

# 423 White-winged Snowfinch

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Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Male (01-VII)

## WHITE-WINGED SNOWFINCH (*Montifringilla nivalis*)

### IDENTIFICATION

16-18 cm. Dark brown upperparts; dark rump and tail coverts; white underparts; wings with white secondaries and dark primaries; white tail with dark central tail feathers; grey head; dark bill in **spring** and yellow in **winter**.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

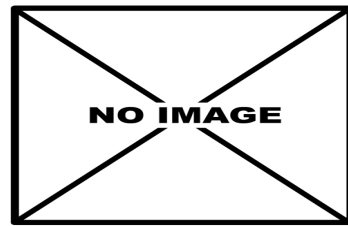
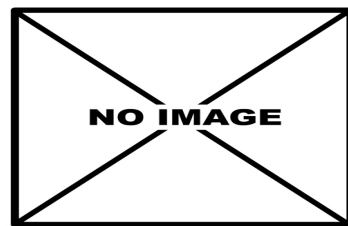
This species is unmistakable.

### SEXING

**Male** with crown and nape grey-bluish; neck ash grey; centre of throat black, in **autumn** partly concealed; rump, uppertail coverts and outer primaries black; lesser wing coverts white or tipped black; inner primary coverts white without black on tips in **adult** birds and with black tips in **1st/2nd year** birds; black bill in **breeding** season; wing longer than 121 mm. **Female** with crown and nape brownish-grey; neck buffish-grey; centre of throat partly blackish, in **autumn** almost entirely concealed; rump, uppertail coverts and outer primaries blackish-brown; lesser wing coverts with brown tips; inner primary coverts white in **adult** birds and with solid brownish-black tips in **1st/2nd year** birds; yellowish bill with dark tip in **breeding** season; wing shorter than 116 mm. **Juveniles** can be sexed by pattern of primary coverts: **male** with white base on the inner web of primary coverts; **female** with primary coverts all black.



Snowfinch. Summer. Sexing. Pattern of head and colour of bill: top male; bottom female.



Snowfinch. Winter. Sexing. Pattern of head and colour of bill: top male; bottom female.

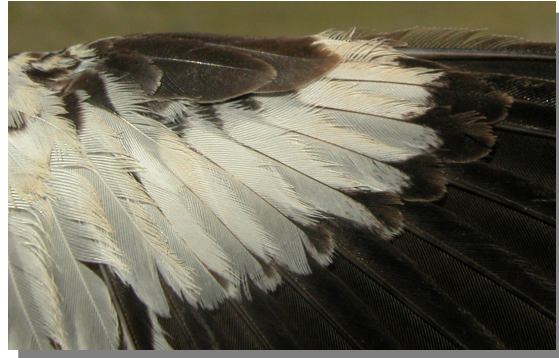


Snowfinch. Adult. Sexing. Colour of primaries: top male; bottom female.



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Snowfinch. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of lesser wing coverts: top male; bottom female.

Snowfinch. 1st/2nd year. Ageing and sexing. Pattern of primary coverts: top male; bottom female.



Snowfinch. Adult. Ageing and sexing. Pattern of primary coverts: top male; bottom female.

Snowfinch. Juvenile. Ageing and sexing. Pattern of primary coverts: top male; bottom female.



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## AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with brownish iris; yellow bill; all primary coverts dark in **females** and with white inner webs in **males**; secondaries with dark tips; fresh plumage.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** as **adults** but with primary coverts with large dark patches on tips.

**Adult** with worn plumage in **summer**; reddish iris; dark bill; secondaries without dark patches on tips; inner primary coverts without dark tips.

## MOULT

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

## PHENOLOGY

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

## STATUS IN ARAGÓN

Resident. Breeds in the highest mountains in the Pyrenees; in winter in lower areas.



