

**18580 Cirl Bunting** (*Emberiza cirlus*)



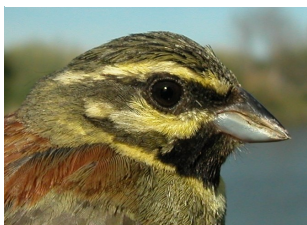
Cirl Bunting. Spring. Adult. Male (25-IV).

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**IDENTIFICATION**

14-18 cm. **Adults** with brown upperparts; yellowish underparts; brown-olive rump; flanks with brown tinge; bluish bill. **Male** with black throat and green-grey breast. **Female** without black throat and breast with diffuse streaks. **Juveniles** with greenish lesser coverts.

Cirl Bunting. Adult. Pattern of upperparts and head: top male; bottom female.



Cirl Bunting. Juvenile. Pattern of head and lesser coverts.

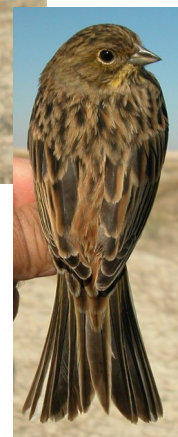


**SIMILAR SPECIES**

**Male** is unmistakable. **Female** similar to **female Yellowhammer** which has chestnut rump and a pale patch on nape. **Female Ortolan Bunting** has brown rump and brown-yellowish underparts. **Juveniles Cirl Bunting** are similar to **Rock Bunting** which have grey lesser coverts; **Yellowhammer** have chestnut rump; **Ortolan Bunting** have brown-yellowish throat and breast; **Corn Bunting** is bigger (16-19 mm) and without white on outermost tail feathers.



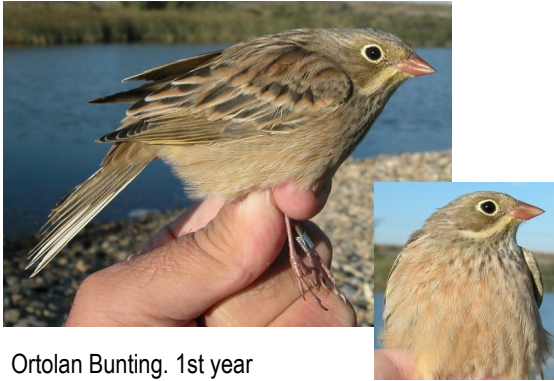
Yellowhammer. Female



Yellowhammer. Juvenile



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Ortolan Bunting. 1st year



Ortolan Bunting. Juvenile.



Rock Bunting. Juvenile



Corn Bunting

**SEXING**

In **Spring**, **male** with black chin and throat; breast unstreaked; wing 75-84 mm. **Female** with white-yellowish chin and throat; breast streaked; wing 71-79 mm. After **postbreeding/postjuvenile** moults, **male** with black feathers on chin and throat with white-buff tips; unstreaked breast; reddish upperparts. **Female** with chin and throat buff-yellowish; streaked breast; little or no reddish on upperparts. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed using plumage characteristics.



Cirl Bunting. Spring. Sexing. Pattern of head: top male; bottom female.



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. Sexing. Pattern of head: top male; bottom female.



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**AGEING**

3 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile** similar to **females**; clearly dark streaked; with fresh plumage.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with moult limits on wing within tertials or between tertials and secondaries; with moult limit on tail if central pair is moulted; unmoulted tail feathers with pointed tips due to wear.

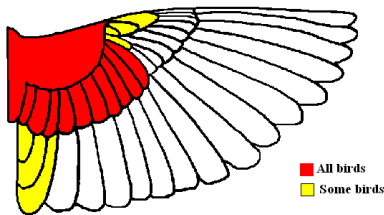
**Adult** without moult limits on wing; tail feathers with rounded tips.



Cirl Bunting. Ageing. Pattern of breast: left female; right juvenile.

**MOULT**

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, lesser, median, most or all greater coverts and sometimes tertials and central tail feathers; usually finished in October. Both types of age have a **prebreeding** moult including only body feathers.



Cirl Bunting. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

**PHENOLOGY**

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

- Summer visitor
- Wintering
- Resident
- On passage



Cirl Bunting. Spring. Adult. Female (03-IV).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. 2nd year. Male (02-V).

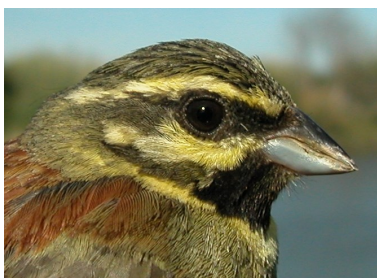


Cirl Bunting. Spring. 2nd year. Female (02-IV).

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Cirl Bunting. Spring. Juvenile (27-VI).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. Adult. Head pattern: top male (25-IV); bottom female (03-IV).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. Head pattern: top 2nd year male (02-V); middle 2nd year female (02-IV); bottom juvenile (27-VI).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (25-IV); right female (03-IV).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. Breast pattern: top left 2nd year male (02-V); top right 2nd year female (02-IV); left juvenile (27-VI).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (25-IV); right female (03-IV).

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Cirl Bunting. Spring. Tail pattern: top left 2nd year male (02-V); top right 2nd year female (02-IV); left juvenile (27-VI).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (25-IV); right female (03-IV).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. Upperparts pattern: top left 2nd year male (02-V); top right 2nd year female (02-IV); left juvenile (27-VI).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (25-IV).

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Cirl Bunting. Spring. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (03-IV).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. Juvenile: pattern of wing (27-VI).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (02-V).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. Adult. Male (10-X).



Cirl Bunting. Spring. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (02-IV).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. Adult. Female (26-XII).

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Cirl Bunting. Autumn. 1st year. Male (25-IX).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. 1st year. Head pattern: top male (25-IX); bottom female (27-XI).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. 1st year. Female (27-XI).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (10-X); right female (26-XII).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. Adult. Head pattern: top male (10-X); bottom female (26-XII).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. 1st year. Breast pattern: left male (25-IX); right female (27-XI).

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Cirl Bunting. Autumn. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (10-X); right female (26-XII).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. 1st year. Upperparts pattern: left male (25-IX); right female (27-XI).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (10-X); right female (26-XII).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. 1st year. Tail pattern: left male (25-IX); right female (27-XI).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (10-XI).





Cirl Bunting. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (26-XII).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing (25-IX).



Cirl Bunting. Autumn. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (27-XI).