

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.







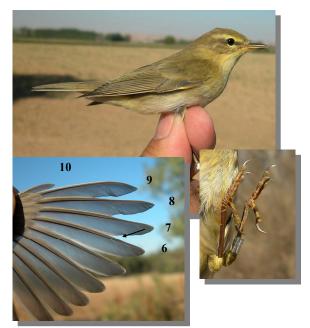
Iberian Chiffchaff. Pattern of breast, colour of legs, pattern of back and rump and wing formula.



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.





Willow Warbler







SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

4 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with very fresh plumage.

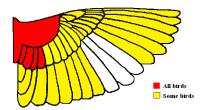
1st year autumn usually with moult limit on greater coverts and tertials between moulted fresh feathers and paler **juvenile** retained; check also moult limits on tail feathers.

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: pre-breeding 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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Summer visitor. Breeds scarcely in Pyrenees and Sistema Iberico.

REFERENCE

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Iberian Chiffchaff. Spring. 2nd year ().



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







Iberian
Chiffchaff.
Spring. Head
patern: top
adult (09-VII);
middle 2nd
year (); bottom
juvenile (09VII).







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







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





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



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



Iberian Chiffchaff. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing ().



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



Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. Adult ().



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

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Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. Head patern: 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).





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



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





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



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