

16600 Common Linnet (*Linaria cannabina*)



Linnet. Summer. Adult. Male (12-VI).

COMMON LINNET (*Linaria cannabina*)

IDENTIFICATION

12-14 cm. Reddish upperparts; **female** and **male** in **winter** with streaked breast; **male** in **summer** with red forehead and breast, with white patches on wing and outer tail feathers.



SIMILAR SPECIES

Males unmistakable in **summer** by their red forehead and breast; with other plumages easily recognized by white colour on primaries and reddish upperparts.

SEXING

Male with white patch on outer web of 1st-3rd primaries reaching the shafts or less than 0,5 mm from; in **summer** with red feathers on forehead and breast; in **winter** with feathers having a rounded red patch concealed by buff fringes (**CAUTION:** these red patches can be hidden having in a superficial view a breast similar to **females**). **Female** with white patch on outer web of 1st-3rd primaries more than 0,5 mm from shafts; dark streaked on forehead and breast, without red colour. **Juveniles** can be sexed using the same wing characteristics as in **adults**.



Linnet. Summer. Sexing. Pattern of crown: left male; right female.

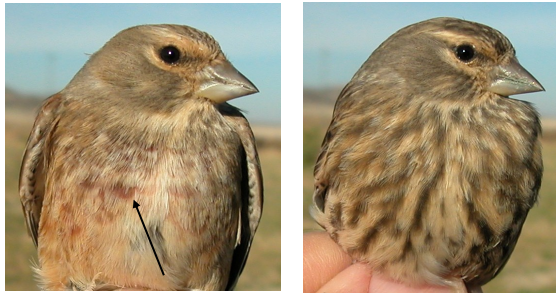


Linnet. Summer. Sexing. Pattern of breast: left male; right female.

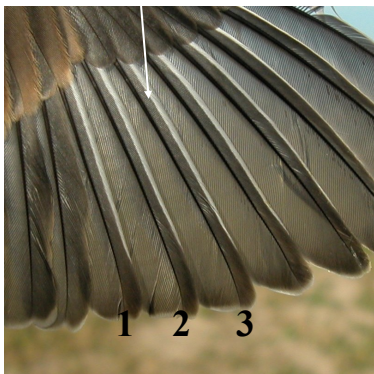
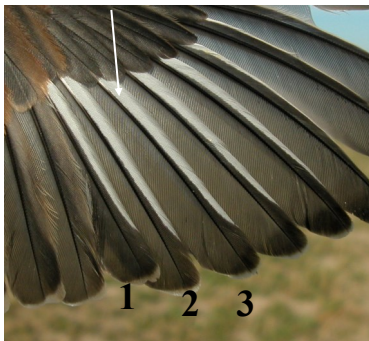


Linnet. Winter. Sexing. Pattern of crown: left male; right female.

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Linnet. Winter. Sexing. Pattern of breast: left male; right female.



Linnet. Sexing. Pattern of inner primaries: top male; bottom female.

AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile resembles a **female**, but recognizable for having fresh plumage.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit between retained and moulted greater coverts; if all greater coverts are moulted, then limit is within tertials, between alula feathers and primary coverts or between moulted flight feathers; if central tail feathers have been moulted, then with moult limit between retained **juvenile** feathers (pointed and worn) and moulted (rounded and fresh). **CAUTION:** some birds moult all tail feathers and have a variable extent on wing moult, being necessary to check all the feathers.

Adult/postjuvenile with complete moult without moult limits on tail (all feathers rounded) and wing.



Linnet. Summer. Ageing. Wear of tail feathers: top left adult; top right 2nd year; left juvenile.



Linnet. Winter. Ageing. Wear of tail feathers: left adult; right 1st year.

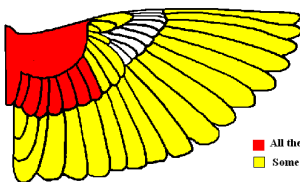
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Linnet. Ageing. Moult limit on wing covers: top adult; bottom 1st year.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, finished in October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult, involving body feathers, lesser and median coverts and most of the greater coverts; some birds moult all greater coverts, some primary coverts, tertials or some flight feathers, being a complete moult in a few number; often the central pair of tail feathers can be moulted and sometimes all the tail; usually finished in November.



Linnet. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

■ All the specimens
■ Some specimens

PHENOLOGY

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

■ Summer visitor ■ Resident
■ Wintering ■ On passage



Linnet. Summer. Adult. Female (11-VI)



Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Male (18-VI).



Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Female (22-VI).

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Linnet. Summer. Juvenile. Male (09-VI).



Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Head pattern: top male (18-VI); bottom female (22-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Juvenile. Female (12-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Juvenile. Head pattern: top male (09-VI); bottom female (12-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Adult. Head pattern: top male (12-VI); bottom female (11-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (12-VI); right female (11-VI).

