

192 Jack Snipe



AGEING

After the **postbreeding/postjuvenile** moults, ageing is not possible using plumage characters, so since this species doesn't breed in Aragon only **adults** can be determined.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults, usually completed late August before migration.

PHENOLOGY

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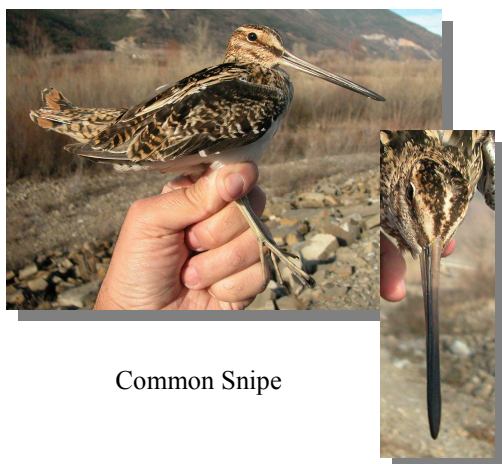
JACK SNIPE (*Lymnocryptes minimus*)

IDENTIFICATION

19-22 cm. Brown head, with dark bars; upper neck with small brown spots; dark upperparts, with metallic green bright and longitudinal pale bands; pale breast and strongly brown streaked; brown bill with dark tip.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Common Snipe**, which is bigger (25-28 cm) and have a pale longitudinal streak on crown.



Common Snipe

STATUS IN ARAGON

A very scarce wintering bird. Can be found in wetlands throughout all the Region.

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike. Size can be useful for extreme birds: **male** with wing longer than 119 mm; **female** with wing shorter than 110 mm.