

380a Iberian Chiffchaff



Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. 1st year (12-XI).

IBERIAN CHIFFCHAFF (*Phylloscopus ibericus*)

IDENTIFICATION

11-12 cm. Green upperparts; white breast with yellow streaks; dark legs; in wing, 7th and 8th primaries have the same length, 9th primary has the same length than 4rd or between 3rd and 4th or between 4th and 5th, emargination to 5th primary.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Chiffchaff has duller colours and 6th, 7th and 8th primaries have the same length. **Willow Warbler** has similar plumage, but emarginated only to 6th primary. **Bonelli's Warbler** has white underparts and yellow rump. **Melodious Warbler** is bigger, with uniform yellow underparts and broad bill on the base.



Chiffchaff

Willow Warbler



Bonelli's Warbler



Melodious Warbler

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile with fresh plumage.

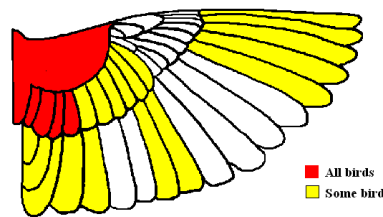
1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit between moulted fresh wing feathers and juvenile retained.

Adult without moult limits on the wing.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished late September. Partial **postjuvenile** moult, including lesser and median coverts and inner greater coverts; some birds can moult all greater coverts, tertials and some flight feathers; usually finished in September.

NOTE: this is a just described species, so its moult strategy is not well known.



Iberian Chiffchaff. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

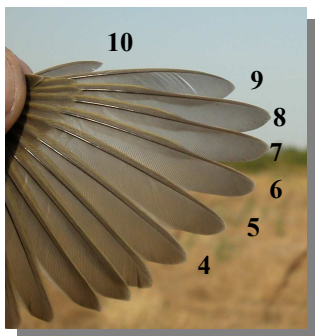
PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Summer visitor. Breeds scarcely in Pyrenees and Sistema Iberico.

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Iberian Chiffchaff. Legs colour and wing formula: emargination to 5th primary; primaries 7th and 8th with the same length.



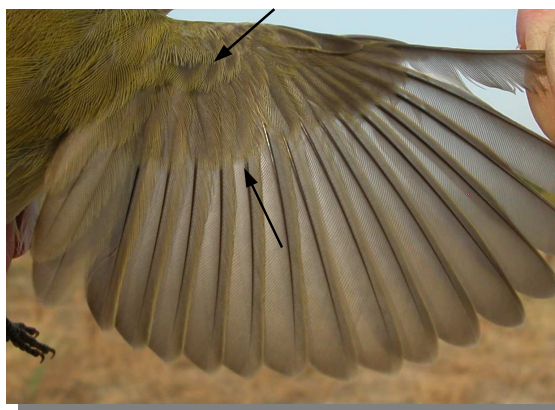
Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. Upperparts pattern: 1st year (12-IX).



Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. Head pattern: 1st year (12-IX).



Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. Breast pattern: 1st year (12-IX).



Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing (12-IX).



Iberian Chiffchaff. Autumn. Tail pattern: 1st year (12-IX).