

18818 Emberiza Juvenile Identification

IDENTIFICATION KEY: JUVENILES OF BUNTINGS (GENUS *Emberiza*).

Reed Bunting doesn't breed in Aragon, so only juveniles of 5 species are covered:

1 - No pure white on tail feathers; breast slightly spotted: Corn Bunting (*Emberiza calandra*)

- With pure white on tail feathers 2

2 - With pale eye-ring; well defined pale moustachial stripe; pinkish bill; brownish lesser coverts: Ortolan Bunting (*Emberiza hortulana*)

- Head and lesser coverts with another pattern 3

3 - Head without yellow or green tinge; bluish lesser coverts: Rock Bunting (*Emberiza cia*)

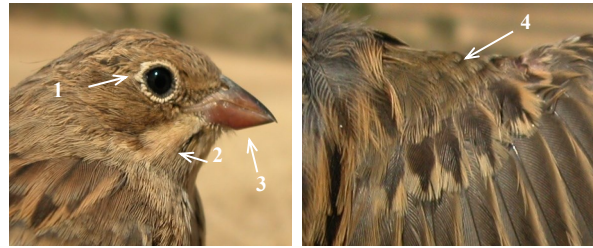
- Head with yellowish tinge; lesser coverts greenish or olive-green 4

4 - Rump and uppertail coverts green-greyish; head olive-yellowish; lesser coverts greenish; 5th to 8th primaries emarginated: Cirl Bunting (*Emberiza cirlus*)

- Rump and uppertail coverts rufous; head usually intense yellow (**CAUTION:** not always); lesser coverts olive-green; 6th to 8th primaries emarginated: Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*)



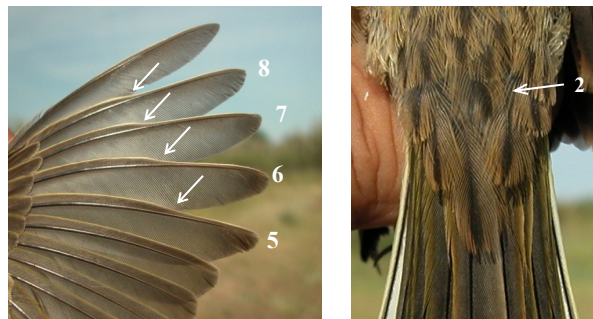
Corn Bunting: no pure white on tail feathers (1); breast slightly spotted (2).



Ortolan Bunting: pale eye-ring (1); pale moustachial stripe well defined (2); pinkish bill (3); brownish lesser coverts (4).



Rock Bunting: head without yellow or green tinge (1); lesser coverts bluish (2).



Cirl Bunting: head olive-yellowish (1); rump and uppertail coverts green-greyish (2); lesser coverts greenish (3); 5th to 8th primaries emarginated.



Yellowhammer: head intense yellow (1) but not always (2); rump and uppertail coverts rufous (3); lesser coverts olive-green (4); 6th to 8th primaries emarginated.
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