

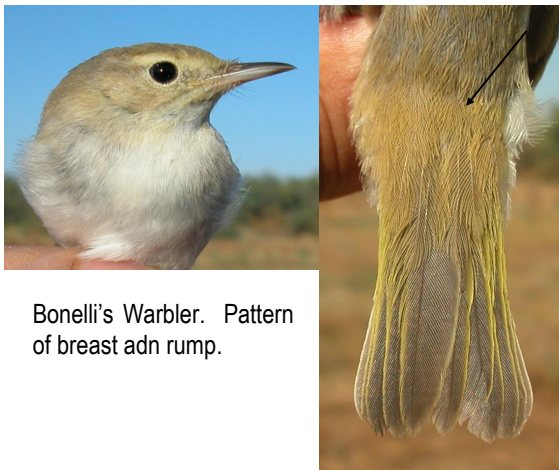


Bonelli's Warbler. Spring (13-IV).

WESTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER
(*Phylloscopus bonelli*)

IDENTIFICATION

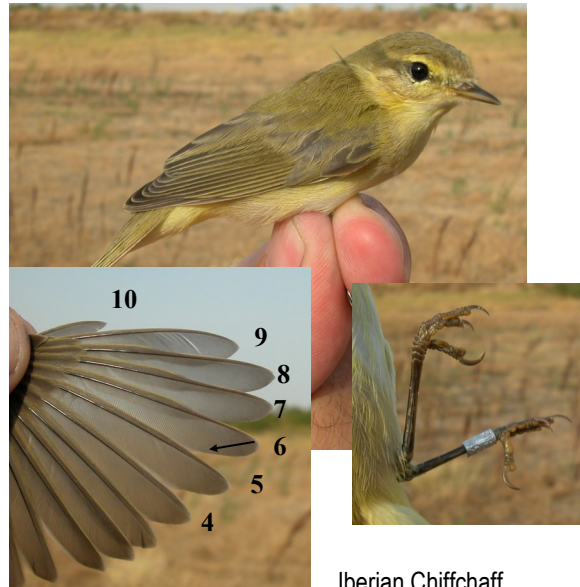
10-11 cm. Brown grey upperparts, with greenish tinge; white underparts; rump, edges of wing coverts and flight feathers yellow-greenish; white supercilium; pale legs.



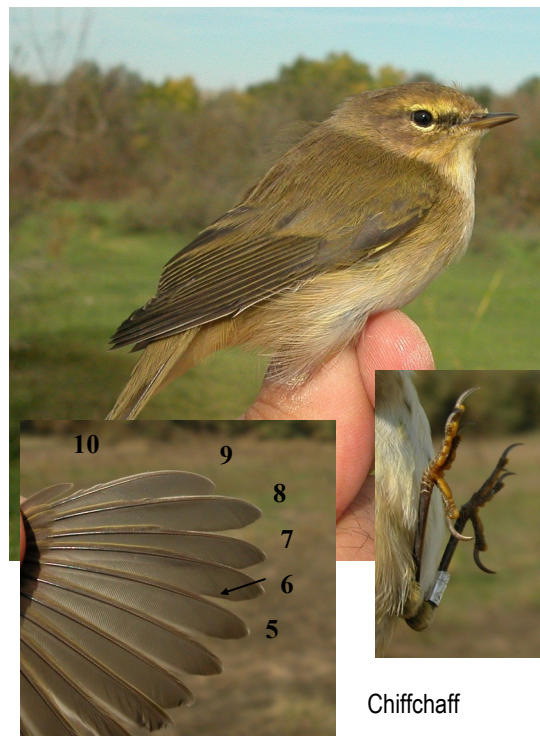
Bonelli's Warbler. Pattern of breast and rump.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Iberian Chiffchaff and **Chiffchaff** have dark legs and emargination to 5th primary. **Willow Warbler** has yellow underparts and without limit between rump and mantle. **Wood Warbler** has 10th primary shorter than primary coverts and with contrast between the yellow head and upper breast and pure white underparts. **Melodious Warbler** is bigger, with uniform yellow underparts and broad bill on base.



