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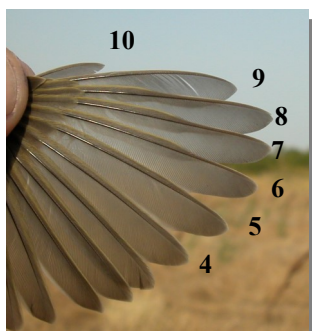


Iberian Chiffchaff. Spring. Adult (09-VII).

IBERIAN CHIFFCHAFF (*Phylloscopus ibericus*)

IDENTIFICATION

11-12 cm. Green upperparts; white breast with yellow streaks; dark legs; in wing, 7th and 8th primaries have the same length, 9th primary has the same length than 4rd or between 3rd and 4th or between 4th and 5th, emargination from 5th primary.



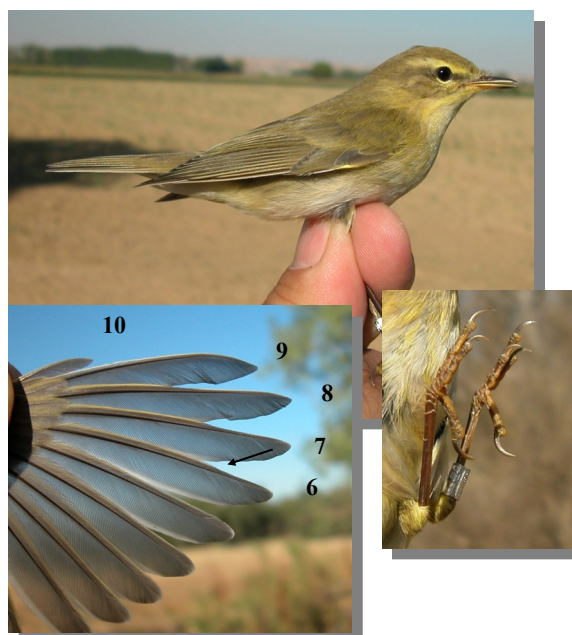
Iberian Chiffchaff. Pattern of breast, colour of legs, pattern of back and rump and wing formula.

SIMILAR SPECIES

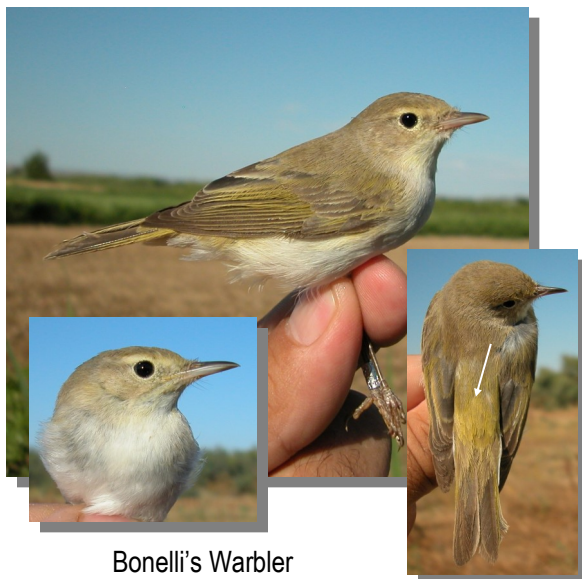
Chiffchaff has duller and greyish colours, rump more yellow than back and 6th, 7th and 8th primaries have the same length. **Willow Warbler** has similar plumage, but emarginated only from 6th primary. **Bonelli's Warbler** has white underparts and yellow rump. **Wood Warbler** has 10th primary shorter 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 the base.



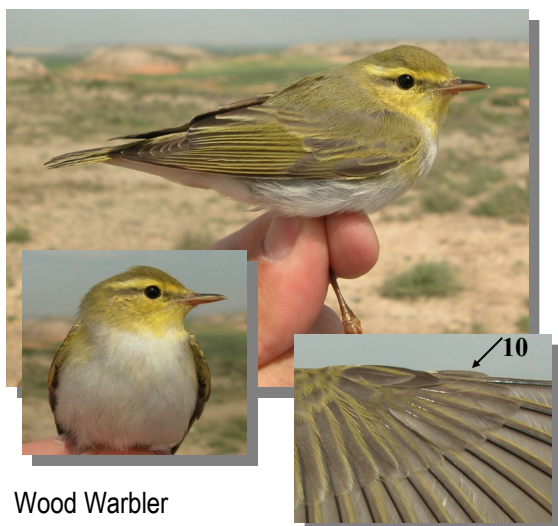
Chiffchaff



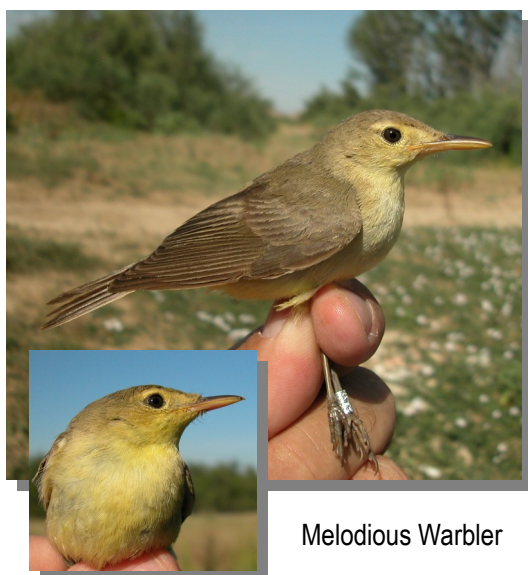
Willow Warbler

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Bonelli's Warbler



Wood Warbler



Melodious Warbler

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

4 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with very fresh plumage.

