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Greenfinch. Summer. Adult. Male (13-VI).

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH (*Chloris chloris*)

IDENTIFICATION

14-15 cm. Yellowish green colour, with strong pale bill; wing panel and base of tail feathers light yellow . **Juveniles** duller and streaked on under and upperparts.



Greenfinch. Pattern of wing, head and tail.



SIMILAR SPECIES

Among the yellow and green **Finches**, **Siskin** and **Citril Finch** have broad yellow bands on wings. **Serin** has a smaller size (11-12 cm).



Serin



Siskin



Citril Finch

SEXING

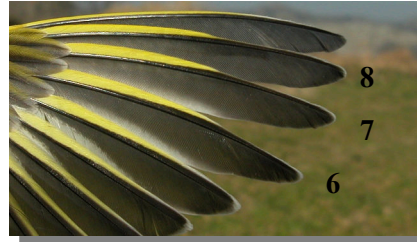
Male with outer webs of primaries 8th-6th almost entirely yellow; yellow of outer tail feathers reaching the shafts; length of dark area at tip of 5th tail feather measured along shaft shorter than 31 mm; brighter yellow and green colours than in **females**. **Female** with the outer webs of primaries 8th-6th yellow only on the outer half; yellow of the outer tail feathers does not reach the shafts; length of dark area at tip of 5th tail feather measured along the shaft longer than 31 mm; duller yellow and green colours than in **males**. **Juveniles** can be sexed using the same wing and tail characteristics as in **adults**.

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Greenfinch. Sexing. Pattern of head and breast: left male; right female.



Greenfinch. Sexing. Pattern of primaries: top male; bottom female.



Greenfinch. Sexing. Pattern of upperparts: left male; right female.



Greenfinch. Sexing. Pattern of the outermost tail feathers: left male; right female.

AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile resembles **female**, but with duller colours and streaks on upper and underparts; fresh plumage.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with pointed tail feathers; if moulted some, then with moult limit between retained **juvenile** feathers (pointed and worn) and moulted (rounded and fresh); usually with moult limit between greater coverts; if all greater coverts are moulted, then limit is within tertials, within alula feathers or between excentric moulted primaries; primary coverts with little or no green edge and without grey tip.

Adult/postjuvenile with complete moult without moult limits on tail (all feathers rounded) and wing; primary coverts with green edge and grey tip (easier to see in **males**).



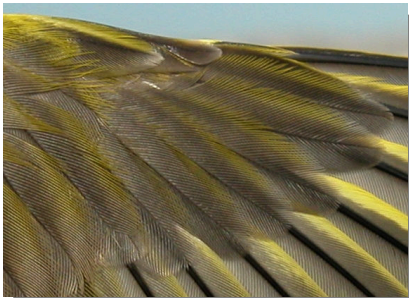
Greenfinch. Ageing. Pattern of head and breast: left adult female, right juvenile.

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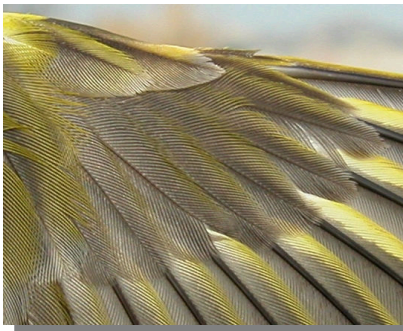
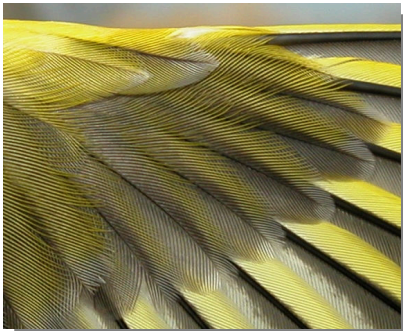
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Greenfinch. Ageing. Pattern of upperparts: left adult female, right juvenile.



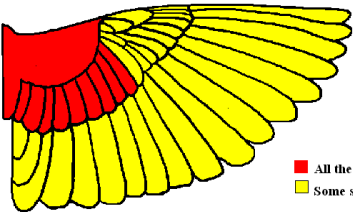
Greenfinch. Female, Ageing. Pattern of primary coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.



Greenfinch. Male, Ageing. Pattern of primary coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, finished in November. Often partial **postjuvenile** moult, including body feathers, lesser and median coverts and most of the greater coverts; there are birds that extend their moult to all greater coverts, alula and tertials, becoming in some a complete moult; often the central pair of tail feathers can be moulted and sometimes all the tail; usually finished in November.



