

# 379 Wood Warbler



## WOOD WARBLER (*Phylloscopus sibilatrix*)

### IDENTIFICATION

12-13 cm. Greenish upperparts with yellowish tinge; yellow supercilium and cheek; throat and breast yellow; white belly; pale brown-yellow legs.

### ESPECIES SIMILARES

The pattern of yellow supercilium, throat and breast and white belly make this species different from the other yellow Warblers.



Chiffchaff



Willow Warbler



Iberian Chiffchaff



Bonelli's Warbler

### SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

### AGEING

2 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with fresh plumage; feathers on wing and tail with yellow-green edges.

**Adult** with feathers on wing and tail worn; if some greater coverts and tertials have been moulted, then with moult limit between the old and new feathers.

In **spring**, after the **prebreeding** moult, ageing is not possible using plumage characters.

### MOULT

Partial **postbreeding** moult in breeding places, including body feathers and, sometimes, tertials and some greater coverts. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving only body feathers. Both types of age have a complete **prebreeding** moult in wintering quarters.

### PHENOLOGY

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII

### STATUS IN ARAGON

Summer visitor, with breeding records in Fagus forests in Western Pyrenees. Very scarce on passage throughout the Region.