Snowfinch.  
Summer.  
Ageing. Pattern of head and colour of bill: top adult female; bottom juvenile



Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Female (05-VII)



Snowfinch.  
Summer.  
Ageing. Pattern of tips of secondaries: top adult female; bottom juvenile female



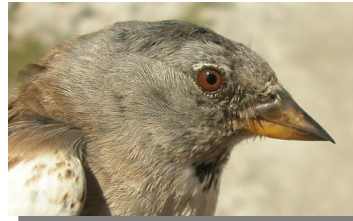
Snowfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Male (01-VII)

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Snowfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Female (01-VII)



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Adult. Pattern  
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top male (01-  
VII); bottom  
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Snowfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Male (05-VII)



Snowfinch.  
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Snowfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Female (05-VII)

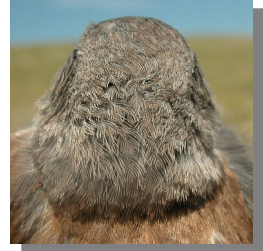
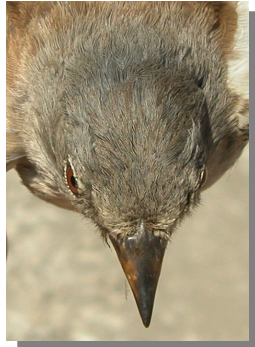
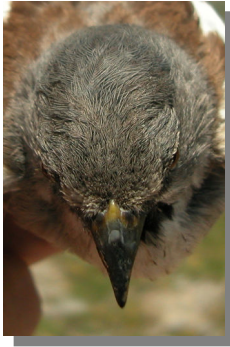


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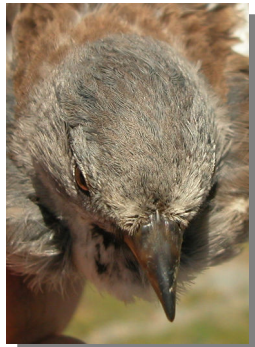
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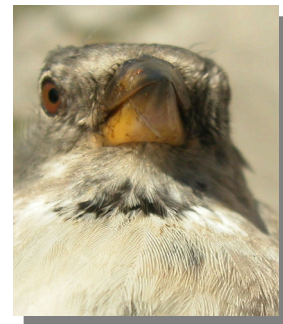
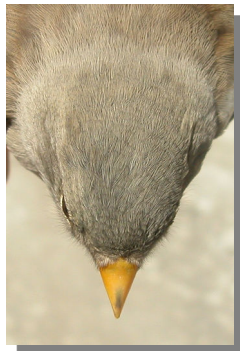
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Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Pattern of crown: left male (01-VII); right female (05-VII).



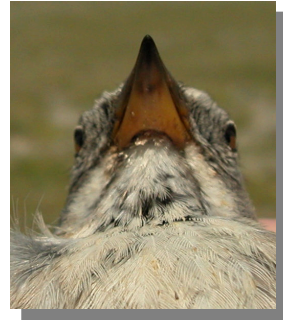
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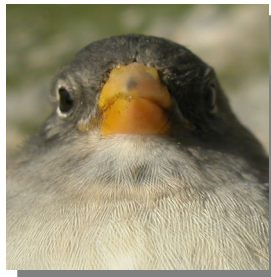
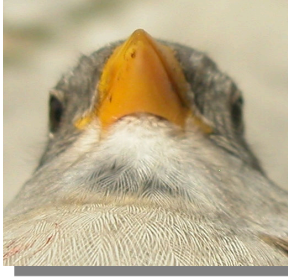
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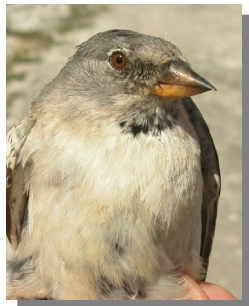


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Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Pattern of breast: left male (01-VII); right female (05-VII).



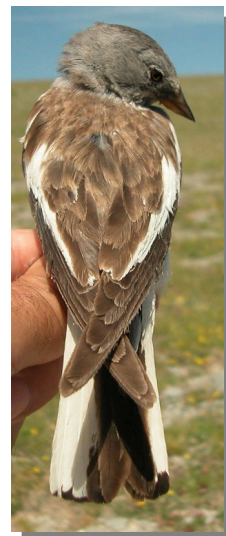
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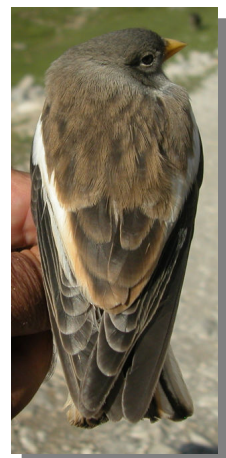
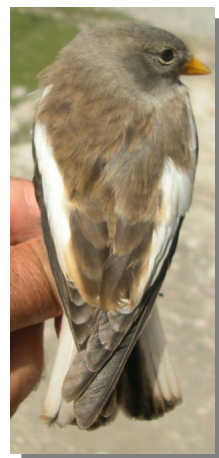
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Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Pattern of upperpart: left male (01-VII); right female (05-VII).



