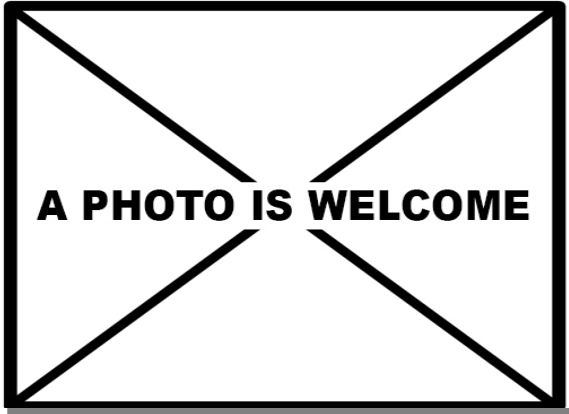


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Black Woodpecker. Adult. Male ().

BLACK WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus martius*)

IDENTIFICATION

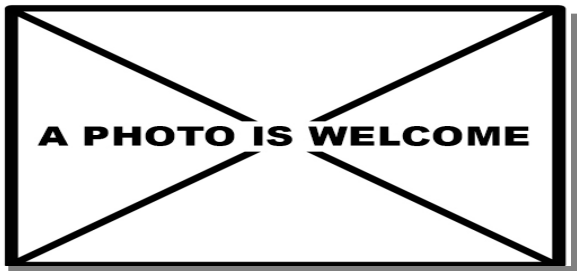
45-48 cm. Black plumage with red crown; white bill.

SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable

SEXING

Juveniles and **adults** can be sexed by size of the red patch on crown: **male** with red on whole crown; **female** with red only on hindcrown.



Black Woodpecker. Sexing. Pattern of crown: top male (photo: Lukács Katalin Odett (Hungary)); bottom female.

AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

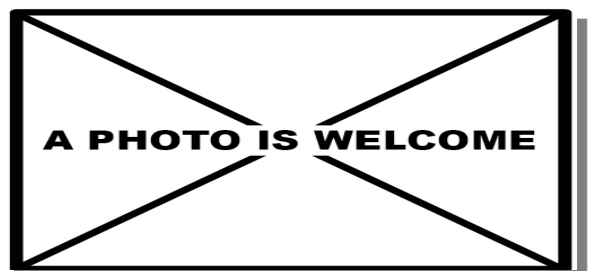
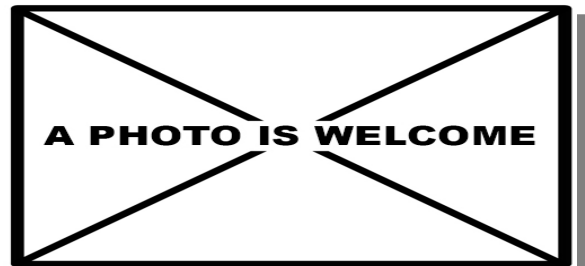
Juvenile similar to **adults**, but with duller black plumage and red on crown no so bright; 10th primary with broad tip and with straight or convex edge on the inner web; 10th primary with 16 to 28 mm longer than the primary coverts.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit between the moulted and **juvenile** retained wing feathers.

Adult with bright bluish black plumage; without moult limits; 10th primary with narrow tip and with concave edge on the inner web; 10th primary with 3 to 17 mm longer than the primary coverts.



Black Woodpecker. Ageing. Pattern and length of the 10th primary: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Black Woodpecker. Ageing. Pattern of the wing coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.

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MOULT

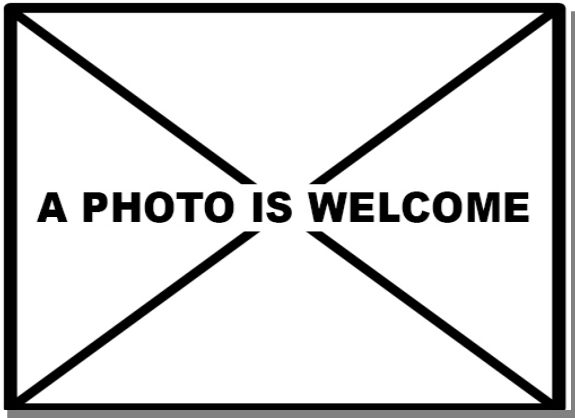
Complete **postbreeding** moult, finished in October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, primaries, lesser and median coverts and tail, so greater coverts, inner primary coverts (sometimes outer ones are moulted) and secondaries remain unmoulted; usually finished early November.

