

383 Firecrest



Firecrest. Adult. Male (29-XII).

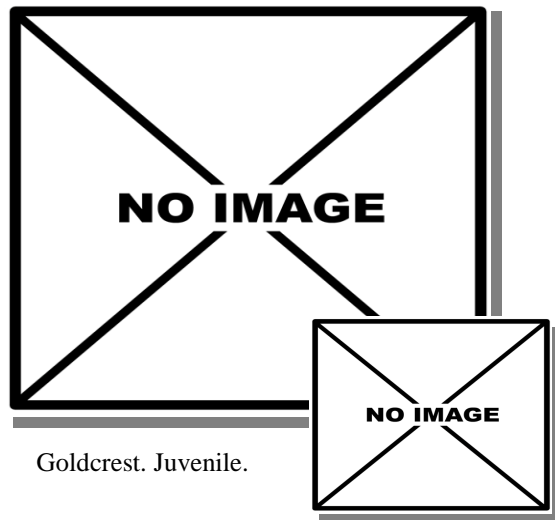


Goldcrest. Adult.

FIRECREST (*Regulus ignicapilla*)

IDENTIFICATION

9-10 cm. **Adults** with green-yellowish plumage; head with crown yellow (**female**) or orange (**male**); white and black bands on face. **Juvenile** without crest on the crown.



Goldcrest. Juvenile.



Firecrest. Adult. Pattern of head.



Firecrest. Juvenile. Pattern of head.

SEXING

Male with crown patch yellow and bright orange; wing longer than 53 mm. **Female** with crown patch yellow; wing shorter than 52 mm. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed using plumage characters.



Firecrest. Adult. Sexing. Pattern of crown: left male; right female.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Goldcrest has similar crown pattern, but head without white and black bands on face. **Juveniles Goldcrest** lack a whitish supercilium.

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AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile without crest on crown.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with most of the wing feathers unmoulted; central alula feather, if unmoulted, lacks green edge; tail feathers with very pointed tips.

Adult with central alula feather with green edge; tail feathers with not very pointed tips or rounded.



Firecrest. Ageing. Pattern of crown: left adult; right juvenile.



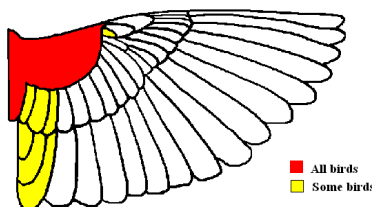
Firecrest. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Firecrest. Ageing. Pattern of tips of tail feathers: left adult; right juvenile.

MOULT

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



Firecrest. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident, with contribution of wintering European birds. Widely distributed throughout all the pinus forests of the Region.



Firecrest. Adult. Female (21-X).

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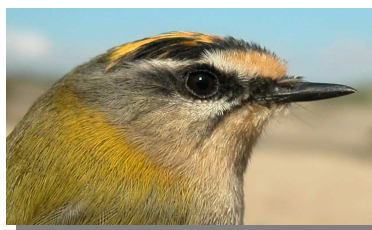
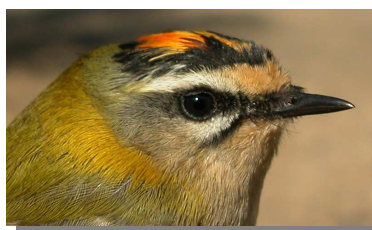
Firecrest. 1st year. Male (22-X).



Firecrest. Adult. Head pattern: top male (29-XII); bottom female (21-X).



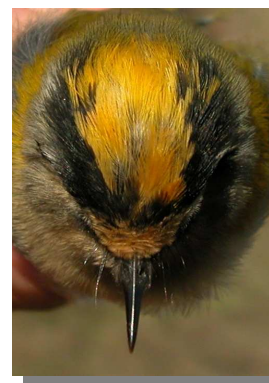
Firecrest. 1st year. Female (29-X)



Firecrest. Head pattern: top 1st year male (14-X); middle 1st year female (29-X); bottom juvenile (02-VII).

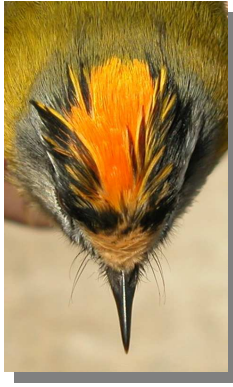


Firecrest. Juvenile (02-VII).



Firecrest. Adult. Crown pattern: left male (29-XII); right female (21-X).

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Firecrest. Crown pattern: top left 1st year male (14-X); top right 1st year female (29-X); left juvenile (12-VII).



