

143 Grey Partridge

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Grey Partridge. Male (21-II).

GREY PATRIDGE (*Perdix perdix*)

IDENTIFICATION

28-30 cm. Grey upperparts, spotted white and brown; orange-brown face; grey flanks, with chestnut bars; grey breast; velly with a large horseshoe-shaped patch in **male**, small or without patch in **female**.



Grey Partridge. Adult: pattern of head and upperparts.

SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable

SEXING

Male with chestnut-reddish face; brownish crown, with grey edge; belly whitish with a dark horseshoe-shaped patch. **Female** with less reddish face; crown hardly streaked; belly with smaller patch or absent. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed using plumage characters.



Grey Partridge. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of underparts: left male; right female.



Grey Partridge. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of flank: top male; bottom female.

AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile without reddish face; underparts brown-yellowish with pale streaks; pale throat and belly; flanks with pale streaked; dark bill.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring similar to **adults**, but with moult limit between the 2 outermost unmoulted juvenile primaries, more eroded and ochre than the moulted inner ones.

Adult with reddish face; grey underparts; flanks with chestnut bars; pale bill; all primaries with the same generation, without moult limits.

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Grey Partridge. Ageing. Pattern of head and bill: top adult; bottom juvenile.



MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in November. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including all feathers except the two outermost primaries, which are retained. Both types of age have a **prebreeding** moult involving only body feathers, so the outermost juvenile feathers are changed after the **postbreeding** moult.

PHENOLOGY

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Grey Partridge. Ageing. Pattern of underparts: left adult; right juvenile.

STATUS IN ARAGON

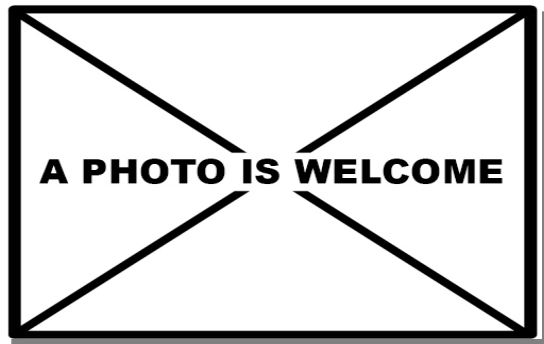
Resident, widely distributed in the Pyrenees and scarce in Sistema Iberico.



Grey Partridge. Female (21-II).



Grey Partridge. Ageing. Pattern of flank: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Grey Partridge. Juvenile ().

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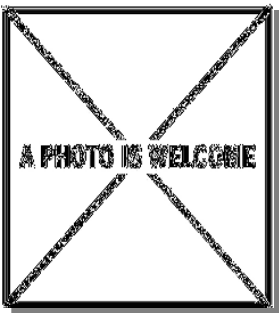
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Grey Partridge. Head pattern: top male (21-II); middle female (21-II); bottom juvenile ().



Grey Partridge. Breast pattern: top left male (21-II); top right female (21-II); left juvenile ().



Grey Partridge. Crown pattern: top left male (21-II); top right female (21-II); left juvenile ().



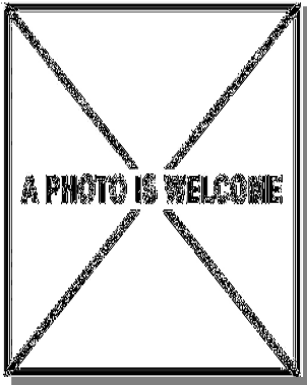
Grey Partridge. Flank pattern: top male (21-II); middle female (21-II); bottom juvenile ().

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Grey Partridge. Male: pattern of wing coverts and secondaries (21-II). (a better photo is wellcome)



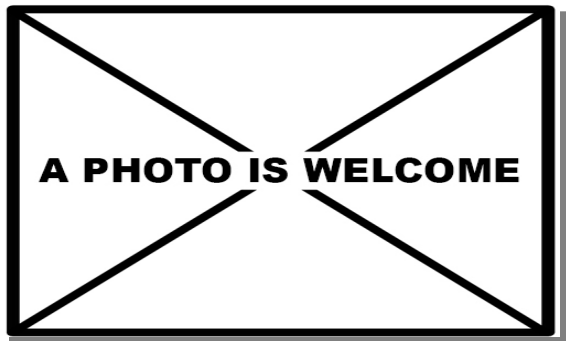
Grey Partridge. Upperpart pattern: top left male (21-II); top right female (21-II); left juvenile ().



Grey Partridge. Female: pattern of wing coverts and secondaries (21-II). (a better photo is wellcome)



Grey Partridge. Tail pattern: top left male (21-II); top right female (28-X) (a better photo is wellcome); left juvenile ().



Grey Partridge. Juvenile: pattern of wing coverts and secondaries ().

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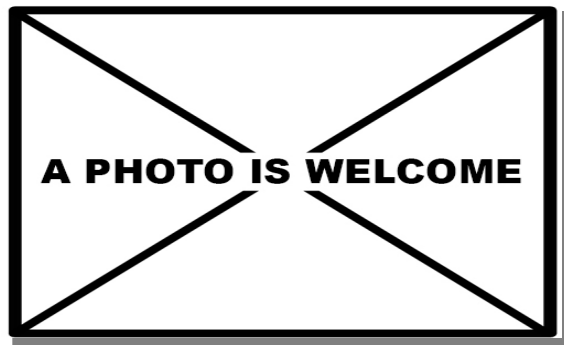
Grey Partridge. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (21-II). (a better photo is wellcome)



Grey Partridge. 2nd year. Female: pattern of primaries (21-II). (a better photo is wellcome)



Grey Partridge. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries (21-II). (a better photo is wellcome)



Grey Partridge. Juvenile: pattern of primaries ().



Grey Partridge. 2nd year. Male: pattern of primaries (21-II). (a better photo is wellcome)



Grey Partridge. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (21-II). (a better photo is wellcome)

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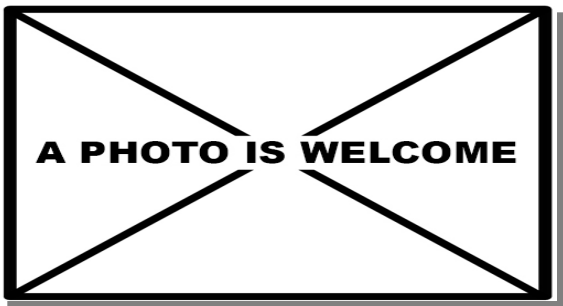
Grey Partridge. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (21-II). (a better photo is welcome)



Grey Partridge. 2nd year. Male: pattern of wing (21-II). (a better photo is welcome)



Grey Partridge. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (21-II). (a better photo is welcome)



Grey Partridge. Juvenile: pattern of wing ().