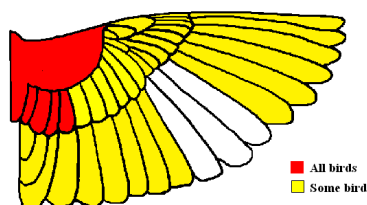
1st year autumn usually with moult limit on greater coverts and tertials between moulted fresh feathers and paler **juvenile** retained; check also moult limits on tail feathers.

2nd year spring with three ages of feathers: **prebreeding** inner greater coverts, inner secondaries and tertials very fresh; **postjuvenile** secondaries and primaries slightly worn; **juvenile** secondaries and primaries very worn.

Adult in autumn with wing without moult limits; in **spring** with two ages of feathers: **prebreeding** inner greater coverts, inner secondaries and tertials very fresh; rest of **postbreeding** feathers slightly worn.

MOULT

tember. Partial **postjuvenile** moult in breeding places involving body feathers, lesser and median coverts, some inner greater coverts, some tertials and some tail feathers; just arrived in wintering sites usually moult some outer primaries and some secondaries. Both age classes have **prebreeding** moult changing some greater coverts, secondaries and tertials.



Iberian Chiffchaff.
Extent of
postjuvenile
moult.

PHENOLOGY

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

■ Summer visitor

■ Resident

■ Wintering

■ On passage

REFERENCE

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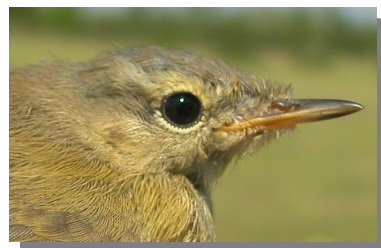
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Iberian Chiffchaff. Spring. 2nd year (19-IV) (Photo: Pere Josa).



Iberian Chiffchaff. Spring. Juvenile (09-VII).



Iberian Chiffchaff. Spring. Head pattern: top adult (09-VII); middle 2nd year (19-IV) (Photo: Pere Josa); bottom juvenile (09-VII).



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Iberian Chiffchaff. Spring. Breast pattern: top left adult (09-VII); top right 2nd year (19-IV); left juvenile (09-VII).



Iberian Chiffchaff. Spring. Pattern of upperparts: top left adult (09-VII); top right 2nd year (19-IV) (Photo: Pere Josa); left juvenile (09-VII).



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Iberian Chiffchaff. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing (24-IV) (Photo: Pere Josa).



Iberian Chiffchaff. Spring. Tail pattern: top left adult (09-VII); top right 2nd year (); left juvenile (09-VII).



Iberian Chiffchaff. Juvenile: pattern of wing (09-VII).

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Iberian Chiffchaff. Adult: pattern of wing (09-VII).

Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. Adult ().



Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. 1st year (19-IX).

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Iberian
Chiffchaff.
Autumn.
Head pattern:
top adult ();
bottom 1st
year (19-IX).



Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. Tail pattern: left adult (24-IX) (Photo: Rubén Rodríguez Olivares); right 1st year (19-IX).

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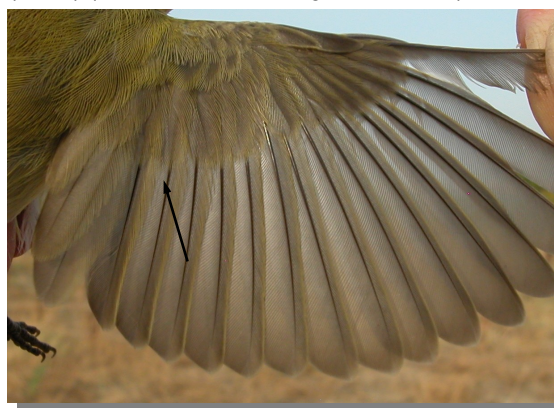
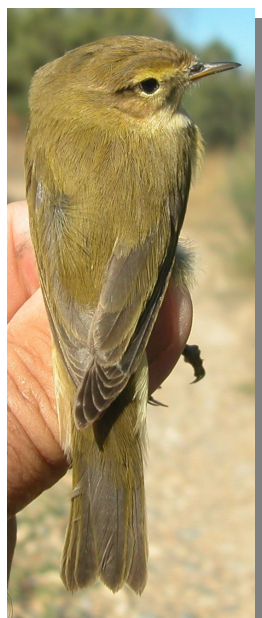


Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. Breast pattern: left adult (); right 1st year (19-IX).



Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. Adult: pattern of wing (24-IX) (Photo: Rubén Rodríguez Olivares).

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Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing (19-IX).

Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. Pattern of upper-parts: left adult (); right 1st year (19-IX).