**RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE** (*Alectoris* W 33-38 cm. **Adult** brown reddish upperparts; grey breast, reddish on belly; black streaked neck; chestnut, black and white streaks on flanks; bill, ocular ring and legs red. **Juvenile** brown, without barred flanks; neck without black streaked; bill brownish.

**SEXING**

**Male** with broad and glossy black neck; spurs in both legs rounded and with width at base similar to four scales; width of tarsus at spur level wider than 8,6 mm; wing longer than 166 mm. **Female** with small and dull black neck; without spurs, with spur in only one leg or in both legs (pointed or rounded), with width at base less than four scales; width of tarsus at spur level narrower than 8,4 mm; wing shorter than 162 mm. **Juveniles** can be sexed since 3 months old when spurs start to grow on **males**.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**

This species is unmistakable.
AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with brown upperparts; underparts buff without barred flanks; throat white without black edge; outer primaries with pale tips; brown bill; dull reddish legs.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** similar to **adults** but with the two outermost **juvenile** primaries retained which are discolored and have a pale spot at the tip (**CAUTION**: the pale tip on the outer primaries in **postjuvenile** birds can be very small or be absent due to wear; check differences of colour between retained **juvenile** primaries, paler and worn, and darker changed ones).

**Adult** without moult limits on the wing; with the two outermost primaries without pale tips.

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MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in November. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including all feathers except the two outermost primaries, which are retained; finished early November.

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PHENOLOGY


**STATUS IN ARAGON**

Resident. Widely distributed throughout the Region, absent only from some areas of the Pyrenees.

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Red-legged Partridge. Young (26-VII)

Red-legged Partridge. Juvenile (05-VIII)

Red-legged Partridge. Head pattern: top juvenile (05-VIII); bottom young (26-VII).

Red-legged Partridge. Breast pattern: top left male (10-X); top right female (11-VII); left juvenile (05-VIII); bottom young (26-VII).
Red-legged Partridge. Male: flank pattern (10-X)

Red-legged Partridge. Female: flank pattern (11-VII)

Red-legged Partridge. Juvenile: flank pattern (05-VIII)

Red-legged Partridge. Young: flank pattern (26-VII)

Red-legged Partridge. Tail pattern: male (02-I); right female (11-VII)

Red-legged Partridge. Tail pattern: left juvenile (05-VIII); right young (26-VII).

Red-legged Partridge. 1st year: pattern of the outermost primaries with fresh tips (09-X).

Red-legged Partridge. 1st year: pattern of the outermost primaries with worn tips (05-XI).


Red-legged Partridge. 1st year: pattern of wing (09-X).