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Penduline Tit. Spring. Adult. Male (22-IV).

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IDENTIFICATION

10-11 cm. Brownish upperparts and paler underparts; grey head (chestnut in winter); dark band on the cheeks, which covers the eye reaching the forehead. **Juveniles** without the eye-mask.



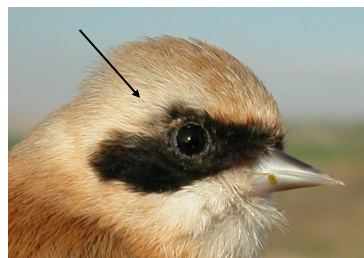
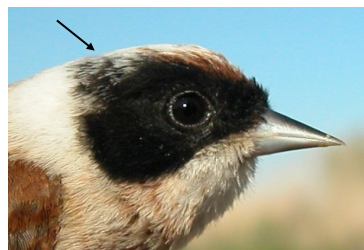
Penduline Tit. Adult. Pattern of head

SIMILAR SPECIES

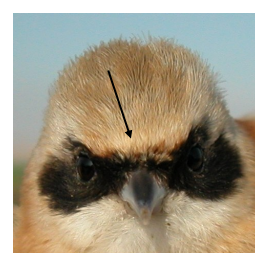
This species is unmistakable.

SEXING

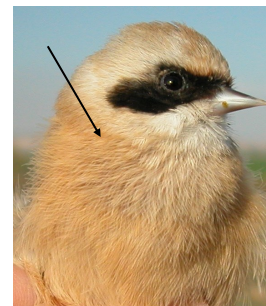
Male with mantle very spotted/tinged red vinaceous; broad eye-mask that joins with a wide band above the bill; breast spotted reddish. **Female** with mantle uniformly rufous, with scarce vinaceous spots; narrow eye-mask that joins with a thin band above the bill; breast little or not spotted reddish. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed using plumage pattern.



Penduline Tit. Sexing. Pattern of head: top male; bottom female.



Penduline Tit. Sexing. Pattern of head: left male; right female.



Penduline Tit. Sexing. Pattern of breast: left male; right female.



Penduline Tit. Sexing. Pattern of upperparts: left male; right female.

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AGEING

4 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with fresh plumage; head without black eye-mask.

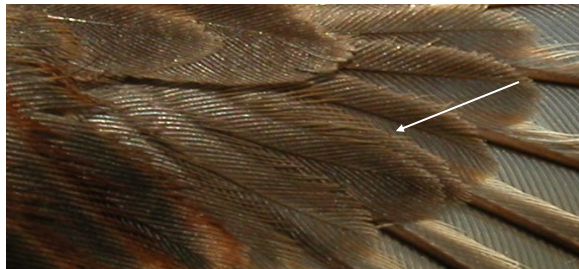
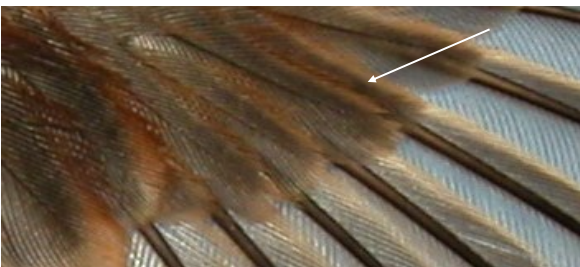
1st year autumn sometimes with outer **juvenile** greater coverts retained, slightly more worn, with narrow brown edge and broad diffuse buff tip, contrasting with fresh moulted inner greater coverts with more intense rufous edges; if all greater coverts are moulted then alula and primary coverts will be more worn and with dull light brown edges; with moult limit in tail if some feathers have been moulted.

2nd year spring usually with **juvenile** alula and primary coverts retained, more worn than neighbour moulted feathers and with pale brown edges on outer web; if some **juvenile** outer greater coverts retained, with whitish tip and pale brown outer edge, then with 3 generations of feathers.

Adult/some postjuvenile with complete moult in **autumn** without moult limits on wing and tail; alula and primary coverts with broad dark brown edges. In **spring**, after **prebreeding** moult, may have two generations of feathers on wings and tail but can be distinguishable by pattern of alula and primary coverts.



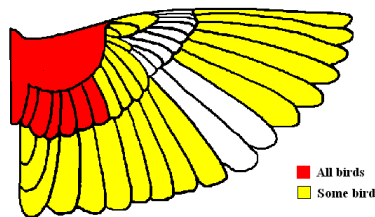
Penduline Tit. Ageing. Pattern of head: left adult; right juvenile.