Firecrest. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (29-XII); right female (21-X).



Firecrest. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (29-XII); right female (21-X).



Firecrest. Breast pattern: top left 1st year male (14-X); top right 1st year female (29-X); left juvenile (02-VII).

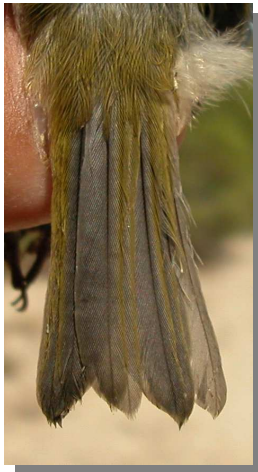
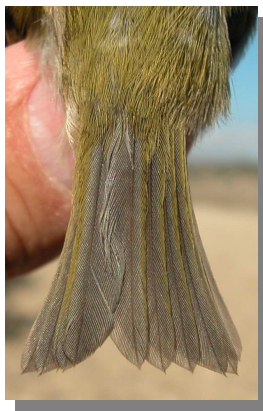


Firecrest. Upperpart pattern: top left 1st year male (14-X); top right 1st year female (29-X); left juvenile (02-VII).

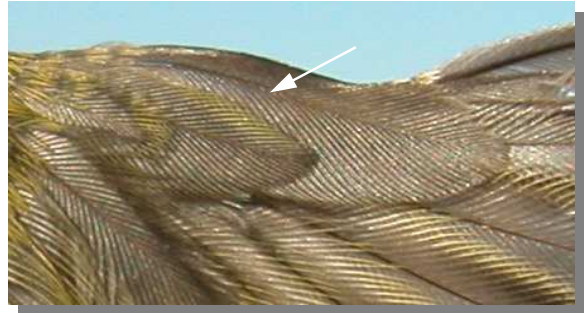
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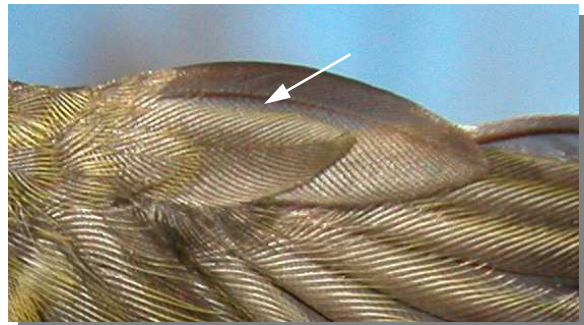
Firecrest. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (29-XII); right female (21-X).



Firecrest. Tail pattern: top left 1st year male (14-X); top right 1st year female (29-X); left juvenile (12-VII).



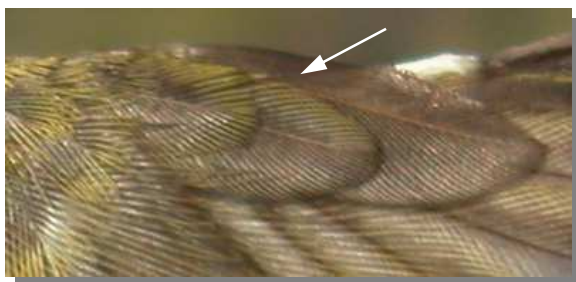
Firecrest. Adult. Female: pattern of central alula (21-X)



Firecrest. 1st year. Male: pattern of central alula (21-X)



Firecrest. 1st year. Female: pattern of central alula (29-X)

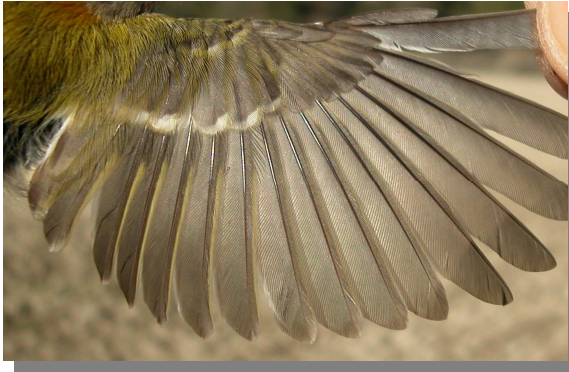


Firecrest. Adult. Male: pattern of central alula (29-XII)



Firecrest. Juvenile: pattern of central alula (12-VII)

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Firecrest. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (29-XII)



Firecrest. 1st year. Female: pattern of wing (29-X)



Firecrest. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (21-X).



Firecrest. Juvenile: pattern of wing (12-VII)



Firecrest. 1st year. Male: pattern of wing (21-X)