (13-VIII).