**301 Woodlark**

**WOODLARK** (*Lullula arborea*)

**IDENTIFICATION**
14-16 cm. Brown plumage, streaked dark except rump; whitish underparts; throat and breast streaked; head with a little crest and broad supercilium joining at nape; primary coverts white and black; outer tail feathers with white tips. **Juveniles** have pure white edges on feathers.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**
This species is unmistakable due to its white supercilium joining at nape and pattern of primary coverts.

**SEXING**
Plumage of both sexes alike.

**AGEING**
2 age groups can be recognized:
- **Juvenile** with distinct pale edges on wing coverts; fresh plumage.
- **Adult** without prominent pale edges on wing coverts; worn plumage in spring.

After **postbreeding/postjuvenile** moult, ageing is not possible using plumage pattern.

Woodlark. Adult (26-I).

Woodlark. **Pattern of head, nape, primary coverts and tail.**

Woodlark. **Pattern of upperparts.** Left adult; right juvenile.
MOULT
Complete postbreeding and postjuvenile moults, usually finished in October.

PHENOLOGY

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STATUS IN ARAGON
Resident. Widely distributed throughout the Region, absent from the highest zones of the Pyrenees and the most deforested areas of the Ebro Basin.

Woodlark. Nape pattern: left adult (26-I); right juvenile (30-VII)

Woodlark. Breast pattern: top adult (26-I); bottom juvenile (30-VII)


Woodlark. Head pattern: top adult (26-I); bottom juvenile (30-VII)

Woodlark. Upperpart pattern: left adult (26-I); right juvenile (30-VII)
Woodlark. Tail pattern: left adult (26-I); right juvenile (30-VII)

Woodlark. Pattern of primary coverts: top adult (06-XII); bottom juvenile (30-VII).

Woodlark. Adult: pattern of wing (26-I)

Woodlark. Juvenile: pattern of wing (30-VII)