PHENOLOGY

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STATUS IN ARAGON

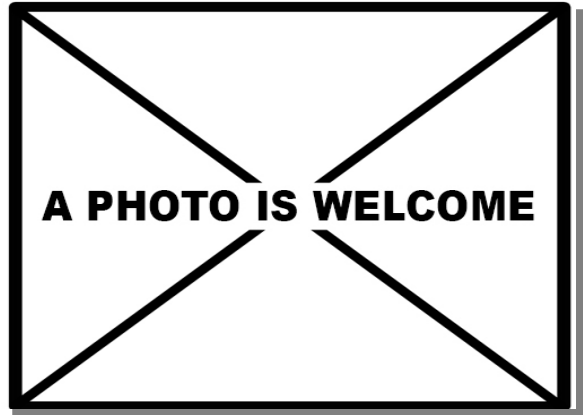
Resident, widely distributed throughout the Pyrenees related with well preserved forests.



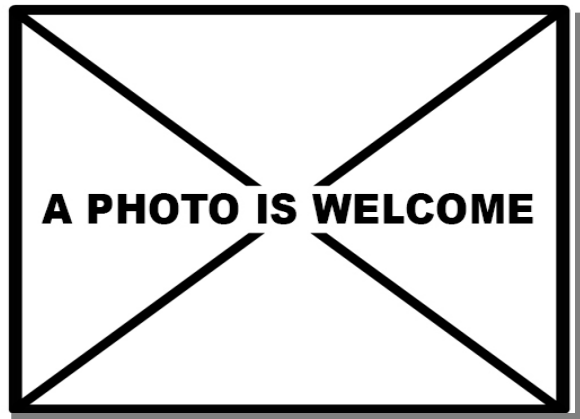
Black Woodpecker. Adult. Female ().



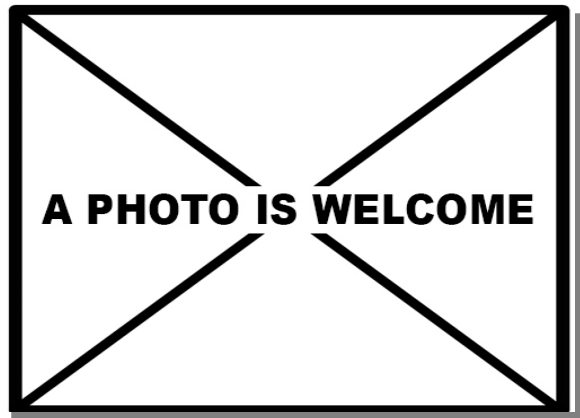
Black Woodpecker. 2nd year. Male () (19-III) (photo: Lukács Katalin Odett (Hungary)).



Black Woodpecker. 2nd year. Female ().



Black Woodpecker. Juvenile. Male ().



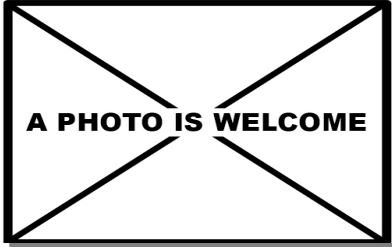
Black Woodpecker. Juvenile. Female ().

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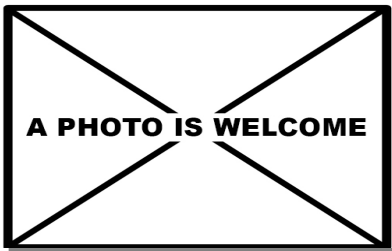
Black Woodpecker. Adult. Head pattern: top male (); bottom female ().



