

**290 Black Woodpecker****MOULT**

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

**PHENOLOGY**

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**BLACK WOODPECKER** (*Drycopus martius*)

**IDENTIFICATION**

45-48 cm. Black plumage with red crown; white bill.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**

This species is unmistakable

**SEXING**

**Juveniles** and **adults** can be sexed by size of the red patch on crown: **male** with red on whole crown; **female** with red only on hind-crown.

**AGEING**

3 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile** similar to **adults**, but with duller black plumage and red on crown no so bright; 10th primary with broad tip and with straight or convex edge on the inner web; 10th primary with 16 to 28 mm longer than the primary coverts; eye grey-bluish.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with moult limit between the moulted and juvenile retained wing feathers.

**Adult** without moult limits; 10th primary with narrow tip and with concave edge on the inner web; 10th primary with 3 to 17 mm longer than the primary coverts; eye white-yellowish..

**STATUS IN ARAGON**

Resident, widely distributed throughout the Pyrenees related with well preserved forests.