

1000 Identification of Adult Buntings

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

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

- With pure white on tail feathers 2

2 - Black throat 3

- No black throat 4

3 - Greenish-grey and yellow underparts: Cirl Bunting, male (*Emberiza cirlus*).

- White underparts: Reed Bunting, breeding male (*Emberiza schoeniclus*).

4 - With black lines on sides of head; unstreaked grey throat: Rock Bunting (*Emberiza cia*).

- Without black lines on sides of head 5

5 - With yellow eye-ring and moustachial stripe; pinkish bill: Ortolan Bunting (*Emberiza hortulana*)

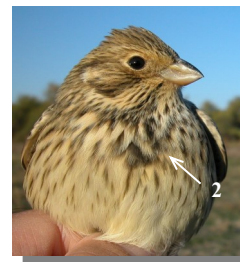
- Without yellow moustachial stripe 6

6 - Underparts without yellowish tinge; off-white moustachial stripe; pale breast streaked (female) and tinged dark (male winter): Reed Bunting (*Emberiza schoeniclus*).

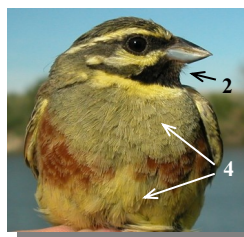
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7 - Rump and uppertail coverts rufous; underparts intense yellow (male) or only yellowish and streaked (female): Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*)

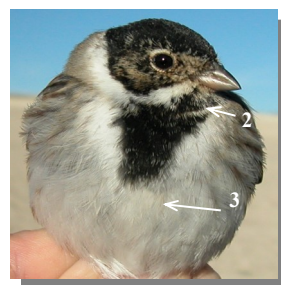
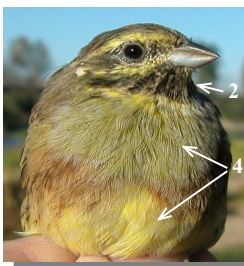
- Rump and uppertail coverts green-greyish; underparts yellowish and streaked: Cirl Bunting, female (*Emberiza cirlus*)



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



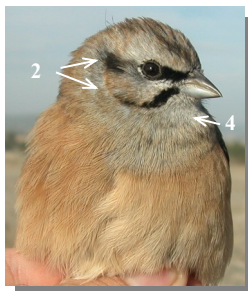
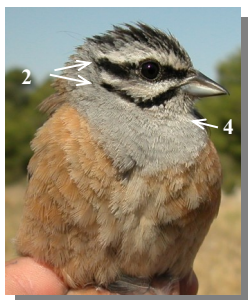
Cirl Bunting. Male: with pure white on tail feathers (1); black throat well defined in spring (2), partly concealed in autumn (3); green and yellow underparts (4).



Reed Bunting. Male breeding: with pure white on tail feathers (1); black throat (2); white underparts (3).

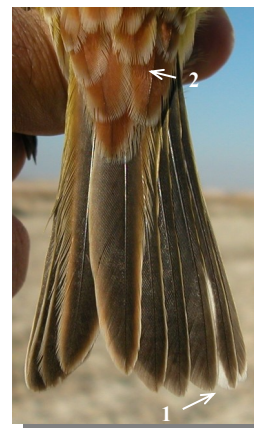
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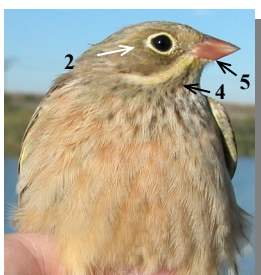
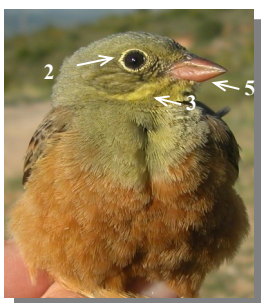
(3); unstreaked grey throat (4).

Rock Bunting: with pure white on tail feathers (1); with black lines on sides of head well defined in spring (2), partly concealed in autumn



(3), yellowish and streaked in female (4).

Yellowhammer: with pure white on tail feathers (1); rump and uppertail coverts rufous (2); underparts intense yellow in male



in autumn (4); pinkish bill (5).

Ortolan Bunting: with pure white on tail feathers (1); yellow eyering (2); intense yellow moustachial stripe in spring (3), dull yellow



greyish (2); underparts yellowish and streaked (3).

Cirl Bunting. Female: with pure white on tail feathers (1); rump and uppertail coverts green-



Reed Bunting: breast without yellowish tinge streaked in female (1), tinged dark in male winter (2); off-white moustachial stripe (3).