

15980 Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*)



Tree Sparrow. Winter (25-X).

EURASIAN TREE SPARROW (*Passer montanus*)

IDENTIFICATION

12-14 cm. Chesnut crown, white cheeks with a black spot and a small black bib.



Tree Sparrow. Pattern of head.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Spanish Sparrow male**, which has a chesnut crown too but has streaked flanks and lacks black spot on cheek; the **House Sparrow male** has grey crown and lacks black spot on cheek too.



Spanish Sparrow. Male



SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

2 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile resembles **adult** but with least marked colours; median and greater wing coverts tipped buff; with fresh plumage.

Adult with contrasted colours; median and greater wing coverts tipped white; with worn plumage in **summer**.

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



Tree Sparrow. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult; bottom juvenile.





Tree Sparrow. Ageing. Pattern of median and greater coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Tree Sparrow. Ageing. Wear of plumage: left adult; right juvenile.

MOULT

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

PHENOLOGY

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

- Summer visitor
- Resident
- Wintering
- On passage



Tree Sparrow. Spring (06-V).



Tree Sparrow. Summer. Adult (03-VII).

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Tree Sparrow. Summer. Juvenile (18-VI).



Tree Sparrow. Head pattern: top in winter (25-X); bottom in spring (06-V).



Tree Sparrow. Summer. Head pattern: top adult (03-VII); bottom juvenile (18-VI).



Tree Sparrow. Breast pattern: left in winter (25-X); right in spring (06-V).



Tree Sparrow. Summer. Breast pattern: left adult (03-VII); right juvenile (18-VI).



Tree Sparrow. Upperpart pattern: left in winter (25-X); right in spring (06-V).



Tree Sparrow. Summer. Upperpart pattern: left adult (03-VII); right juvenile (18-VI).



Tree Sparrow. Pattern and wear of tail: left in winter (25-X); right in spring (06-V).



Tree Sparrow. Summer. Pattern and wear of tail: left adult (03-VII); right juvenile (18-VI).



Tree Sparrow. Winter: pattern of wing (25-X).



Tree Sparrow. Spring: pattern of wing (06-V).



Tree Sparrow. Summer. Adult: pattern of wing (03-VII).



Tree Sparrow. Summer. Juvenile: pattern of wing (29-VII).