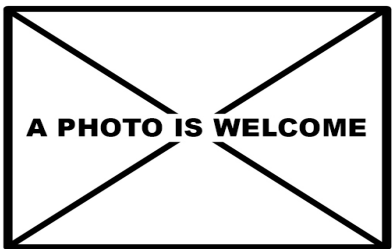
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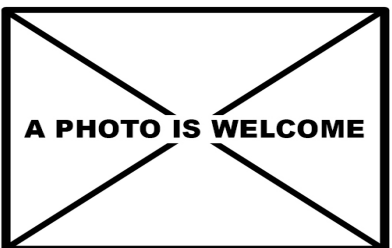
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Black Woodpecker. 2nd year. Crown pattern: left male (); right female ().



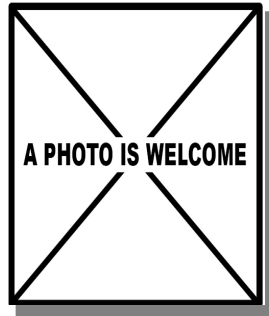
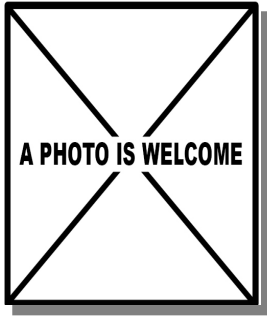
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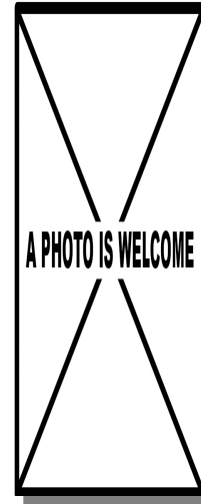
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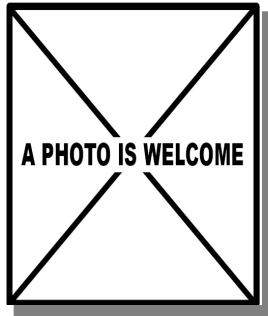
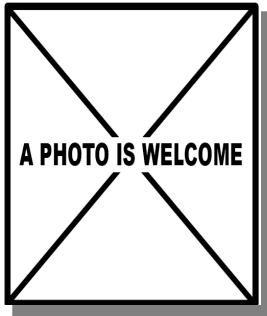
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Black Woodpecker. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (); right female ().



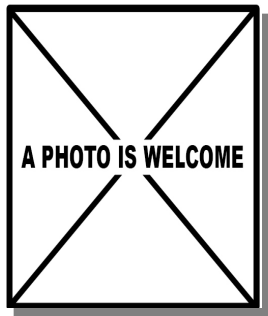
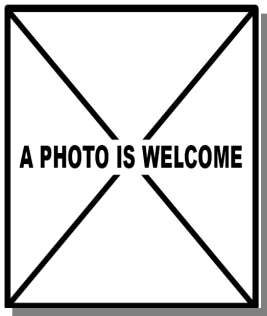
Black Woodpecker. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (); right female ().



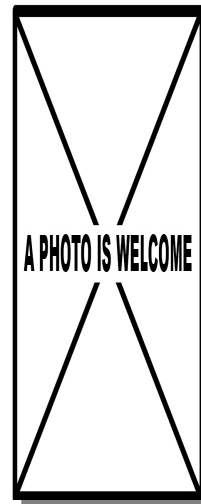
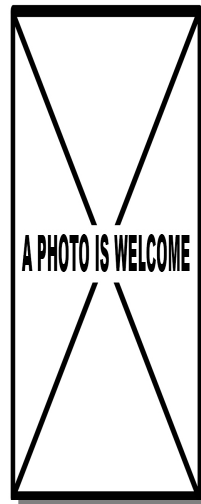
Black Woodpecker. 2nd year. Breast pattern: left male (); right female ().



Black Woodpecker. 2nd year. Upperparts pattern: left male (); right female ().