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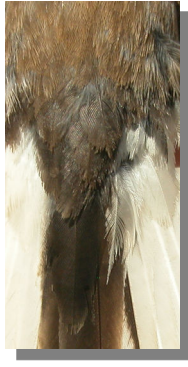


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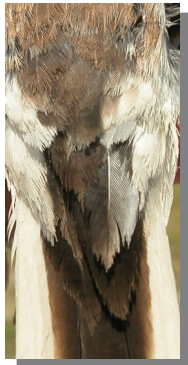
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Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Pattern of rump and uppertail coverts: left male (01-VII); right female (05-VII).



Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Pattern of tail: left male (01-VII); right female (05-VII).



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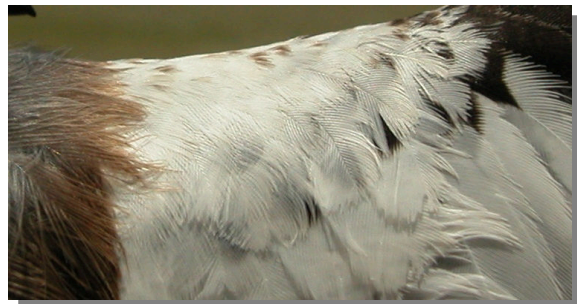
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Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Male: pattern of lesser coverts (01-VII)

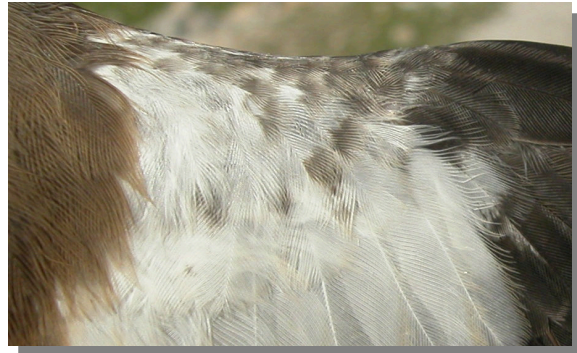


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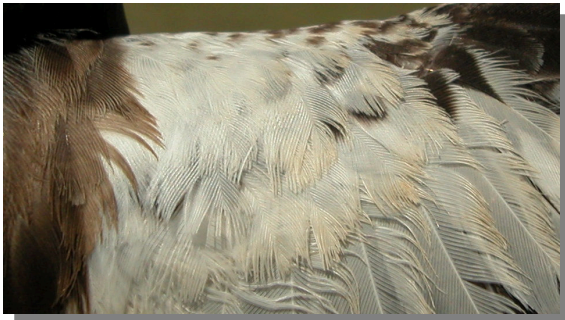
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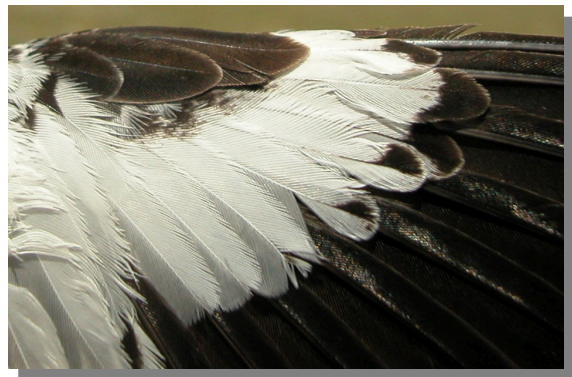
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Snowfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Female: pattern of lesser coverts (05-VII).



Snowfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Male: pattern of lesser coverts (01-VII)



Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Male: pattern of primary coverts (01-VII)



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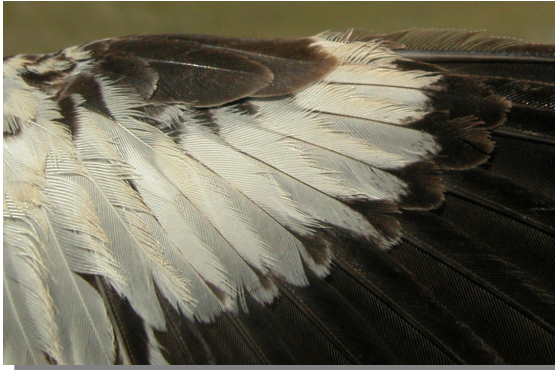


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Snowfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primary coverts (01-VII)



Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (01-VII)



Snowfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primary coverts (01-VII)



Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries (05-VII)



Snowfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Male: pattern of primary coverts (05-VII).



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Snowfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primaries (01-VII)



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Snowfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Male: pattern of primaries (05-VII).



Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (05-VII)



Snowfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Female: pattern of primaries (05-VII).



Snowfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Male: pattern of secondaries (01-VII)



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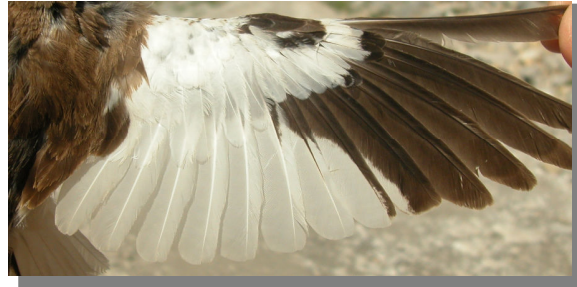
Snowfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Male: pattern of secondaries (05-VII).



Snowfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Female: pattern of secondaries (05-VII).



Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (01-VII)



Snowfinch. Summer. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (05-VII)



Snowfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (01-VII)



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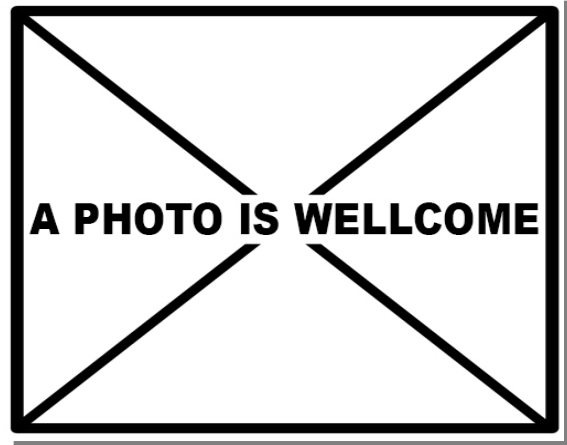


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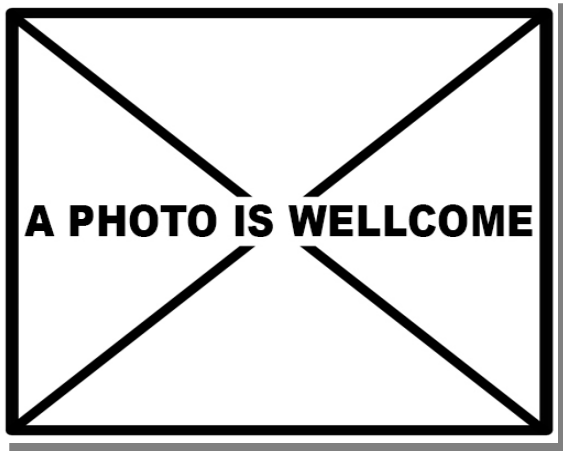
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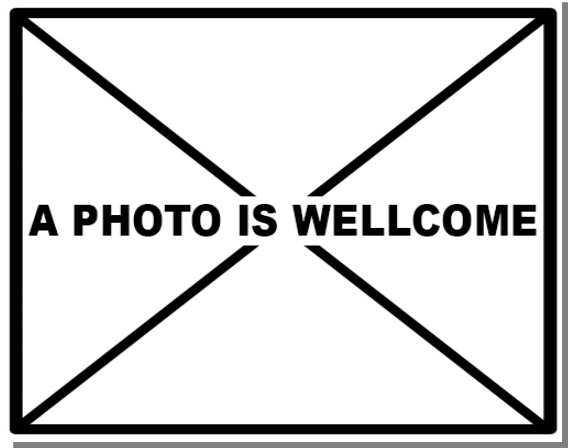
Snowfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Female: pattern of wing (05-VII).



Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Male ()



Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Male ()



Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Female ()



Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Female ()



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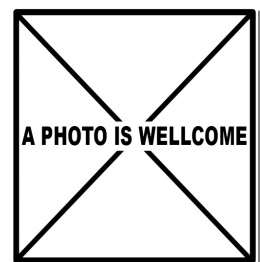


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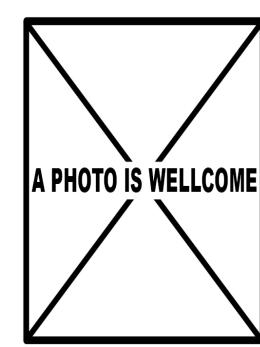
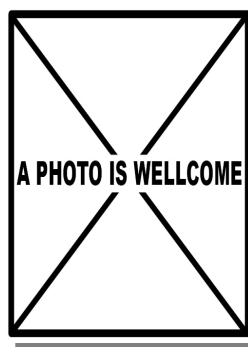
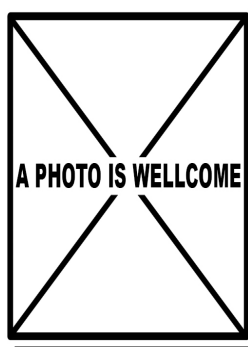
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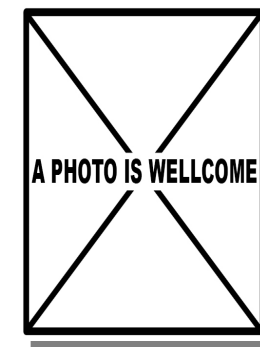
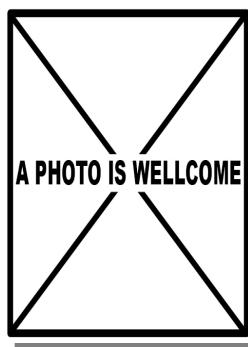
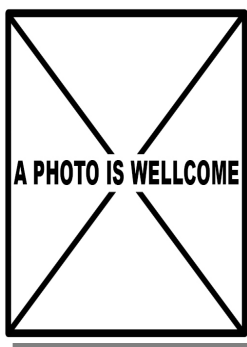


Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Pattern of nape: left  
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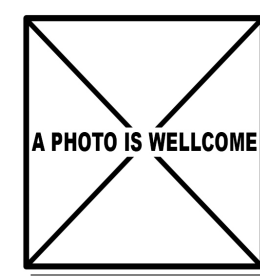
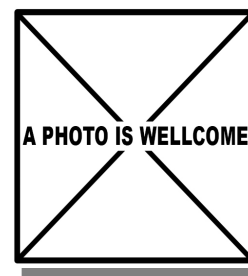
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Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Pattern of crown: left  
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Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Pattern of bib: left male  
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Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Pattern of breast: left  
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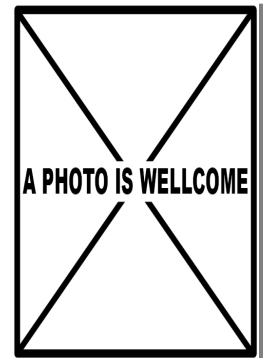
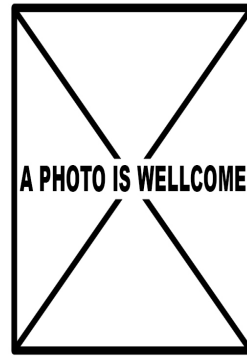


