

Dartford Warbler. Spring. Adult. Male (05-IV).

DARTFORD WARBLER (Curruca undata)

IDENTIFICATION

13-14 cm; wing between 48-56 mm. Grey upperparts; reddish underparts; long tail with outer feathers with white edges; dark brown wings; legs brown-yellowish; red eye-ring; reddish throat with white spots. **Juveniles** with brown upperparts and brown-reddish underparts.



Dartford Warbler. Pattern of head and upperparts



SIMILAR SPECIES

This **Warbler** is unmitakable by dark plumage, reddish throat with white spots and long tail.

SEXING

Male with head and upperparts dark slate grey; underparts deep brown-pinkish; chin and throat vinous-red with well defined white dots. Female with head and upperparts grey-brown; underparts buff-pinkish; chin and throat dull red with small and indistinct white dots (CAUTION: differences very slight and sometime difficult to judge without direct comparison). Juveniles cannot be sexed using plumage pattern.



Dartford Warbler. Sexing. Pattern of head: top male; bottom female.







Dartford Warbler. Sexing. Pattern of upperparts: left male; right female.





Dartford Warbler. Sexing. Pattern of breast: left male; right female.





Dartford Warbler. Ageing. Pattern of breast: left adult female; right juvenile.

AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with fresh plumage; dull colours, without reddish tinge on underparts or throat; iris olive-brown.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit on wing between darker moulted feathers and brwonish **juvenile** retained; the never moulted **juvenile** primary coverts brownish with buff -brown edges.

Adult with wing with one age of feathers; primary coverts grey with grey-brown edges; iris reddish.

CAUTION: in **spring**, after **prebreeding** moult, both age clases may have moult limits on wing or tail.





Dartford Warbler. Ageing. Moult limit on wing coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.

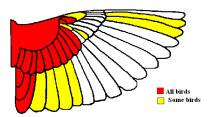




Dartford Warbler. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult female; bottom juvenile.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in September. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, lesser and median coverts, most or all greater coverts, alula, tertials and some tail feathers; some birds can moult some inner secondaries, outer primaries and all tail feathers; usually finished in October. Both age classes have, but no always, a **prebreeding** moult involving body feathers, some tertials and tail feathers.



Dartford Warbler. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident. Widely distributed thoughout the Region, absent from the highest areas of the Pyrenees, irrigated zones and the most deforested Ebro Basin.



Dartford Warbler. Spring. Adult. Female (21-III).



Dartford Warbler. Spring. 2nd year. Male (13-IV).



Dartford Warbler. Spring. 2nd year. Female (10-IV).



Dartford Warbler. Spring. Juvenile (28-V).





Dartford Warbler. Spring. Adult. Head pattern: top male (05-IV); bottom female (21-III).





Dartford Warbler. Spring. Head pattern: top 2nd year male (13-IV); middle 2nd year female (10-IV); bottom juvenile (28-V).





Dartford Warbler. Spring. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (05-IV); right female (21-III).







Dartford Warbler. Spring. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (05-IV); right female (21-III).











Dartford Warbler. Spring. Breast pattern: top left 2nd year male (13-IV); top right 2nd year female (10-IV); left juvenile (28-V).



Dartford Warbler. Spring. Tail pattern: top left 2nd year male (13-IV); top right 2nd year female (10-IV); left juvenile (28-V).







Dartford Warbler. Spring. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (05-IV); right female (21-III).



Dartford Warbler. Spring. Upperpart pattern: top left 2nd year male (13-IV); top right 2nd year female (10-IV); left juvenile (28-V).



Dartford Warbler. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (05-IV).



Dartford Warbler. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (21-III).



Dartford Warbler. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (13-IV).



Dartford Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Male (06-X).



Dartford Warbler. Spring. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (10-IV).



Dartford Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Female (06-X).



Dartford Warbler. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of wing (28-V).



Dartford Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Male (06-X).



Dartford Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Female (06-X).



Dartford Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Head pattern: top male (06-X); bottom female (06-X).



Dartford Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Head pattern: top male (06-X); bottom female (06-X).





Dartford Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (06-X); right female (06-X).





Dartford Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Breast pattern: left male (06-X); right female (06-X).





Dartford Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (06-X); right female (06-X).





Dartford Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Upperpart pattern: left male (06-X); right female (06-X).





Dartford Warbler. Autumn. Adult/1st year. Tail pattern: left male (06-X); right female (06-X).





Dartford Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Tail pattern: left male (06-X); right female (06-X).



Dartford Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (06-X).



Dartford Warbler. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (06-X).



Dartford Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing (06-X).



Dartford Warbler. Autumn. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (06-X).