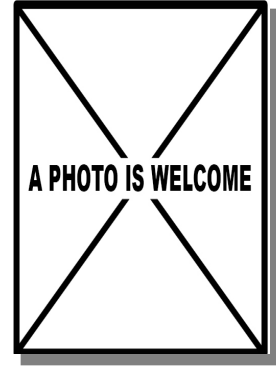
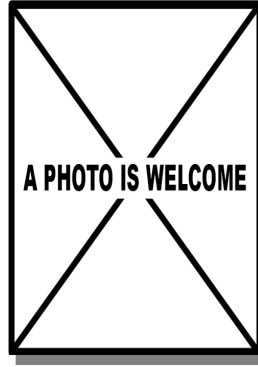
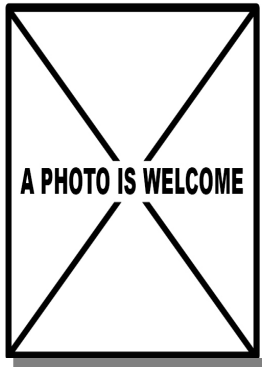
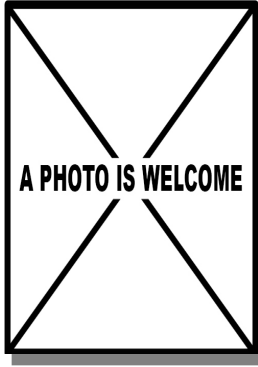
Black Woodpecker. Juvenile. Breast pattern: left male (); right female ().



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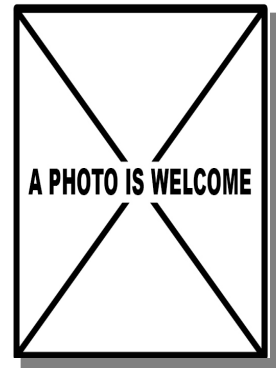
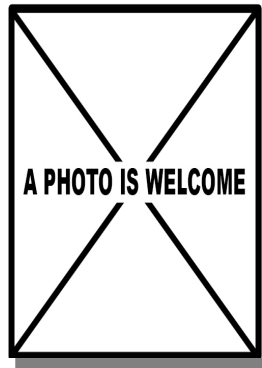
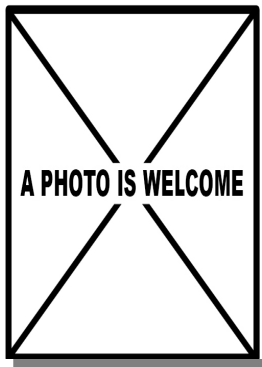
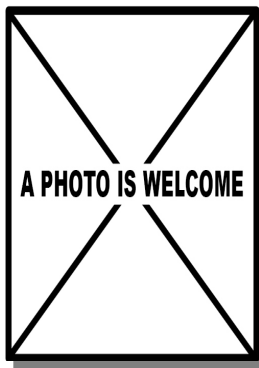
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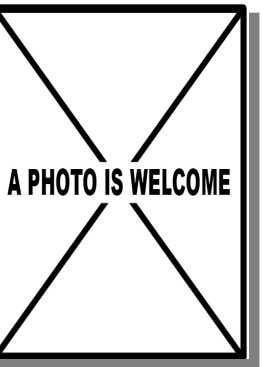
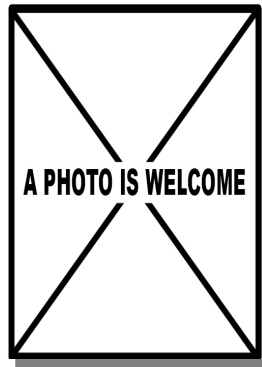
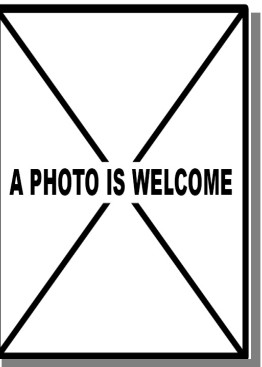
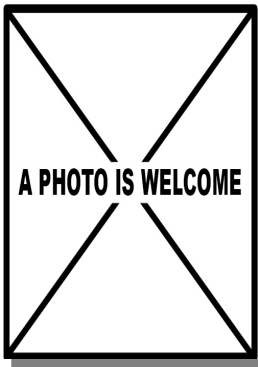
Black Woodpecker. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (); right female ().

Black Woodpecker. Adult. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (); right female ().



Black Woodpecker. 2nd year. Tail pattern: left male (); right female ().

