SIMILAR SPECIES
Males unmistakable in summer by their red forehead and breast; with other plumages easily recognized by white colour on primaries and reddish upperparts.

SEXING
Male with white patch on outer web of 1st-3rd primaries reaching the shafts or less than 0,5 mm from; in summer with red feathers on forehead and breast; in winter with feathers having a rounded red patch concealed by buff fringes (CAUTION: these red patches can be hidden having in a superficial view a breast similar to females). Female with white patch on outer web of 1st-3rd primaries more than 0,5 mm from shafts; dark streaked on forehead and breast, without red colour. Juveniles can be sexed using the same wing characteristics as in adults.

IDENTIFICATION
12-14 cm. Reddish upperparts; female and male in winter with streaked breast; male in summer with red forehead and breast, with white patches on wing and outer tail feathers.


COMMON LINNET (Linaria cannabina)
AGEING
3 age groups can be recognized:
**Juvenile** resembles a **female**, but recognizable for having fresh plumage.
**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with moult limit between retained and moulted greater coverts; if all greater coverts are moulted, then limit is within tertials, between alula feathers and primary coverts or between moulted flight feathers; if central tail feathers have been moulted, then with moult limit between retained juvenile feathers (pointed and worn) and moulted (rounded and fresh). **CAUTION:** some birds moult all tail feathers and have a variable extent on wing moult, being necessary to check all the feathers.
**Adult/postjuvenile with complete moult** without moult limits on tail (all feathers rounded) and wing.
MOULT
Complete postbreeding moult, finished in October. Partial postjuvenile moult, involving body feathers, lesser and median coverts and most of the greater coverts; some birds moult all greater coverts, some primary coverts, tertials or some flight feathers, 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 November.

PHENOLOGY

STATUS IN ARAGON
Resident, with contribution of wintering European birds. Widely distributed throughout the Region, absent from some areas of the Pyrenees and the Ebro Basin.


Linnet. Summer. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (12-VI); right female (11-VI).

Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Head pattern: top male (18-VI); bottom female (22-VI).

Linnet. Summer. Juvenile. Head pattern: top male (09-VI); bottom female (12-VI).

Linnet. Summer. Adult. Head pattern: top male (12-VI); bottom female (11-VI).

Linnet. Summer. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (12-VI); right female (11-VI).
Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Crown pattern: left male (18-VI); right female (22-VI).


Linnet. Summer. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (12-VI); right female (11-VI).

Linnet. Summer. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (12-VI); right female (11-VI).

Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Breast pattern: left male (18-VI); right female (22-VI).

Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Breast pattern: left male (18-VI); right female (22-VI).
Linnet. Summer. Juvenile. Tail pattern: left male (09-VI); right female (12-VI).

Linnet. Summer. Juvenile. Upperpart pattern: left male (09-VI); right female (12-VI).

Linnet. Summer. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (12-VI); right female (11-VI).

Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Upperpart pattern: left male (18-VI); right female (22-VI).


Linnet. Summer. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (22-VI).


Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Female (21-XII).

Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Crown pattern: top left male (21-XII); top right male with female-like pattern (21-XII); left female (21-XII).

Linnet. Winter. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (21-XII); right female (21-XII).

Linnet. Winter. Adult. Head pattern: top male (21-XII); bottom female (21-XII).

Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Breast pattern: top left male (21-XII); top right male with female-like pattern (21-XII); left female (21-XII).
Linnet. Winter. Adult. Uppertail coverts: left male (21-XII); right female (21-XII).

Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Tail pattern: left male (21-XII); right female (21-XII).

Linnet. Winter. Adult. Extent of white patch on primaries 1st to 3rd: top male (21-XII); bottom female (21-XII).

Linnet. Winter. 1st year. Extent of white patch on primaries 1st to 3rd: top male (21-XII); bottom female (21-XII).