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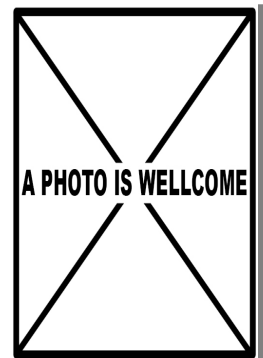
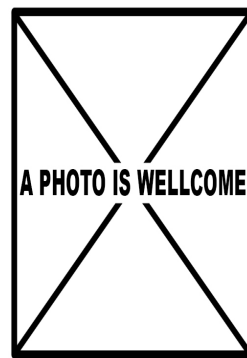
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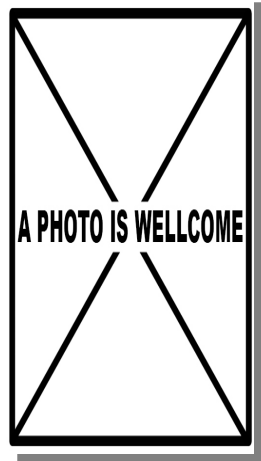
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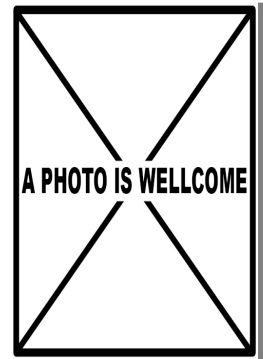
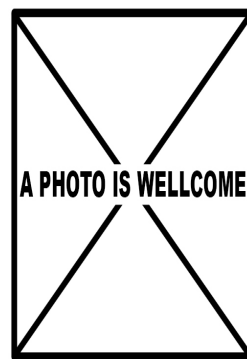
Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Pattern of upperparts: left male (); right female ().



Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Pattern of rump and uppertail coverts: left male (); right female ().



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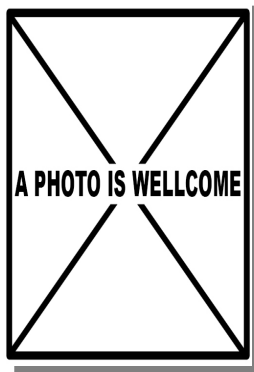
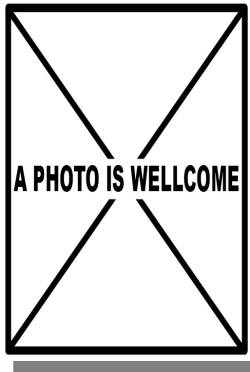


Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Pattern of tail: left male (); right female ().



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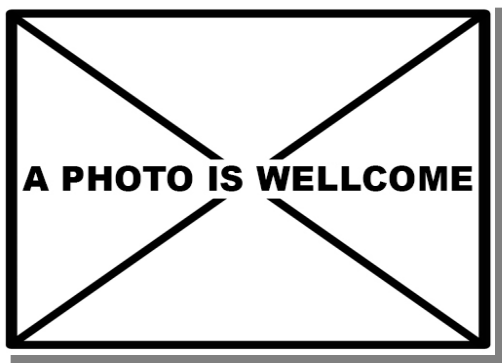
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Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Pattern of tail: left male (); right female ().



Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of lesser coverts ()



Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of lesser coverts ()



Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of primary coverts ()



Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Female: pattern of lesser coverts ()



Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Female: pattern of primary coverts ()



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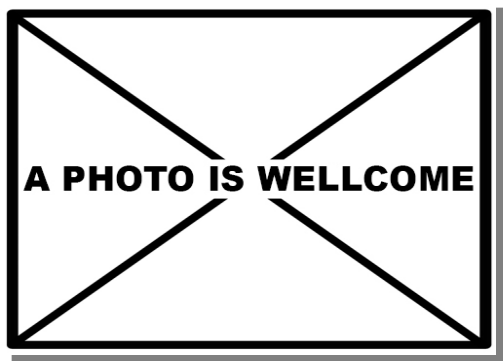
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Gorrion alpino. Verano. 2º año. Female: pattern of primary coverts ()



Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of primaries ()



Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries ()



Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries ()



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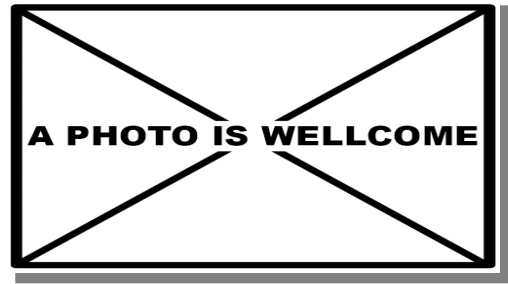


Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Male: pattern of primaries ()



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Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Female: pattern of wing ()

Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Male: pattern of secondaries ()



Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing ()

Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of secondaries ()



Snowfinch. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing ()

Snowfinch. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of wing ()