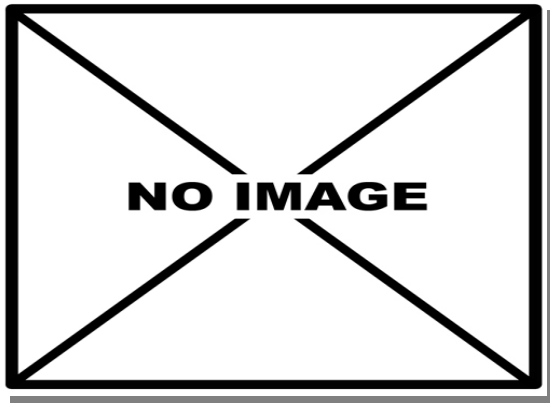


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Red-backed Shrike. Adult. Male ().

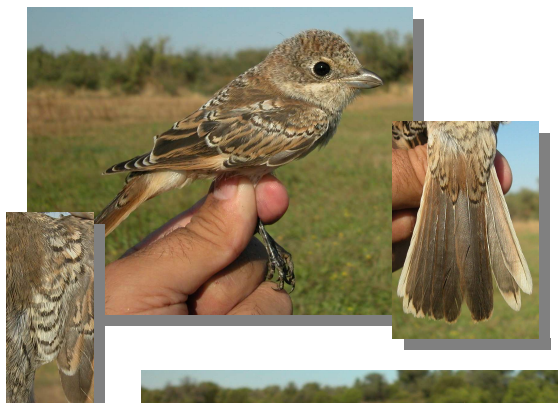
**RED-BACKED SHRIKE** (*Lanius collurio*)

### IDENTIFICATION

17-18 cm. **Adults** with reddish/brown upperparts; **male** with grey crown and black eye-stripe; pale underparts; **female** without black on head; ochre head. **Juvenile** with reddish plumage and barred.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Woodchat Shrike**, with grey upperparts and chestnut head. **Juveniles** of both species are quite similar, but **Woodchat Shrike** has greyer on upperparts, with white on scapulars and with the white patch on the outermost tail feather far from the tip.



Woodchat Shrike. Top juvenile; right male.



### SEXING

**Male** with white-pinkish underparts, without bars; head with grey-ash crown and black eye-stripe; black and white tail. **Female** with pale underparts and vermiculated flanks; greyish head with grey-reddish eye-stripe; dark brown tail feathers, with the outermost feather paler and with white tip. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed. **CAUTION:** some **females** are very similar to **males**, but always have vermiculated underparts.

### AGEING

2 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with similar pattern to a **female**, but upperparts with feathers having a curved pale patch on the tip; wing coverts with a dark line on the tip; fresh plumage.

**Adult** with worn plumage in summer; upperparts with feathers lacking a curved pale patch on the tip; wing coverts without a dark line on the tip.

After the **prebreeding** moult ageing is not possible using plumage characters.

### MOULT

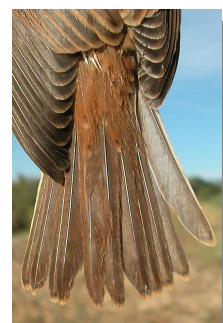
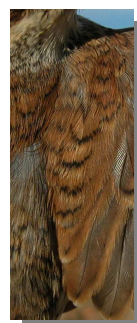
Partial **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults, involving, before migration, body feathers and, in some birds, tertials, central pair of tail feathers and wing coverts. Both types of age have a complete **prebreeding** moult in winter quarters.

### PHENOLOGY

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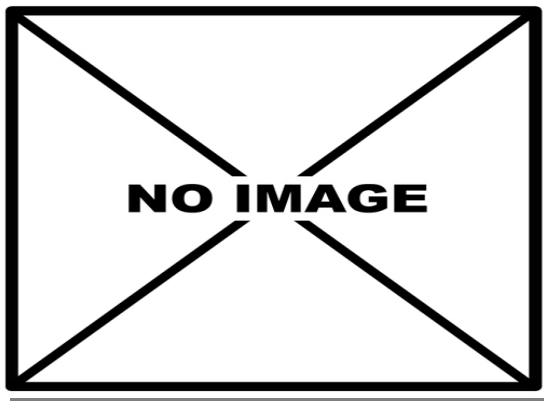
### STATUS IN ARAGON

Summer visitor, breeding in open pastures with small trees; widely distributed in Pyrenees and very located in Sistema Iberico.

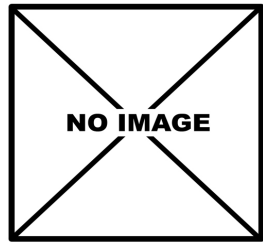
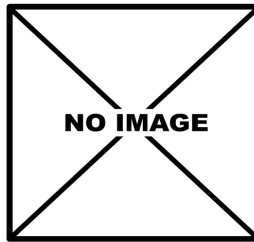


Alcaudón dorirrojo. Juvenil. Diseño de escapulares y cola.

