

391 Crested Tit



Crested Tit. Spring. Adult (3-V).

CRESTED TIT (*Parus cristatus*)

IDENTIFICATION

11-12 cm. Grey upperparts; pale underparts; black throat; crown with crest with black feathers edged white.



Crested Tit. Pattern of head.

SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable.

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike, but **male** usually with longer crest than **female**. Size is an useful character for extreme birds: **male** with wing longer than 63 mm; **female** with wing shorter than 59 mm.

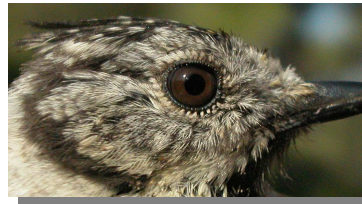
AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

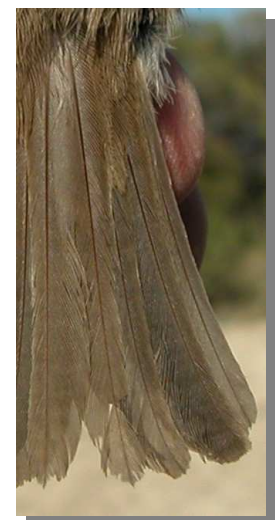
Juvenile with fresh plumage; tail feathers with pointed tips; iris brown-grey.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with pointed tail feathers, which are very worn; brownish iris till February.

Adult with tail feathers with rounded tips; iris reddish.

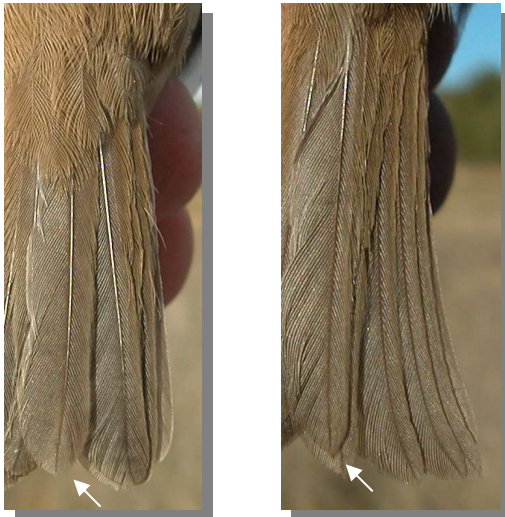


Crested Tit. Ageing. Colour of iris: top adult; middle 1st year; bottom juvenile.



Crested Tit. Spring. Ageing. Wear of tail feathers: left adult; right 2nd year.

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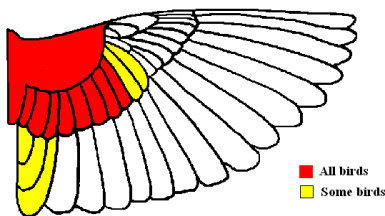
Crested Tit. Autumn. Ageing. Pattern of tips of tail feathers: left adult; right 1st year.



Crested Tit. Spring. 2nd year. Female (03-V)

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in September. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, lesser and median coverts, most or all greater coverts and some tertials; tail feathers are unmoulted; usually finished early September.



Crested Tit. Extent of postjuvenile moult.



Crested Tit. Spring. Juvenile (02-VII).

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident. Widely distributed in pinus and juniper forests from the Region.



Crested Tit. Spring. Head pattern and iris colour: top adult (03-V); middle 2nd year (03-V); bottom juvenile (02-VII).

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Crested Tit. Spring. Crown pattern: top left adult (03-V); top right 2nd year (03-V); left juvenile (02-VII).



Crested Tit. Spring. Breast pattern: top left adult (03-V); top right 2nd year (03-V); left juvenile (02-VII).



Crested Tit. Spring. Upper part pattern: top left adult (03-V); top right 2nd year (03-V); left juvenile (02-VII).



Crested Tit. Spring. Wear and pattern of tail: top left adult (03-V); top right 2nd year (03-V); left juvenile (02-VII).

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Crested Tit. Spring. Postbreeding moult: wing of adult (03-V).



Crested Tit. Autumn. Adult (26-XII).



Crested Tit. Spring. Postjuvenile moult: wing of 2nd year (03-V).



Crested Tit. Autumn. 1st year (26-XII).



Crested Tit. Spring. Wing of juvenile (02-VII).

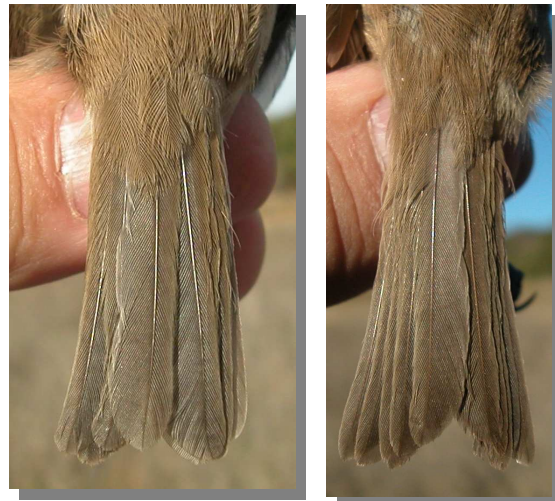


Crested Tit. Autumn. Head pattern and iris colour: top adult (26-XII); bottom 1st year (26-XII).

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Crested Tit. Autumn. Crown pattern: left adult (26-XII); right 1st year (26-XII).



Crested Tit. Autumn. Tail pattern: left adult (26-XII); right 1st year (26-XII).



Crested Tit. Autumn. Breast pattern: left adult (26-XII); right 1st year (26-XII).



Crested Tit. Autumn. Adult: pattern of wing (26-XII).



Crested Tit. Autumn. Upperparts pattern: left adult (26-XII); right 1st year (26-XII).



Crested Tit. Autumn. 1st year: pattern of wing (26-XII).