

345 Fieldfare



Fieldfare. Adult. Female (05-XII).

FIELDFARE (*Turdus pilaris*)

IDENTIFICATION

25-26 cm. Grey head; red-brown back; grey rump and dark tail; pale underparts; pale flanks spotted black; white underwing coverts; yellow bill with ochre tip.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Song Thrush has orange underwing coverts; **Redwing** has reddish underwing coverts; **Mistle Thrush** has white underwing coverts, but lacks pale supercilium and its rump isn't grey.



Song Thrush



Redwing



Mistle Thrush

SEXING

Male with dark or black tail feathers; reddish feathers on back, with blackish tinge on the middle; most have broad spot on crown feathers. **Female** with dark brown tail feathers; dull reddish feathers on back, with dark tinge on the middle; most have thin spot on crown feathers. **CAUTION:** some birds of both sexes can have similar pattern on crown feathers.

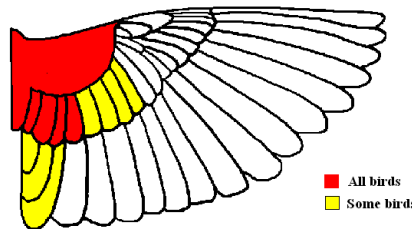
AGEING

Since this species doesn't breed in Aragon, only 2 types of age can be recognized:

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with contrast between moulted chestnut inner greater coverts and juvenile shorter and duller with traces of white tips outer greater coverts; pointed tail feathers. **CAUTION:** pattern of white tip of greater wing coverts is very variable, **Adult** without moult limits on wing coverts; rounded tail feathers.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, finished on September. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, lesser and median coverts and a variable number of greater coverts; sometimes some birds change tertials and some tail feathers; usually finished between July and October.



Fieldfare. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

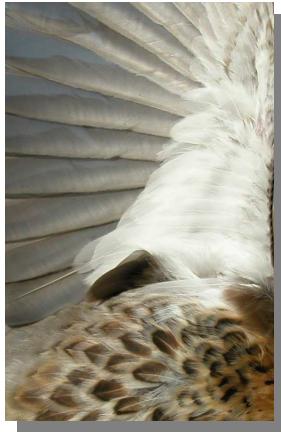
PHENOLOGY

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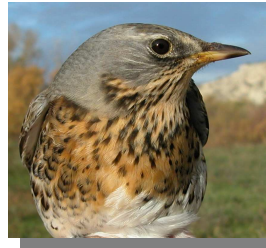
STATUS IN ARAGON

Wintering species, widely distributed throughout the Region, mainly in places with open trees.

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Fieldfare. Underwing coverts and flank pattern.



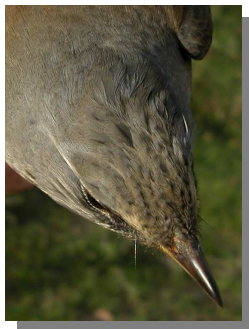
Fieldfare. Adult. Female: breast pattern (05-XII).



Fieldfare. Adult. Female: head pattern (05-XII).



Fieldfare. Adult. Female: upperpart pattern (05-XII).



Fieldfare. Adult. Female: crown pattern (05-XII).



Fieldfare. Adult. Female: pattern of crown feathers (05-XII).



Fieldfare. Adult. Female: tail pattern (05-XII).

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Fieldfare. Adult. Postbreeding moult: wing of female (05-XII).