LONG-TAILED TIT (*Aegithalos caudatus*)

**IDENTIFICATION**
13-15 (of which tail 7-9). Small species with black and white tail, longer than body; yellow eye ring; black and vinous upperparts; light underparts with reddish belly.

**SEXING**
Plumages of both sexes alike.

**AGEING**
2 types of age can be recognized:
- **Juvenile** with brown upperparts; the central pair of tail feathers shorter than the rest; fresh plumage.
- **Adult** with black and pink upperparts; all the tail feathers with the same length; in spring with worn plumage.

After the postbreeding/postjuvenile moult, ageing is not possible using plumage characteristics.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**
This species is unmistakable.
Long-tailed Tit. Head pattern: top adult (15-V); bottom juvenile (15-V).

MOULT
Complete postbreeding and postjuvenile mouls, usually finished in early October.

PHENOLOGY

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STATUS IN ARAGÓN
Resident, with contribution of wintering European birds in cold winters. Widely distributed throughout the Region in forested areas.

Long-tailed Tit. Breast pattern: left adult (15-V); right juvenile (15-V).

Long-tailed Tit. Juvenile (15-V).
Long-tailed Tit. Upperpart pattern: left adult (15-V); right juvenile (15-V).

Long-tailed Tit. Legs colour: left adult (15-V); right juvenile (15-V).

Long-tailed Tit. Adult: pattern of wing (15-V).

Long-tailed Tit. Juvenile: pattern of wing (15-V).

Long-tailed Tit. Length of central tail feathers: left adult (15-V); right juvenile (15-V).