EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW

(Burhinus oedicnemus)

IDENTIFICATION
38-44 cm. Brown sandy plumage; yellow iris and legs; yellow bill with black tip; brown wings with two white bands.

AGEING
3 types of age can be recognized:
- **Juvenile** with fresh plumage till September with down at tip of tail feathers; longer lesser coverts sandy-white with a dark central streak; greater coverts with broad white band on tip.
- **1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with moult limit between changed and juvenile retained greater coverts (CAUTION: some birds can change all); flight feathers with the seam wear and worner than adults.
- **Adult** usually with different wear on flight feathers; longer lesser coverts white barred dark at tip; all greater coverts with narrow white band wearing to black tip.

SEXING
Plumage of both sexes alike.

MOULT
Complete **postbreeding** moult, with a large moult period between April and October; some birds retain flight feathers during the winter which are moulted in March-April. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, central pair of tail feathers, and usually all or most of lesser and median wing coverts; some birds moult all or most of greater coverts and all tail feathers; usually finished in November.

PHENOLOGY

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STATUS EN ARAGON
Summer visitor with wintering birds in the Ebro Valley. Breeds widely distributed throughout the Region, absent from mountainous areas.
Stone-curlew. 2nd year spring (11-IV).

Stone-curlew. 1st year autumn (09-IX).


Stone-curlew. Breast pattern: left 1st year autumn (09-IX); right juvenile (27-VII).

Stone-curlew. Breast pattern: left adult (08-IV); right 2nd year spring (11-IV).

Stone-curlew. Breast pattern: left 1st year autumn (09-IX); right juvenile (27-VII).
Stone-curlew. Upperpart pattern: left adult (08-IV); right 2nd year spring (11-IV).

Stone-curlew. Tail pattern: left adult (08-IV); right 2nd year spring (11-IV).

Stone-curlew. Tail pattern: left 1st year autumn (09-IX); right juvenile (27-VII).

Stone-curlew. Adult: pattern of greater coverts (08-IV).

Stone-curlew. 2nd year spring: pattern of greater coverts (1 juvenile feathers) (08-IV).
Stone-curlew. 1st year autumn: pattern of greater coverts (09-IX).


Stone-curlew. 2nd year spring: pattern of secondaries (11-IV).

Stone-curlew. 1st year autumn: pattern of secondaries (09-IX).


Stone-curlew. 2nd year spring: pattern of primaries (11-IV).
Stone-curlew. 1st year autumn: pattern of primaries (09-IX).


Stone-curlew. 1st year autumn: pattern of wing (09-IX).

Stone-curlew. 2nd year spring: pattern of wing (11-IV).

Stone-curlew. 1st year autumn: pattern of wing (09-IX).