Penduline Tit. Ageing. Pattern of primary coverts: top adult; bottom 2nd year.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, lesser and median coverts, some or all greater coverts, tertials and often central tail feathers; sometimes some primaries and inner secondaries are moulted, but no alula nor primary coverts (**CAUTION:** some birds have a **complete** moult being then indistinguishable from **adults**); usually finished in October. Both age classes have a **prebreeding** moult including some body feathers, some inner greater coverts and some tertials, secondaries and tail feathers.



Penduline Tit. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

PHENOLOGY

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

- Summer visitor
- Resident
- Wintering
- On passage



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Penduline Tit. Spring. 2nd year. Male (26-IV)



Penduline Tit. Spring. 2nd year. Female (16-III)



Penduline Tit. Spring. Juvenile (18-VII).



Penduline Tit. Spring. Adult. Head pattern: left male (22-IV); right female (06-IV).



Penduline Tit. Spring. Head pattern: top left 2nd year male (26-IV); top right 2nd year female (16-III); left juvenile (18-VII).



Penduline Tit. Spring. Adult. Forehead pattern: left male (22-IV); right female (06-IV).



Penduline Tit. Spring. Forehead pattern: top left 2nd year male (26-IV); top right 2nd year female (16-III); left juvenile (18-VII)

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Penduline Tit. Spring. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (22-IV); right female (06-IV).



Penduline Tit. Spring. Breast pattern: top left 2nd year male (26-IV); top right 2nd year female (16-III); left juvenile (18-VII)



Penduline Tit. Spring. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (22-IV); right female (06-IV).



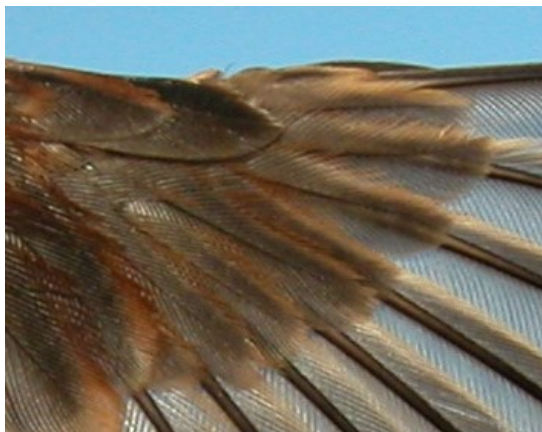
Penduline Tit. Spring. Upperparts pattern: top left 2nd year male (26-IV); top right 2nd year female (16-III); left juvenile (18-VII)



Penduline Tit. Spring. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (22-IV); right female (06-IV).



Penduline Tit. Spring. Tail pattern: top left 2nd year male (26-IV); top right 2nd year female (16-III); left juvenile (18-VII)



Penduline Tit. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of primary coverts (22-IV).



Penduline Tit. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern of primary coverts (05-IV).



Penduline Tit. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primary coverts (26-IV).



Penduline Tit. Spring. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primary coverts (26-IV).



Penduline Tit. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of primary coverts (18-VII).



Penduline Tit. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (26-IV).



Penduline Tit. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (22-IV).



Penduline Tit. Spring. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (26-IV).



Penduline Tit. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (05-IV).



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



Penduline Tit. Autumn. Adult. Male (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. Adult. Female (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. 1st year. Male (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. 1st year. Female (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. Adult. Head pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. 1st year. Head pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. Adult. Forehead pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. 1st year. Forehead pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (18-XI).

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Penduline Tit. Autumn. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. 1st year. Breast pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. 1st year. Upperparts pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. 1st year. Tail pattern: left male (18-XI); right female (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. Adult. Male: pattern of primary coverts (18-XI).



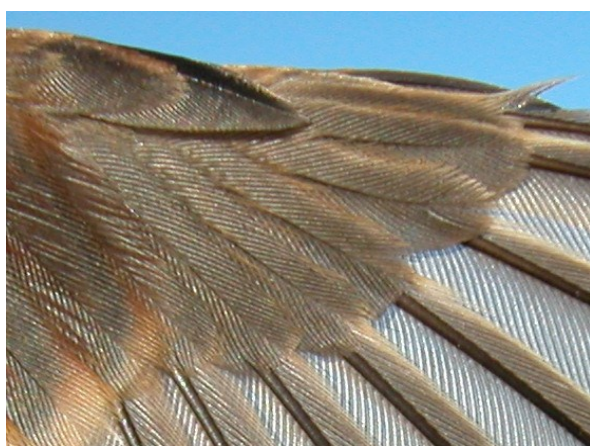
Penduline Tit. Autumn. 1st year. Female: pattern of primary coverts (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of primary coverts (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. 1st year. Male: pattern of primary coverts (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing (18-XI).



Penduline Tit. Autumn. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (18-XI).