

325 Alpine Accentor



SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Dunnoek**, without barred throat and chestnut flanks.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished early October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, lesser and median coverts, inner greater coverts coverts and sometimes tertials; usually finished in September.

ALPINE ACCENTOR (*Prunella collaris*)

IDENTIFICATION

16-18 cm. Grey upperparts with brown spots; greyish underparts with chestnut flanks; white throat with brown bars; wings with dark coverts tipped white; brown tail with white tips.

SEXO

Plumage of both sexes alike. Size can be an useful character in extreme birds: **male** with wing longer than 109 mm; **female** with wing shorter than 96 mm.

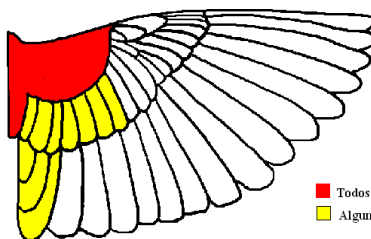
AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile similar to **adult** but with less streaked head; buff underparts with bad defined streaked; buff flanks with dark streaked; fresh plumage.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit on greater coverts with juvenile retained with a brown edge between the white tip and darkish base; sometimes the inner greater coverts with a white spot in the inner half; primary coverts and alula dark brown, with paler edge; flight feathers and tail eroded; iris brown-greyish.

Adult without moult limits on the wing; greater coverts with pure white tips contrasting with the black bases of feathers; when the inner greater coverts have a white spot then it is in the outer half; primary coverts and alula dark, with white edges; flight feathers and tail fresh; iris brown-reddish.



Alpine Accentor. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

PHENOLOGY

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STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident, breeds in mountainous areas with wide presence in the Pyrenees and quite scarce in Moncayo.