Wryneck. Spring. Adult (12-IV).

EURASIAN WRYNECK (*Jynx torquilla*)

**IDENTIFICATION**
16-18 cm. Brown and grey upperparts; grey underparts, with buff and barred breast; tail with grey and brown bars; grey-brown bill and legs.

**AGEING**
4 age groups can be recognized:
- **Juvenile** with grey iris; the outermost primary (10th) long and broad reaching half length of the 9th.
- **1st year autumn** with dull brown iris; **juvenile** primary coverts with pointed tips; fresh secondaries with only one age (**adults** have worn retained secondaries which will be moulted in wintering sites); minute 10th primary after moult.
- **2nd year spring** with poor differences in wear between primaries and secondaries; sometimes with some retained **juvenile** secondary, more worn than neighbours; retained primary coverts very worn and pointed; iris grey brown in the center and grey in its distal part.
- **Adult in spring** with primaries more eroded than secondaries; in **autumn** with fresh body feathers, primaries, tertials and tail but secondaries are worn; iris reddish brown.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**
This species is unmistakable.

**SEXING**
Plumage of both sexes alike.
Wryneck. Ageing. Length of the 10th primary: top adult; bottom juvenile.

**MOULT**
Complete *postbreeding* moult, changing in breeding areas all feathers except secondaries, which are usually moulted in wintering sites. Partial *postjuvenile* moult, changing all feathers except some secondaries and all or part of primary coverts and tertials which are moulted in wintering sites. Both age classes have a *prebreeding* moult involving body feathers, wing coverts and part or all of tail.

**PHENOLOGY**

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**STATUS IN ARAGON**
Summer visitor breeding in forests from mountainous areas and Ebro river.

Wryneck. Spring. Head pattern and iris colour: top adult (12-IV); middle 2nd year (12-IV); bottom juvenile (15-VI).
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Wryneck. Spring. Breast pattern: top left adult (12-IV); top right 2nd year (12-IV); left juvenile (15-VI).


Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of tail (12-IV).


Wryneck. Spring. Upperparts pattern: top left adult (12-IV); top right 2nd year (12-IV); left juvenile (15-VI).
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Wryneck. Spring. Adult/2nd year: length of 10th primary (12-IV).

Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of tips of primary coverts (12-IV).


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Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of primaries (05-IV).

Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of secondaries with one juvenile secondary retained (05-IV).


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Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of secondaries with all feathers moulted (05-IV).


Wryneck. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing with little worn primaries (05-IV).

Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing with one juvenile secondary retained (05-IV).

Wryneck. Spring. 2nd year: pattern of wing with all feathers moulted (05-IV).

Wryneck. Spring. Adult: pattern of wing with strongly worn primaries (06-VI).

Wryneck. Autumn. Adult (06-IX).

Wryneck. Autumn. Upperparts pattern: left adult (06-IX); right 1st year (14-VIII).

Wryneck. Autumn. 1st year (14-VIII).

Wryneck. Autumn. Breast pattern: left adult (06-IX); right 1st year (14-VIII).

Wryneck. Autumn. Head pattern and iris colour: top adult (06-IX); bottom 1st year (14-VIII).


Wryneck. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of secondaries (14-VIII).

Wryneck. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of primaries (14-VIII).

Wryneck. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing (14-VIII).