**FIELDFARE** (*Turdus pilaris*)

**IDENTIFICATION**
25-26 cm. Grey head; red-brown back; grey rump and dark tail; pale underparts; pale flanks spotted black; white underwing coverts; yellow bill with ochre tip.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**
- **Song Thrush** has orange underwing coverts;
- **Redwing** has reddish underwing coverts;
- **Mistle Thrush** has white underwing coverts, but lacks pale supercilium and its rump isn’t grey.
SEXING
Male with dark or black tail feathers; reddish feathers on back with blackish center; most have a broad mark on crown feathers. Female with dark brown tail feathers but not black; dull reddish feathers on back with dark centre (but not blackish); most have a thin mark on crown feathers. CAUTION: some birds of both sexes have similar pattern on crown feathers.

AGEING
Since this species doesn’t breed in Aragon, only 2 age groups can be recognized: 1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit within moulted chestnut inner greater coverts and retained juvenile outer greater coverts, shorter and duller with traces of white tips; pointed tail feathers. CAUTION: pattern of white tip of juvenile greater coverts is very variable. Adult without moult limits on wing coverts; rounded tail feathers.

Fieldfare. Female. Ageing. Moult limit on wing coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.

MOULT
Complete postbreeding moult, finished in September. Partial postjuvenile moult involving body feathers, lesser and median wing coverts and a variable number of inner greater coverts; rarely some birds change tertials and exceptionally some tail feathers; usually finished between July and October.

Fieldfare. Adult. Female (05-XII).

Fieldfare. 1st year. Male ()..

STATUS IN ARAGON
Wintering species, widely distributed throughout the Region, mainly in places with open trees.
Fieldfare. 2nd year. female (09-I).

Fieldfare. Adult. Head pattern: top male (09-I); bottom female (05-XII).


Fieldfare. 2nd year. Crown pattern: left male (); right female (09-I).

Fieldfare. Adult. Pattern of crown feathers: top male (09-I); bottom female (05-XII).
Fieldfare. 2nd year. Pattern of crown feathers: top male (); bottom female (09-I).

Fieldfare. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (09-I); right female (05-XII).

Fieldfare. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (09-I); right female (05-XII).

Fieldfare. 2nd year. Upperpart pattern: left male (); right female (09-I).

Fieldfare. 2nd year. Breast pattern: left male (); right female (09-I).

Fieldfare. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (05-XII).

Fieldfare. 2nd year. Tail pattern: left male (09-I); right female (05-XII).

Fieldfare. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing (05-XII).

Fieldfare. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (09-I).

Fieldfare. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (05-XII).