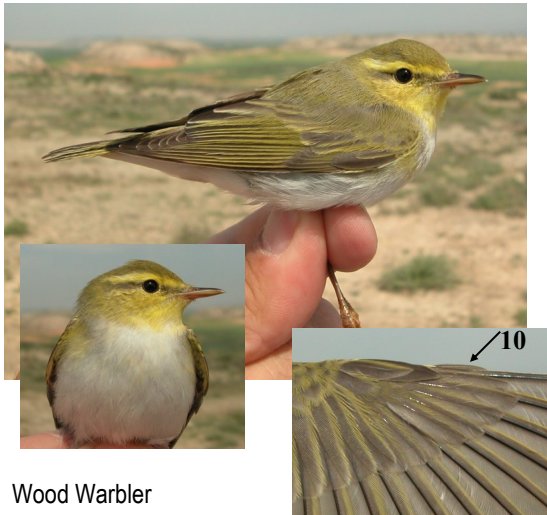
Iberian Chiffchaff



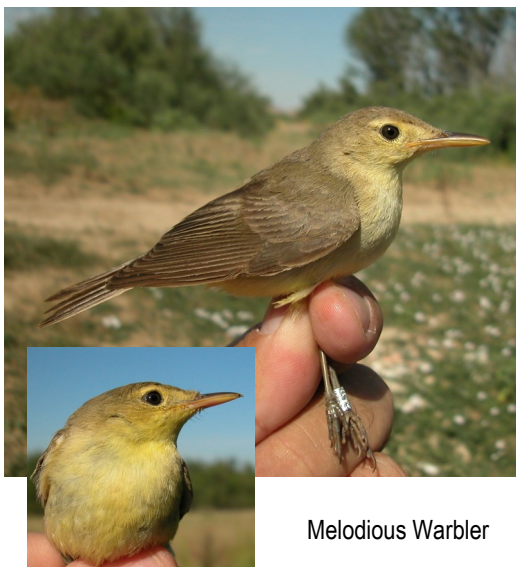
Chiffchaff



Willow Warbler



Wood Warbler



Melodious Warbler

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

2 age groups can be recognized:

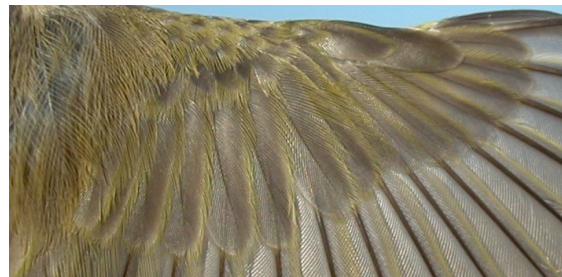
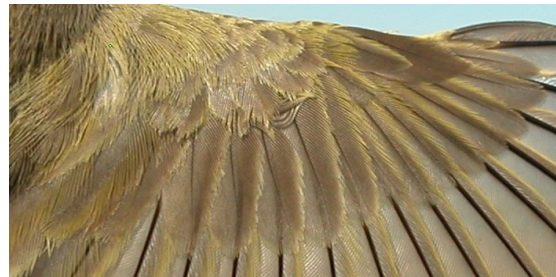
Juvenile with fresh feathers; yellowish rump with diffuse contrast with mantle.

Adult with worn tail and flight feathers (sometimes some fresh wing covert and flight feathers moulted); yellow rump with distinct contrast with mantle.

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



Bonelli's Warbler. Autumn. Ageing. Wear and moult limit on tail: left adult; right juvenile.



Bonelli's Warbler. Autumn. Ageing. Wear of wing coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Bonelli's Warbler. Autumn. Ageing. Wear and moult limit on tertials: left adult; right juvenile.

MOULT

Partial **postbreeding** moult in breeding areas involving body feathers and wing coverts; sometimes also tertials and tail feathers. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving only body feathers. Both age groups have a complete **prebreeding** moult in wintering quarters (**CAUTION:** birds of both ages may retain some unmoulted flight feathers).

PHENOLOGY

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

- Summer visitor
- Resident
- Wintering
- On passage



Bonelli's Warbler. Autumn. Adult (06-VII).



Bonelli's Warbler. Autumn. Juvenile (10-VIII).



Bonelli's Warbler. Head pattern: top in spring (13-IV); middle adult in autumn (06-VII); bottom juvenile (10-VIII).



Bonelli's Warbler. Breast pattern: top left in spring (13-IV); top right adult in autumn (07-VII); left juvenile (10-VIII).

13070 Western Bonelli's Warbler (*Phylloscopus Bonelli*) 



Bonelli's Warbler. Tail pattern: top left in spring (13-IV); top right adult in autumn (22-VII); left juvenile (10-VIII).



Bonelli's Warbler. Autumn. Rump pattern: left adult (07-VII); right juvenile (10-VIII).



Bonelli's Warbler. Upperpart pattern: top left in spring (13-IV); top right adult in autumn (07-VII); left juvenile (10-VIII).



Bonelli's Warbler. Spring: pattern of wing (13-IV).



Bonelli's Warbler. Autumn. Adult: pattern of wing (07-VII).



Bonelli's Warbler. Autumn. Juvenile: pattern of wing (10-VIII).