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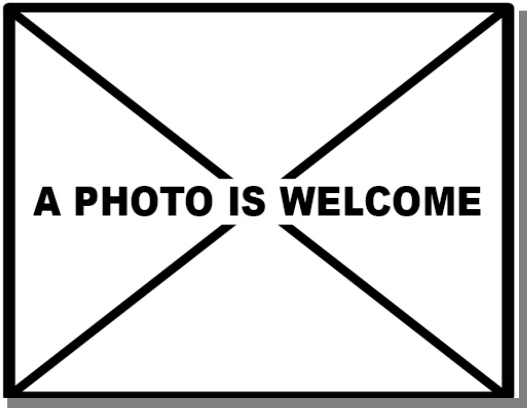


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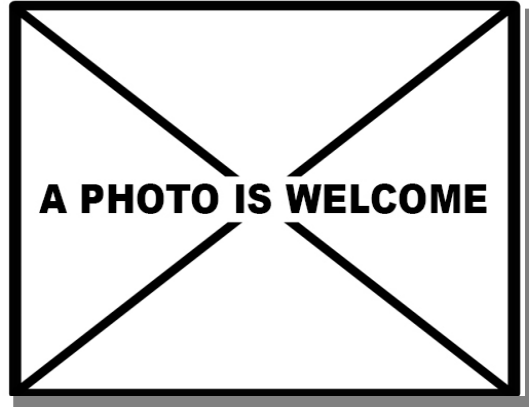
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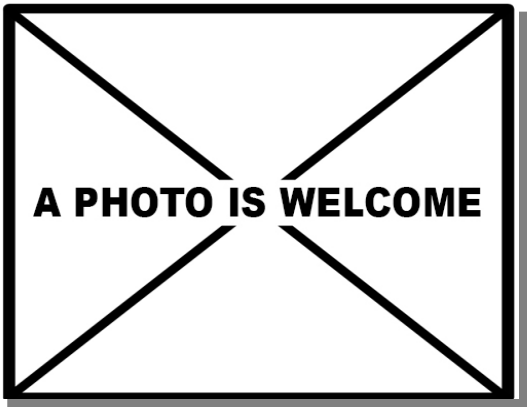
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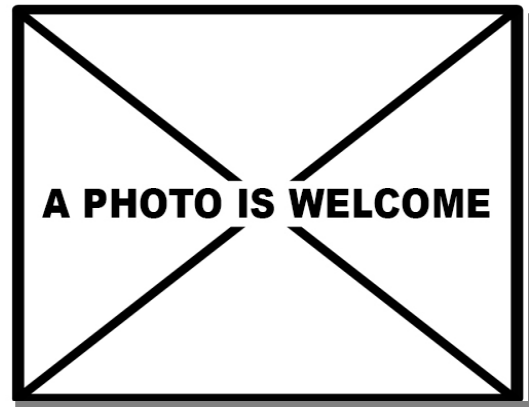
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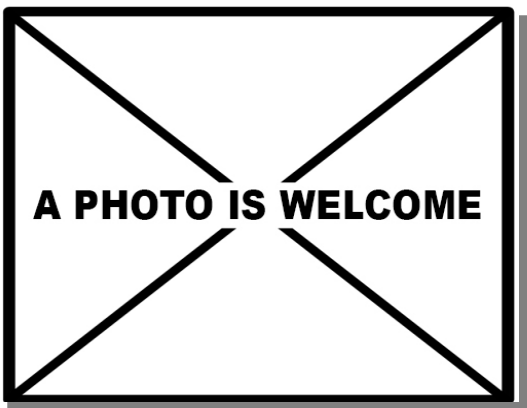
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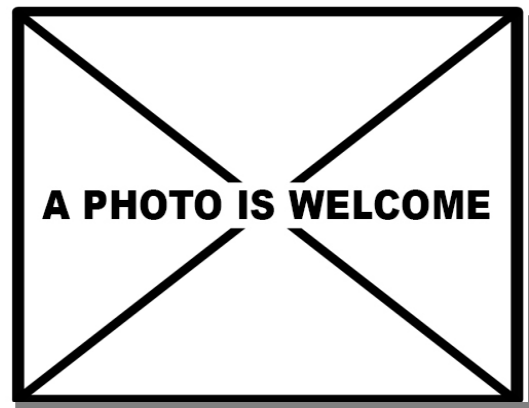
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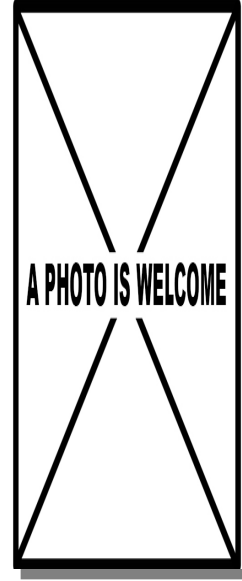
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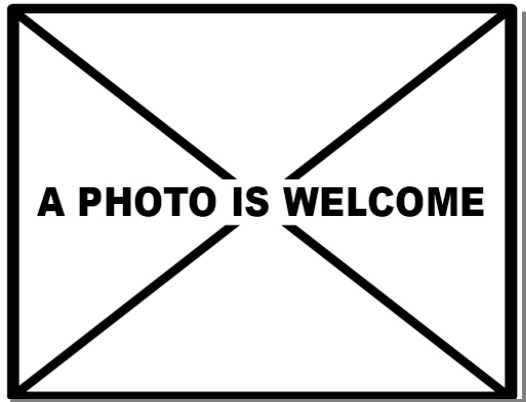


