Alpine Accentor. Adult (22-II).

**ALPINE ACCENTOR** (*Prunella collaris*)

**IDENTIFICATION**
16-18 cm. Grey upperparts with brown spots; greyish underparts with chestnut flanks; white throat with brown bars; wings with dark coverts tipped white; brown tail with white tips.

**SEXING**
Plumage of both sexes alike. Size can be an useful characteristic in extreme birds: *male* with wing longer than 109 mm; *female* with wing shorter than 96 mm.

**AGEING**
3 types of age can be recognized:
- **Juvenile** with very fresh plumage; buff underparts with bad defined streaked; buff flanks with dark streaked; iris brown-greyish.
- **1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with moult limit between median and greater coverts or within greater coverts; unmoulted *juvenile* greater coverts with a distal brown-white mark broad and rounded; with a narrow edge between pale mark and brown-white tip; flight and tail feathers eroded.
- **Adult** without moult limits on the wing; greater coverts with pure white marks on tips, contrasting with the black bases of feathers; unstreaked grey underparts; with chestnut flanks; flight and tail feathers fresh; iris brown-reddish.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**
Recalls a *Dunnock*, without barred throat and chestnut flanks.

*Dunnock*
**MOULT**
Complete *postbreeding* moult, usually finished in November. Partial *postjuvenile* moult including body feathers and lesser and median wing coverts, but some birds may extend their moult to a variable number of inner greater coverts and tertials; usually finished in October.

**PHENOLOGY**

**STATUS IN ARAGON**
Resident, breeds in mountainous areas with wide presence in the Pyrenees and quite scarce in Moncayo.

Alpine Accentor. 2nd year (06-II).

Alpine Accentor. Pattern of greater coverts: top adult; bottom 2nd year

Alpine Accentor. Pattern of breast: left adult; right juvenile

Alpine Accentor. Pattern of head and colour of iris: top adult; bottom juvenile

Alpine Accentor. Ageing. Pattern of greater coverts: top adult; bottom 2nd year

Alpine Accentor. Ageing. Pattern of breast: left adult; right juvenile

Alpine Accentor. Ageing. Pattern of head and colour of iris: top adult; bottom juvenile
Alpine Accentor. Head pattern and iris colour: top adult (22-II); middle 2nd year (06-II); bottom juvenile (05-VII).

Alpine Accentor. Breast pattern: top left adult (22-II); top right 2nd year (06-II); left juvenile (05-VII).

Alpine Accentor. Pattern of upper-parts: top left adult (22-II); top right 2nd year (06-II); left juvenile (05-VII).
Alpine Accentor. Tail pattern: top left adult (22-II); top right 2nd year (06-II); left juvenile (05-VII).

Alpine Accentor. Adult: pattern of flank (22-II).


Alpine Accentor. Adult: pattern of greater coverts (22-II).

Alpine Accentor. 2nd year: pattern of greater coverts (06-II).

Alpine Accentor. 2nd year: pattern of flank (06-II).


Alpine Accentor. Adult: pattern of wing (22-II).

Alpine Accentor. 2nd year: pattern of wing (06-II).