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Bearded Reedling. Adult. Male (08-X).

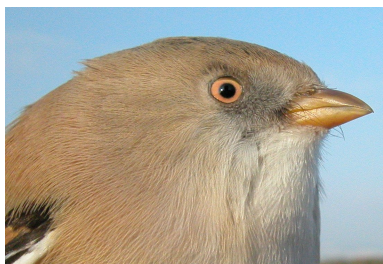
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IDENTIFICATION

16-17 cm. **Adult** with chesnut upperparts, dark in **juveniles**; underparts brown-pinkish; long tawny tail; ochre wings with dark and white patches; **male** with grey head and a long black "moustache".



Bearded Reedling. Adult. Pattern of head: top male; bottom female.



SIMILAR SPECIES

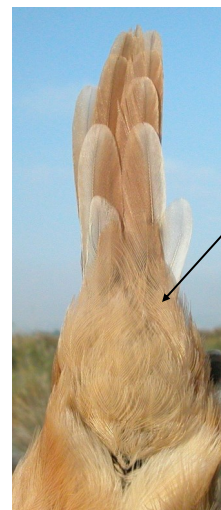
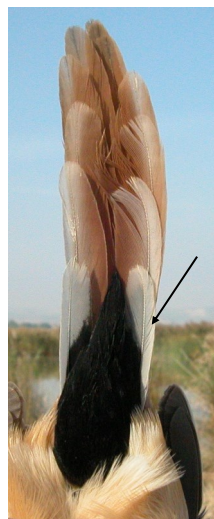
This species is unmistakable.

SEXING

In **adults**, **male** with grey head; black moustache; black undertail coverts. **Female** with pale buff head; without black moustache; pale undertail coverts. In old **juveniles**, **male** with bright yellow bill; **female** with dull yellow bill.



Bearded Reedling. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of head: top male; bottom female.



Bearded Reedling. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male; right female.



Bearded Reedling. Juvenile. Sexing. Colour of bill: top male; bottom female.

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AGEING

2 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with dark back; outer tail feathers largely black; 10th primary with rounded tip and longer than primary coverts; fresh plumage.

Adult without black on back or with only soft streaks in some **females**; outer tail feathers white; 10th primary with pointed tip and shorter than primary coverts; worn plumage in **spring**.

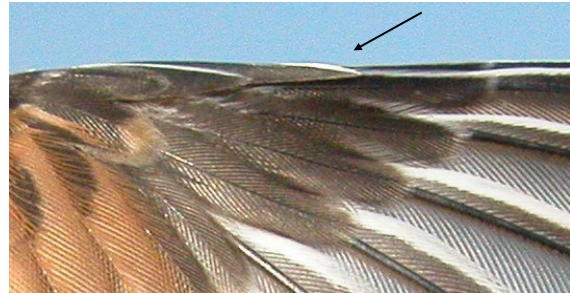
After **postbreeding/postjuvenile** moults ageing is not possible using plumage pattern.



Bearded Reedling. Ageing. Pattern of upperparts: left adult female; right juvenile.



Bearded Reedling. Ageing. Pattern of the outermost tail feathers: left adult; right juvenile.



Bearded Reedling. Ageing. Length of the 10th primary: top adult; bottom juvenile.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults, usually finished in October.

PHENOLOGY

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

- Summer visitor
- Wintering
- Resident
- On passage



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Bearded Reedling. Juvenile. Male (30-VI).



Bearded Reedling. Juvenile. Female (08-VII).



Bearded Reedling. Adult. Head pattern and bill colour: top male (08-X); bottom female (08-X).



Bearded Reedling. Juvenile. Head pattern and bill colour: top male (08-VII); bottom female (30-VI).



Bearded Reedling. Upperpart pattern: top left adult male (08-X); top right adult female (08-X); left juvenile (08-VII).

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Bearded Reedling. Pattern of tail undercoverts: top left adult male (08-X); top right adult female (08-X); left juvenile (08-VII).



Bearded Reedling. Tail pattern: left adult (08-X); right juvenile (08-VII)



Bearded Reedling. 10th primary length: left adult (08-VII); right juvenile (08-VII)



Bearded Reedling. Autumn: pattern of wing (08-X)



Bearded Reedling. Summer. Adult: : pattern of wing (08-VII)



Bearded Reedling. Summer. Juvenile: pattern of wing (08-VII).