Black Woodpecker. Adult. Pattern of tertials: left male (); right female ().

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Black Woodpecker. 2nd year. Pattern of tertials: left male (); right female ().



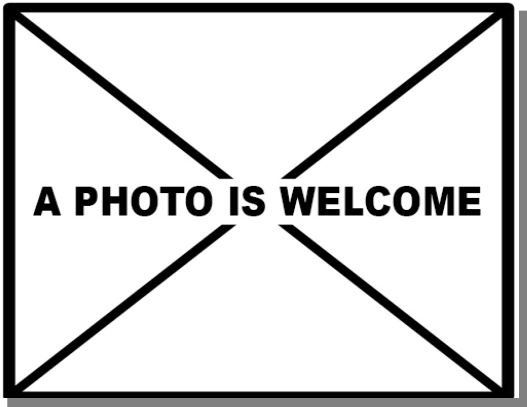
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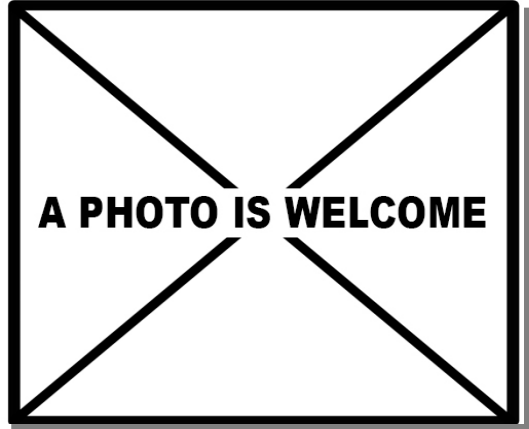
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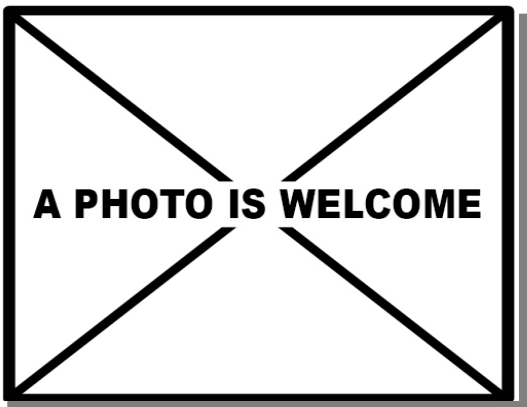
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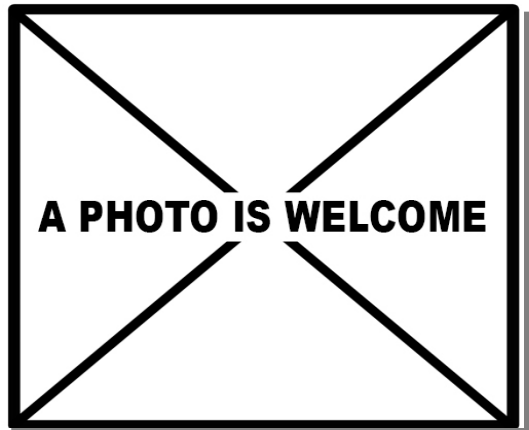
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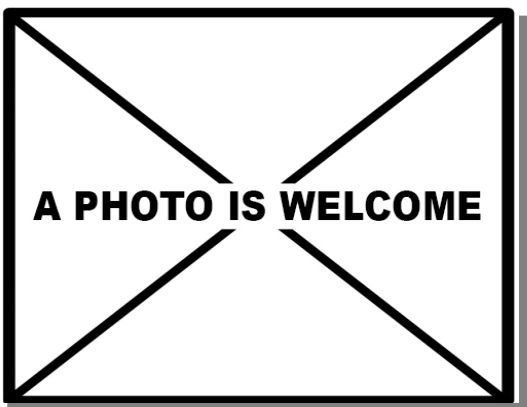
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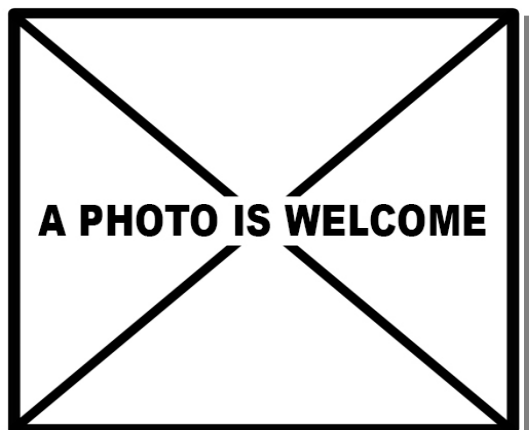
