

**289 Green Woodpecker****MOULT**

Complete **postbreeding** moult, finished in November. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, primaries, lesser and median coverts and tail, so greater coverts, primary coverts (sometimes outermost are moulted) and secondaries remain unmoulted; usually finished in November.

**PHENOLOGY**

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**GREEN WOODPECKER** (*Picus viridis*)**IDENTIFICACIÓN**

30-32 cm. Green upperparts, with yellow tinge; grey-green underparts; red crown; **male** with red moustachial stripe, **female** with dark moustachial stripe. **Juveniles** similar to **adults** but with white spots on upperparts and dark spots on underparts.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**

This species is unmistakable

**SEXING**

**Juveniles** and **adults** can be sexed by colour of moustachial stripe: **male** with red moustache edged with black; **female** with black moustache. **CAUTION:** some very young **males** have dark moustachial stripes, so this character is useful for sexing only when moult of body has started.

**AGEING**

3 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with white spots on upperparts; underparts with dark spots; tertials with distinct barred on the inner web reaching the tip; primary coverts with pointed tips, grey-brownish, sometimes with dull grey on the edge; iris grey-brown.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** similar to **adult**, but with moult limit between the moulted and juvenile retained wing feathers, all (sometimes some moulted) tertials and primary coverts are **juvenile**.

**Adult** without moult limits; without spots on upper and underparts; tips of tertials without barred; primary coverts with rounded tips and with similar pattern than the other wing coverts; iris white with pinkish tinge

**STATUS IN ARAGON**

Resident, widely distributed throughout the Region, absent only from the very deforested areas.