Greenfinch. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

■ All the specimens
■ Some specimens

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGÓN

Resident, with contribution of wintering European birds. Widely distributed through all the Region, absent from the highest zones of the Pyrenees and the most deforested areas of the Ebro Basin.

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Greenfinch. Summer. Adult. Female (03-VII).



Greenfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Male (12-VI).



Greenfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Male (11-VI).



Greenfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Female (11-VI).



Greenfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Female (10-VI).



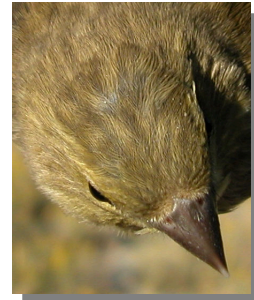
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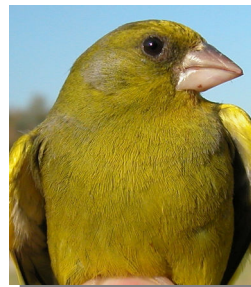
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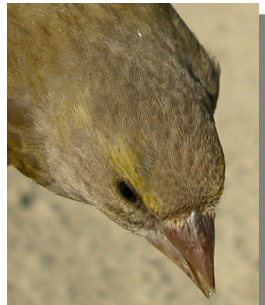
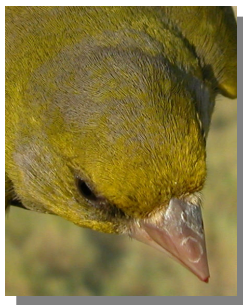
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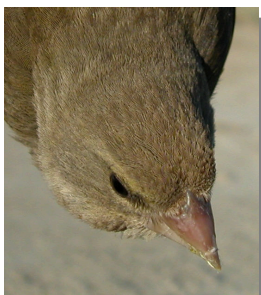
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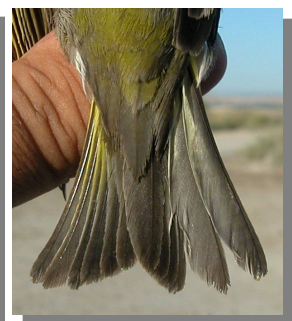
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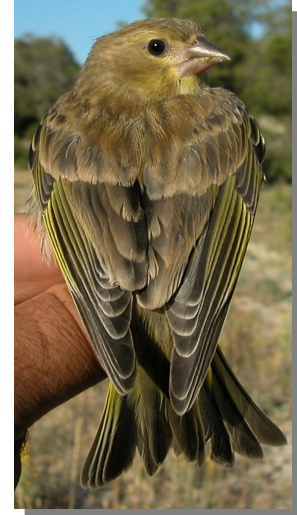
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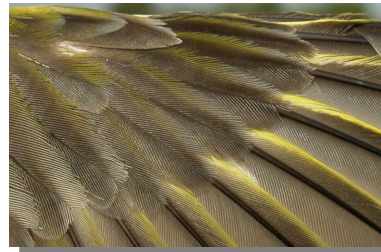
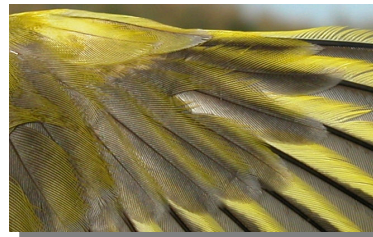
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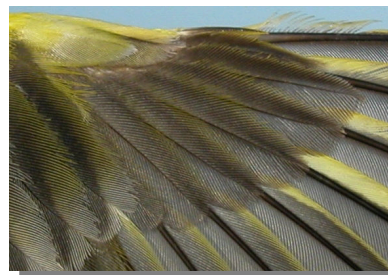
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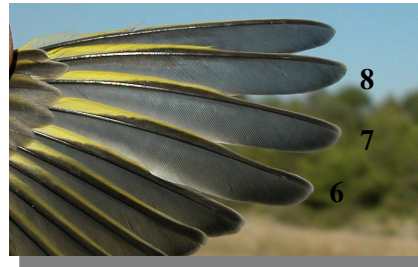
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Greenfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Extent of the yellow patch on the outer web of primaries 6th to 8th: top male (12-VI); bottom female (11-VI).