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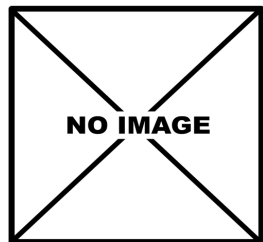
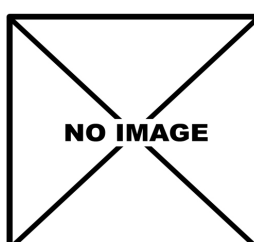
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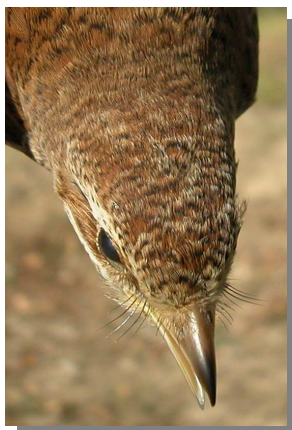
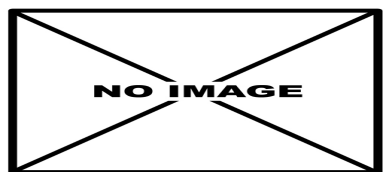
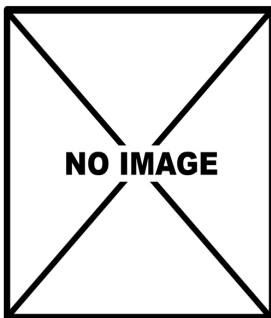
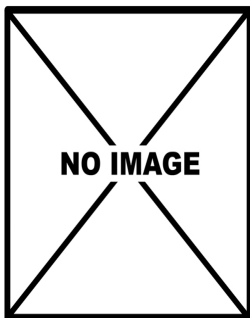
Red-backed Shrike. Head pattern: top left male (), top right female (); left juvenile (12-IX).



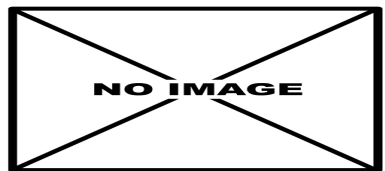
Red-backed Shrike. Juvenile (12-IX).



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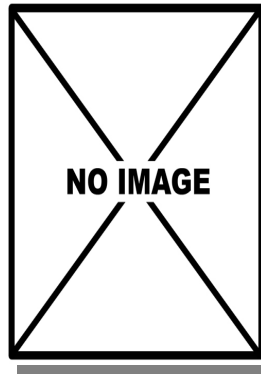
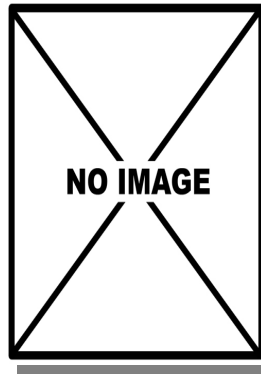
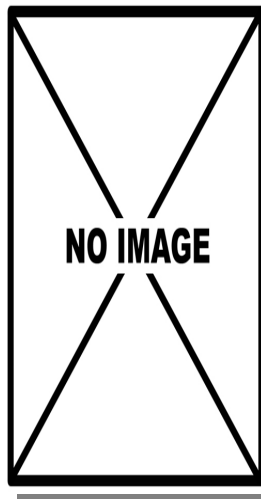
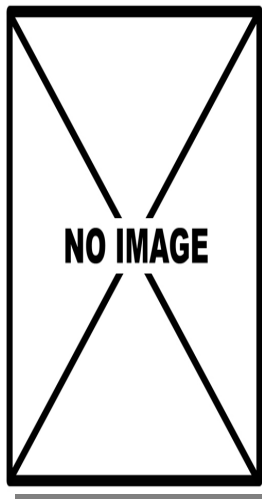


Red-backed Shrike. Crown pattern: top left male (), top right female (); left juvenile (12-IX).



Red-backed Shrike. Flank pattern: top male (cc-vv), middle female (cc-vv); bottom juvenile (12-IX).

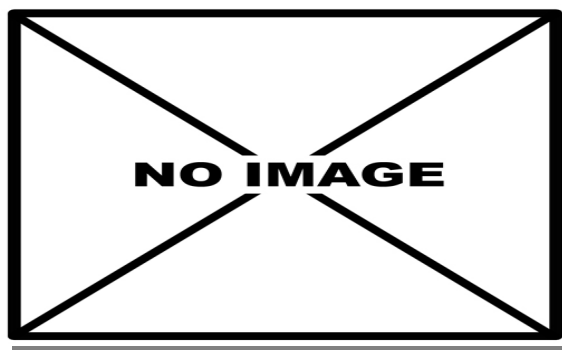
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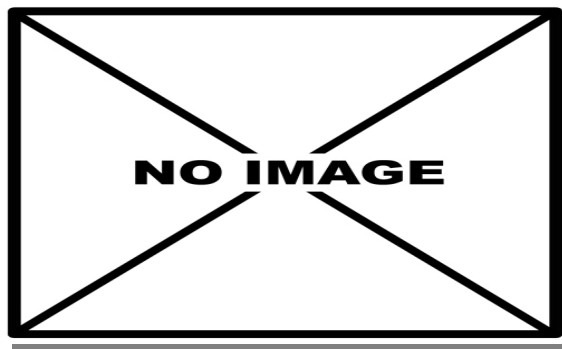
Red-backed Shrike. Tail pattern: top left male (), top right female (); left juvenile (12-IX).



Red-backed Shrike. Adult. Male: pattern of wing ().



Red-backed Shrike. Pattern of scapulars: left male (), middle female (); right juvenile (12-IX).



Red-backed Shrike. Adult. Female: pattern of wing ().

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Red-backed Shrike. Juvenile: pattern of wing (12-IX).