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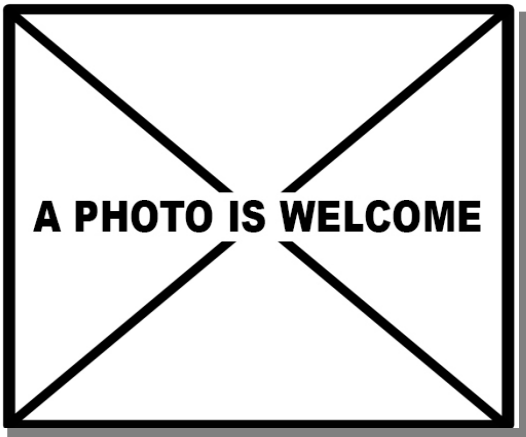
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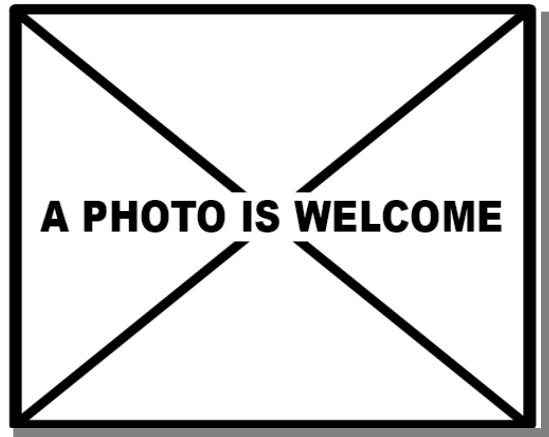
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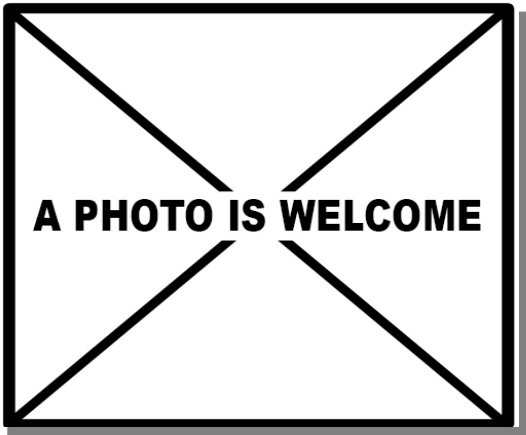
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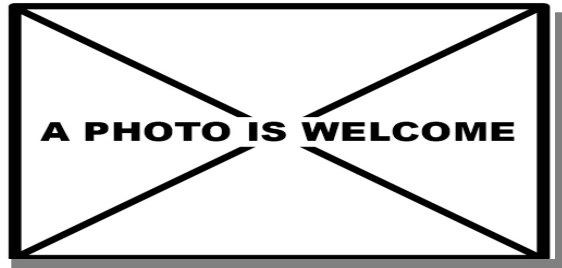
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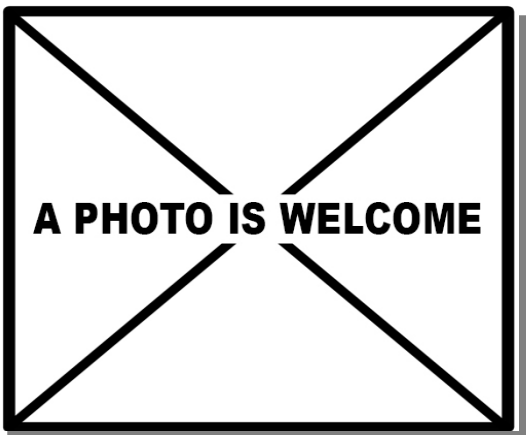
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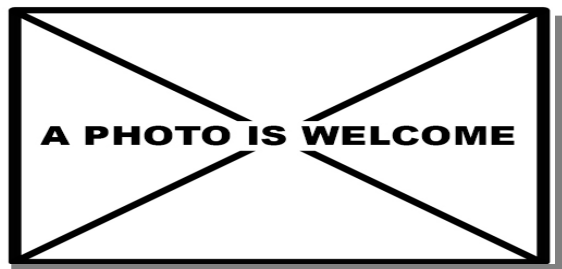
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Black Woodpecker. Adult. Male: pattern of wing ().



