Eurasian Bullfinch

SEXING
Male with reddish underparts. Female with brown-greyish underparts. Juveniles cannot be sexed using plumage characteristics.

AGEING
3 types of age can be recognized:
Juvenile without black crown or bib; very fresh plumage.
1st year autumn/2nd year spring similar to adults but with moult limit on wing between moulted inner greater coverts, darker and with white tips, and the outer juvenile retained, brownish and with buff tips; as they rarely moult the carpal feather, this is nearly always juvenile with buff tip.
Adult with black crown and bib; wing with one age of feathers, without moult limits; carpal feather with white tip.
CAUTION: at any age the three outermost greater coverts are shorter and exhibit narrower fringes than the inner ones and may resemble a moult limit.

SIMILAR SPECIES
This species is unmistakable.
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MOULT
Complete postbreeding moult, usually finished in October but as later as December. Partial postjuvenile moult including body feathers, lesser and median coverts and some greater coverts; some birds can moult all greater coverts, tertials and some inner secondaries; finished between October and December.

PHENOLOGY

STATUS IN ARAGON
Resident. Breeds only in Pyrenees.


Bullfinch. Ageing. Pattern of greater coverts: left adult; right juvenile.

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

Bullfinch Female (15-VII)
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Bullfinch. Juvenile (15-VII)

Bullfinch. Head pattern: top left male (15-VII); top right female (15-VII); left juvenile (15-VII).

Bullfinch. Crown pattern: top left male (15-VII); top right female (15-VII); left juvenile (15-VII).

Bullfinch. Breast pattern: top left male (15-VII); top right female (15-VII); left juvenile (15-VII).

Bullfinch. Upper-part pattern: top left male (15-VII); top right female (15-VII); left juvenile (15-VII).
Bullfinch. Summer. Adult. Wear and pattern of tail: left male (22-VII); right female ().

Bullfinch. Summer. Adult. Wear and pattern of tail: top left 2nd year male (15-VII); top right 2nd year female (15-VII); left juvenile (15-VII).

Bullfinch. Adult. Pattern of alula and carpal covert: top male (22-VII); bottom female ().

Bullfinch. Adult. Female: pattern of wing ()


Bullfinch. 2nd year. Female: pattern of wing (15-VII).