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Great Tit. Adult. Male (06-I).

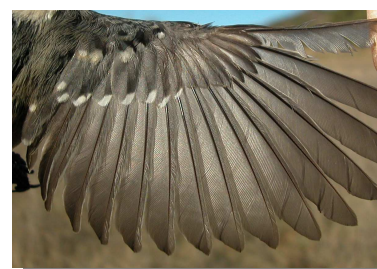
GREAT TIT (*Parus major*)

IDENTIFICATION

12-14 cm. Black head and throat, with a white patch on cheek and nape; yellow underparts, with a black band; greenish upperparts and wings with one pale bar.



Coal Tit



Great Tit. Pattern of upperparts, breast, nape and wing.

SEXING

Male with deep black on head and throat; broad black band on breast and belly. **Female** with dull black on head and throat; narrow black band on breast and belly. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed using plumage characters.



Great Tit. Sexing. Pattern of head: top male; bottom female.



SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Coal Tit** which is smaller, lacks a black band on breast, has greyish upperparts and two white bars on wing.

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Great Tit. Sexing. Pattern of breast: left male; right female.

AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile with very dull yellow and black colours; yellowish cheek patch without complete black border along lower edge.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with moult limit between moulted greater coverts, with bluish edges, and grey juvenile primary coverts; some birds with moult limit between tertials or between tertials and secondaries.

Adult with all wing feathers with bluish edges.



Great Tit. Ageing. Moulting limit on wing coverts: top adult; bottom 1st year.

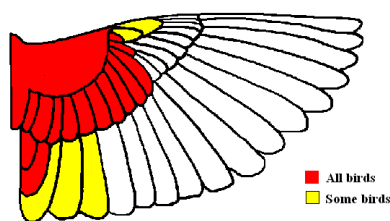


Great Tit. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult female; bottom juvenile.



MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, lesser and median coverts, all greater coverts and some tertials; some birds can moult some alula feather and inner secondaries; usually finished early September.



Great Tit. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident. Widely distributed throughout the Region, absent only from the highest areas of the Pyrenees and the most deforested zones of the Ebro Basin.



Great Tit. Ageing. Pattern of breast: left adult female; right juvenile.

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Great Tit. Adult. Female (08-IV).



Great Tit. Juvenile (18-VII).



Great Tit. 1st year. Male (07-X).



Great Tit. Adult. Head pattern: top male (06-I); bottom female (08-IV).



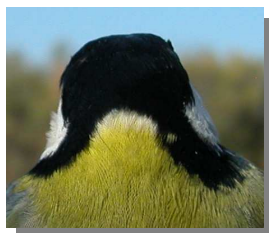
Great Tit. 1st year. Female (07-X).



Great Tit. Head pattern: top 1st year male (07-X); middle 1st year female (07-X); bottom juvenile (18-VII).



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Great Tit. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (06-I); right female (08-IV).



Great Tit. Nape pattern: top left 1st year male (07-X); top right 1st year female (07-X); left juvenile (18-VII).



Great Tit. Breast pattern: top left 1st year male (07-X); top right 1st year female (07-X); left juvenile (18-VII).



Great Tit. Adult. Nape pattern: left male (06-I); right female (08-IV).

Great Tit. Adult. Underparts pattern: left male (06-I); right female (08-IV).

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Great Tit. Tail pattern: top left 1st year male (07-X); top right 1st year female (07-X); left juvenile (18-VII).



Great Tit. Underparts pattern: top left 1st year male (07-X); top right 1st year female (07-X); left juvenile (18-VII).

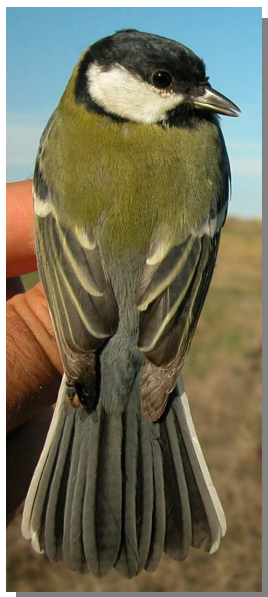


Great Tit. Adult. Upperparts pattern: left male (06-I); right female (08-IV).



Great Tit. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (06-I); right female (08-IV).

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Great Tit. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (08-IV).



Great Tit. Upperparts pattern: top left 1st year male (07-X); top right 1st year female (07-X); left juvenile (18-VII).



Great Tit. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing (07-X).



Great Tit. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (06-I).



Great Tit. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (07-X).

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Great Tit. Juvenile: pattern of wing (24-VI).