Greenfinch. Summer. Adult. Extent of the yellow patch on the outer web of primaries 6th to 8th: top male (16-V); bottom female (03-VII).



Greenfinch. Summer. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (16-V).



Greenfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Extent of the yellow patch on the outer web of primaries 6th to 8th: top male (11-VI); bottom female (10-VI).



Greenfinch. Summer. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (03-VII).

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Greenfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (11-VI).



Greenfinch. Winter. 2nd year. Female (17-I).



Greenfinch. Summer. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (02-VII).



Greenfinch. Winter. 2nd year. Male (17-I).



Greenfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Male: pattern of wing (12-VI).



Greenfinch. Winter. Adult. Female (17-I).



Greenfinch. Summer. Juvenile. Female: pattern of wing (11-VI).

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Greenfinch. Winter. Adult. Male (17-I).



Greenfinch. Winter. Adult. Head pattern: left male (17-I); right female (17-I).



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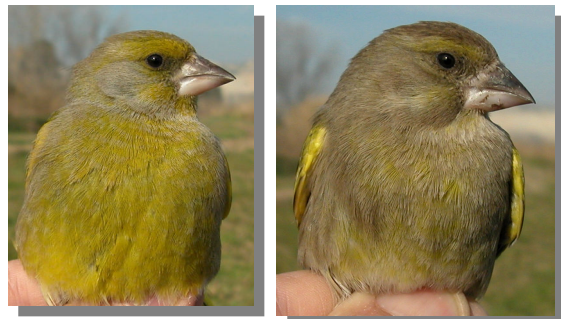
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Greenfinch. Winter. 2nd year. Pattern of the outermost tail feathers: left male (17-I); right female (17-I).

Greenfinch. Winter. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (17-I); right female (17-I).



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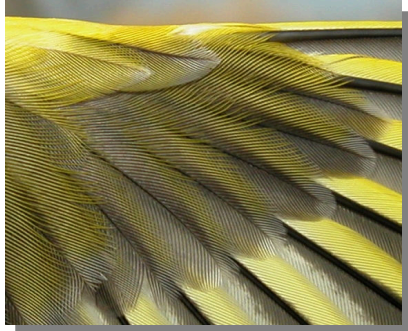


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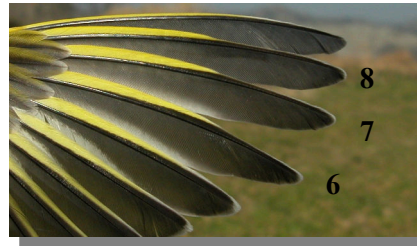
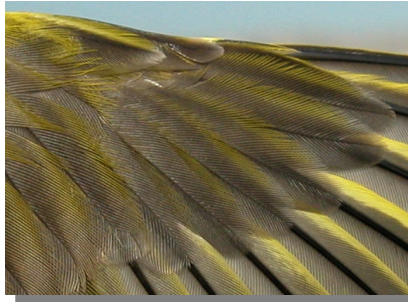
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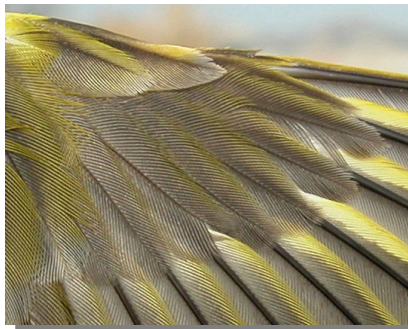
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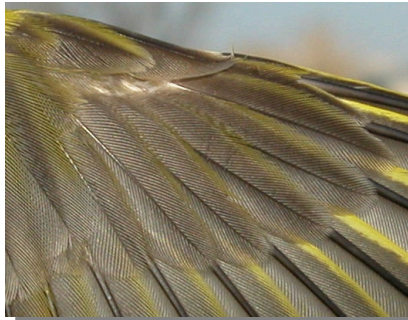
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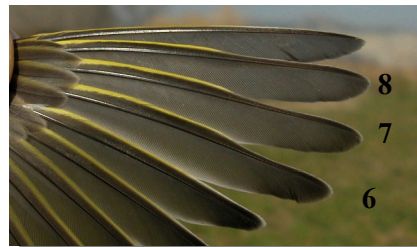
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Greenfinch. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (17-I).

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Greenfinch. Winter. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (17-I).



Greenfinch. Winter. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (17-I).



Greenfinch. Winter. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (17-I).