

# 390 Marsh Tit

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Marsh Tit. Adult (13-XI).

## MARSH TIT (*Poecile palustris*)

### IDENTIFICATION

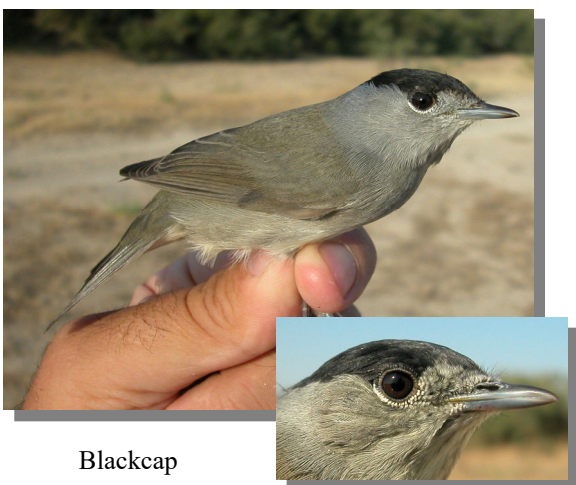
11-12 cm. Grey-brown upperparts; whitish underparts; crown and bib black; brownish wing without bands.



Marsh Tit. Pattern of head.

### ESPECIES SIMILARES

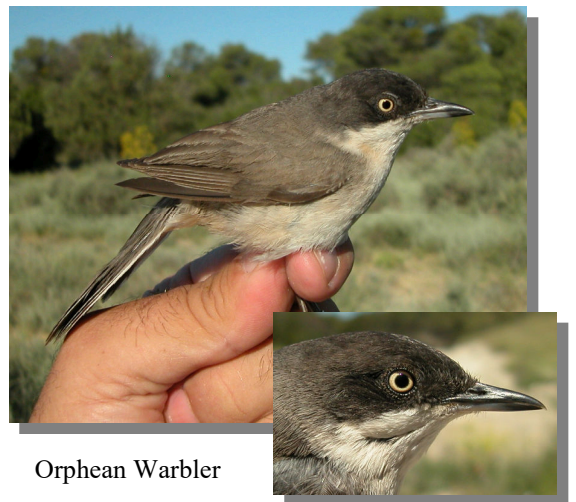
Some **Warblers** have black crown but anyone have black bib.



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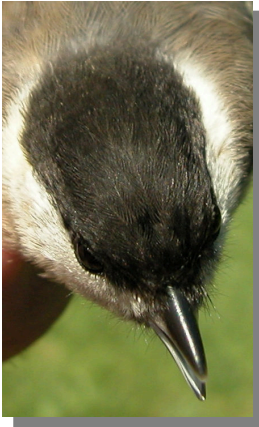
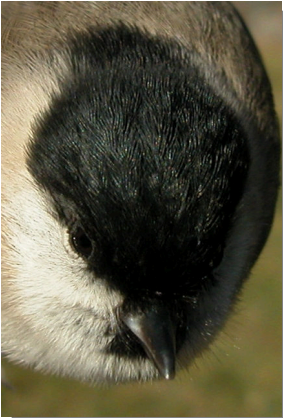
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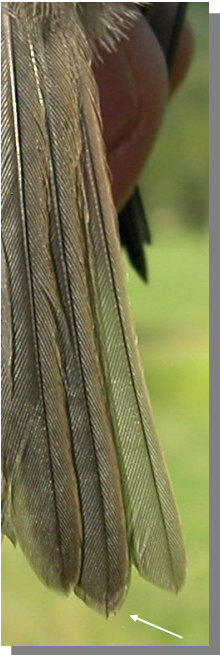
Marsh Tit. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult; bottom juvenile.



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



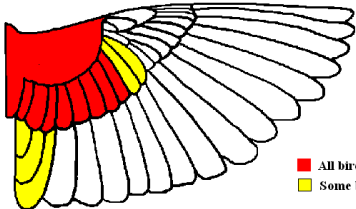
Marsh Tit. Ageing. Pattern of crown: left adult; right juvenile.



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

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

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STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident. Breeds on mountainous forests in Pyrenees.

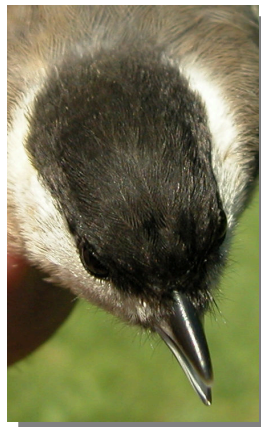
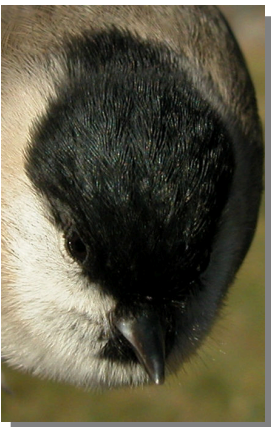


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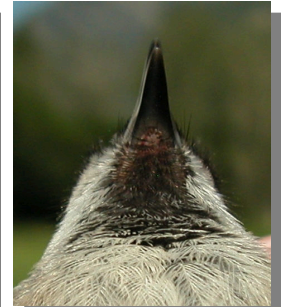
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Marsh Tit. Juvenile (18-VII).



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).