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Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Crown pattern: left male (18-VI); right female (22-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Juvenile. Crown pattern: left male (09-VI); right female (12-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (12-VI); right female (11-VI).



Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Breast pattern: left male (18-VI); right female (22-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Juvenile. Breast pattern: left male (09-VI); right female (12-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (12-VI); right female (11-VI).



Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Tail pattern: left male (18-VI); right female (22-VI).

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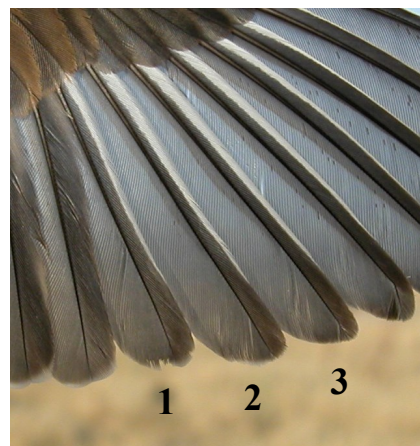
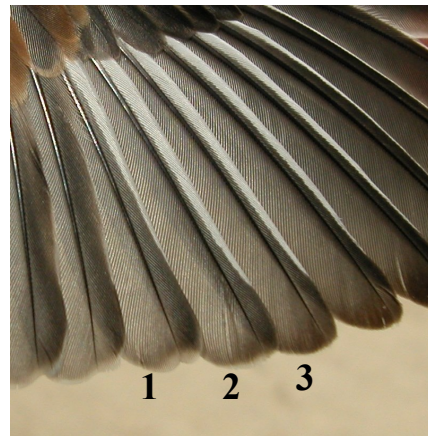
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Linnet. Summer. Juvenile. Upperpart pattern: left male (09-VI); right female (12-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (12-VI); right female (11-VI).

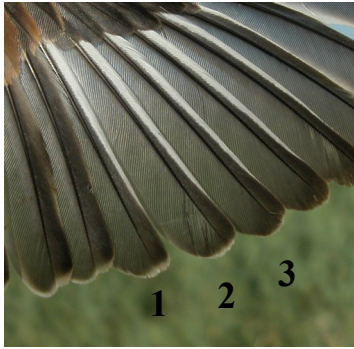


Linnet. Summer. Adult. Extent of white patch on primaries 1st to 3rd: top male (12-VI); bottom female (11-VI).

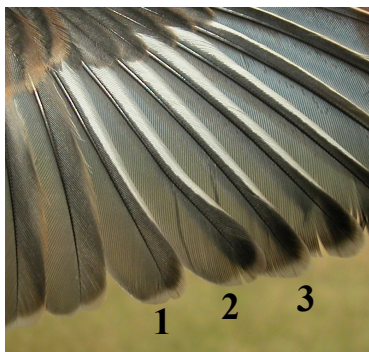


Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Upperpart pattern: left male (18-VI); right female (22-VI).

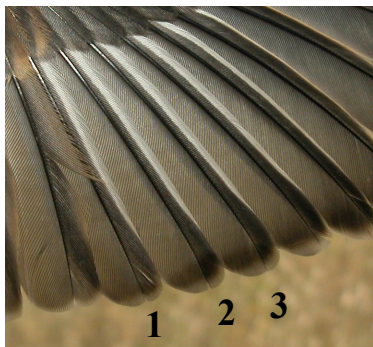
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Linnet. Summer. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (12-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (11-VI).



Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (18-VI).



Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (22-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Juvenile. Male: pattern of wing (09-VI).



Linnet. Summer. Juvenile. Female: pattern of wing (12-VI).



Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Male (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. Adult. Male (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Male with female-like pattern (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. Adult. Female (21-XII).



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Linnet. Winter. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (21-XII); right female (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Crown pattern: top left male (21-XII); top right male with female-like pattern (21-XII); left female (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Head pattern: top male (21-XII); middle male with female-like pattern (21-XII); bottom female (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (21-XII); right female (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. Adult. Head pattern: top male (21-XII); bottom female (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Breast pattern: top left male (21-XII); top right male with female-like pattern (21-XII); left female (21-XII).

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Linnet. Winter. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (21-XII); right female (21-XII).



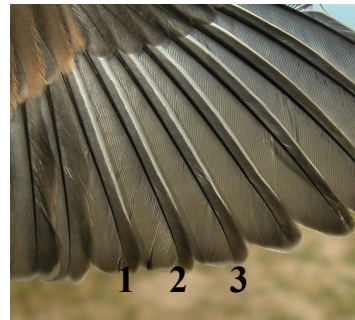
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Linnet. Winter. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (21-XII); right female (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Tail pattern: left male (21-XII); right female (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. Adult. Extent of white patch on primaries 1st to 3rd: top male (21-XII); bottom female (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Extent of white patch on primaries 1st to 3rd: top male (21-XII); bottom female (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing (21-XII).



Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (21-XII).