

14400 Marsh Tit (*Poecile palustris*)



Marsh Tit. Adult (13-XI).

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IDENTIFICATION

11-12 cm. Grey-brown upperparts; whitish underparts; crown and bib black; brownish wing without bands.



Marsh Tit. Pattern of head.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Some **Warblers** have black crown but anyone have black bib.



Blackcap



Sardinian Warbler



Orphean Warbler

SEXING

Both sexes alike in plumage. Size is useful in extreme birds: **adult male** with wing longer than 66 mm; **adult female** with wing shorter than 64 mm.

AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with fresh plumage; tail feathers with pointed tips; crown and bib dull black.

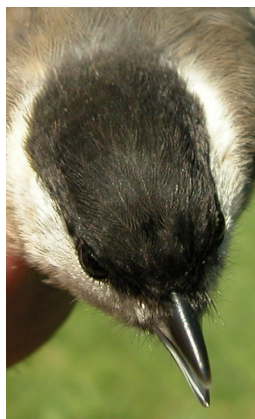
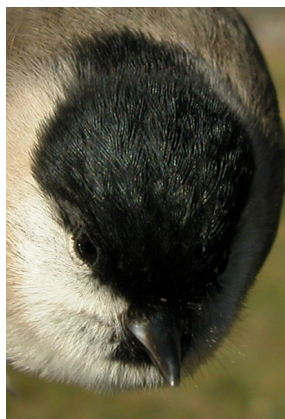
1st year autumn/2nd year spring with pointed tail feathers which will be more eroded than in **adults**; if some tail feathers are changed, then with contrast within moulted ones, with rounded tips and fresh, and **juvenile** retained, with pointed tips and more worn; usually with moult limit within greater coverts, with moulted inner only slightly differing from outer **juvenile** retained.

Adult with rounded tail feathers; crown and bib bright black; without moult limits on wing or tail.

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Marsh Tit. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Marsh Tit. Ageing. Pattern of crown: left adult; right juvenile.



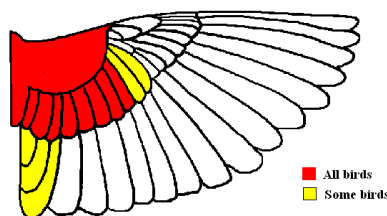
Marsh Tit. Ageing. Pattern of tips of tail feathers: left adult; right juvenile.



Marsh Tit. Ageing. Moulting limit on wing coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in September. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, lesser and median coverts, several inner or rarely all greater coverts and one or more tertials; many birds change a variable number of tail feathers; usually finished in September.



Marsh Tit. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

PHENOLOGY

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

- Summer visitor
- Wintering
- Resident
- On passage

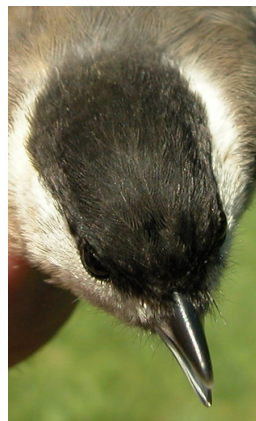
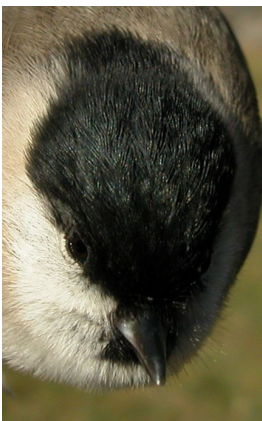
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Marsh Tit. Juvenile (18-VII).



Marsh Tit. Head pattern: top adult (13-XI); bottom juvenile (18-VII).



Marsh Tit. Crown pattern: left adult (13-XI); right juvenile (18-VII).



Marsh Tit. Bib pattern: left adult (13-XI); right juvenile (18-VII).



Marsh Tit. Breast pattern: left adult (13-XI); right juvenile (18-VII).



Marsh Tit. Upperparts pattern: left adult (13-XI); right juvenile (18-VII).

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Marsh Tit. 1st year: pattern of wing (13-XI).



Marsh Tit. Tail pattern:
top left male (13-XI);
top right female (13-XI);
left juvenile (18-VII).



Marsh Tit. Juvenile: pattern of wing (18-VII).



Marsh Tit. Adult: pattern of wing (13-XI).