EUROPEAN SERIN (*Serinus serinus*)

IDENTIFICATION
11-12 cm. Yellowish upperparts, with dark streaks; white and straked underparts; yellow rump; tiny little bill; yellow throat and forehead unstreaked in *males*, streaked in *females*.

SIMILAR SPECIES
Among the yellow and green *Finches*, *Greenfinch* has a bigger size (14-15 cm). *Female Siskin* has a broader wing band and yellow patches on tail feathers. *Citril Finch* has unstreaked flanks or, in juveniles, streaks are very fine.
SEXING

**Male** in **spring** with yellow and unstreaked forehead, throat and breast; in **winter** with tipped grey-green feathers. **Female** with dark brown streaked forehead and breast; greenish yellow throat. (CAUTION: there are some intermediate specimens (streaked forehead and yellow throat and breast) which cannot be sexed). **Juveniles** cannot be sexed using plumage pattern.
AGEING
3 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile resembles female but is more buffish-white; with streaked rump; fresh plumage.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit between retained juvenile tail feathers (pointed and worn) and moulted (rounded and fresh) (CAUTION: some birds with extensive moult can change all tail feathers); in wing, depending of the moult extension, the moult limit can be found within median coverts, within greater coverts, within primary coverts, between carpal covert and alula or between flight feathers (CAUTION: some birds have a complete postjuvenile moult).

Adult/postjuvenile with complete moult without moult limits in tail (all feathers rounded) and wing.

MOULT
Complete postbreeding moult, habitually finished in November. Usually partial postjuvenile moult, which includes body feathers, lesser and median coverts and usually most of the greater coverts; some specimens moult all the greater coverts and tertials, being a complete moult in a few number; often the central pair of tail feathers can be moulted and sometimes all the tail; usually finished in October.

PHENOLOGY

STATUS IN ARAGÓN
Resident, with contribution of wintering European birds. Widely distributed throughout the Region, absent from the highest zones of the Pyrenees and the most deforested areas of the Ebro Basin.
European Serin

Serin. Summer. Adult. Female (10-VI).


Serin. Summer. Adult. Head pattern: left male (16-V); right female (10-VI).

Serin. Summer. Head pattern: top left 2nd year male (16-V); top right 2nd year female (16-V); left juvenile (06-VI).

Serin. Summer. 2nd year. Male (16-V).

Serin. Summer. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (16-V); right female (10-VI).

Serin. Summer. 2nd year. Female (16-V).
Serin. Summer. Crown pattern: top left 2nd year male (16-V); top right 2nd year female (16-V); left juvenile (06-VI).

Serin. Summer. Breast pattern: top left 2nd year male (16-V); top right 2nd year female (16-V); left juvenile (06-VI).

Serin. Summer. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (16-V); right female (10-VI).

Serin. Summer. Upperpart pattern: top left 2nd year male (16-V); top right 2nd year female (16-V); left juvenile (06-VI).
Serin. Summer. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (16-V); right female (10-VI).

Serin. Summer. Tail pattern: top left 2nd year male (16-V); top right 2nd year female (16-V); left juvenile (06-VI).

Serin. Summer. Pattern of primary coverts: top male (16-V); bottom female (10-VI).

Serin. Summer. Pattern of primary coverts: top 2nd year male (16-V); middle 2nd year female (16-V); bottom juvenile (03-VII).


Serin. Summer. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (06-VI).


European Serin

Serin. Winter. 1st year. Female (10-X).

Serin. Winter. Adult. Head pattern: left male (10-X); right female (30-IX).

Serin. Winter. 1st year. Head pattern: left male (10-X); right female (10-X).


Serin. Winter. 1st year. Breast pattern: left male (10-X); right female (10-X).


Serin. Winter. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (10-X); right female (30-IX).
Serin. Winter. 1st year. Pattern of primary coverts: top left male (10-X); bottom female (30-IX).

Serin. Winter. 1st year. Tail pattern: top left male (10-X); top right female (10-X); left female with large moult (30-IX).


Serin. Winter. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (10-X); right female (30-IX).
European Serin

Serin. Winter. 1st year. Upperpart pattern: left male (10-X); right female (10-X).


Serin. Winter. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing with reduced moult (30-IX).