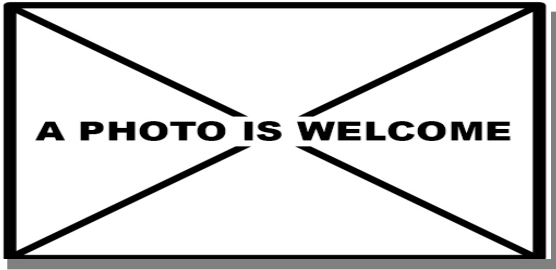
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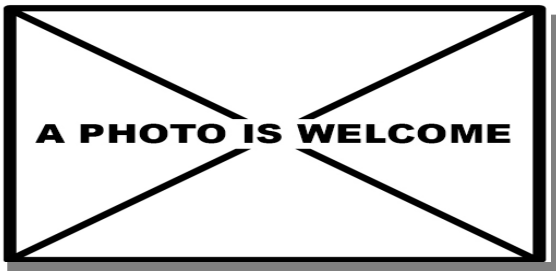
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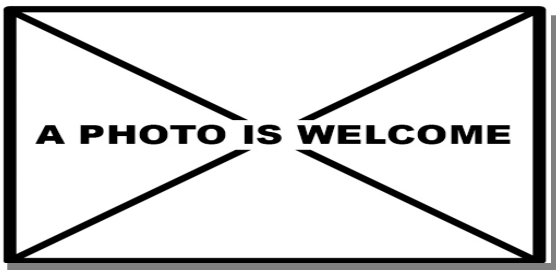
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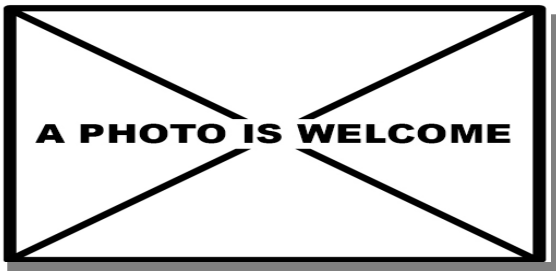
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