Eurasian Wigeon 

**EURASIAN WIGEON** (*Anas penelope*)

**IDENTIFICATION**
45-51 cm. Male with chestnut head and neck; creamy-yellowish crown; grey vermiculated upperparts; white belly; black undertail coverts; wings with white band and green speculum. Female with brown plumage; head without creamy crown; grey-brown upperparts; undertail coverts with dark mottled; wing with green duller green speculum than male.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**
This species is unmistakable.

**SEXING**
Male with reddish head and neck; buff yellow centre of crown; green patch behind eye; greyish pink breast; black undertail coverts; speculum with green gloss; forewing with a white band; outer web of innermost secondary white, narrowly margined black. Female with brownish head and neck; crown without buff yellow centre; no green patch behind eye; buffish breast; undertail coverts with black mottled; speculum with dull green; outer web of innermost secondary suffused grey.

It is not probable to find this species with non breeding plumage in Aragon.
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AGEING
Since this species doesn’t breed in Aragon only 2 types of age can be recognized:
1st year autumn/2nd year spring with a variable number of juvenile feathers retained on body and wings; retained juvenile greater coverts narrow and pointed; in males, whitish coloured and some, with a subterminal dark brown; in females, dark grey coloured with white edges on tips; scapulars eroded and with pointed tips; some or most juvenile tail feathers retained.
Adult with greater coverts with broad and squarish tips; in males, pure white coloured with black distal edge; in females, grey coloured with white distal edge mixed with grey; scapulars fresh and with rounded tips.


Wigeon. Ageing. Male. Pattern of greater coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year

MOULT
After October both types of age have a partial prebreeding moult acquiring breeding plumage; during the winter some feathers on tertials, tail and body are in active moult.

PHENOLOGY

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STATUS IN ARAGON
A winter visitor, being a very scarce species in any wet place of the Region.

Wigeon. Ageing. Female. Pattern of greater coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year

Wigeon. Adult. Female ()

Wigeon. Ageing. Pattern of scapulars: left adult; right 1st year

Wigeon. 1st year. Male ()
Wigeon. 1st year. Female ().

Wigeon. Adult. Head pattern: top male (); bottom female ().

Wigeon. 1st year. Head pattern: top male (); bottom female ().

Wigeon. 1st year. Crown pattern: left male (); right female ().

Wigeon. 1st year. Crown pattern: left male (); right female ().
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Wigeon. Adult. Breast pattern: top male (); bottom female ()

Wigeon. 1st year. Breast pattern: top male (); bottom female ()

Wigeon. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (); right female ()

Wigeon. 1st year. Upperparts pattern: left male (); right female ()

Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of flank (03-XI)
Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of flank (03-XI)

Wigeon. 1st year. Male: pattern of flank ()

Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of flank (03-XI)

Wigeon. Adult. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).

Wigeon. 1st year. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).

Wigeon. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).
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Wigeon. Adult. Pattern of greater coverts: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).

Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of primary coverts (03-XI)

Wigeon. 1st year. Pattern of greater coverts: left male (03-XI); right female (03-XI).

Wigeon. 1st year. Male: pattern of primary coverts (03-XI)

Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of primary coverts (03-XI)

Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of primary coverts (03-XI)
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Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (03-XI)

Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (03-XI)

Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries (03-XI)

Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (03-XI)

Wigeon. 1st year. Male: pattern of primaries ()

Wigeon. 1st year. Male: pattern of secondaries ()

Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of primaries (03-XI)

Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of secondaries (03-XI)
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Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (03-XI)

Wigeon. 1st year. Female: pattern of secondaries (03-XI)

Wigeon. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (03-XI)

Wigeon. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (03-XI)

Wigeon. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing ()