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Hoopoe. Adult. Male (27-V).

HOOPOE (*Upupa epops*)

IDENTIFICATION

25-28 cm. Brownish upperparts, with transversal black and white lines; pink-vinaceous breast; white underparts; head with a pink crest with black and white tips; wings and tail black with white bands; long and curved bill.

SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable.

AGEING

types of age can be recognized:

Juvenile similar to a **female**, but with fresh flight feathers and without moult limit; outermost tail feather with rounded tip; 9th primary with pointed tip.

2nd year with flight feathers very worn; if tail is unmoulted, then very worn and with rounded tip.

Adult with vinaceous tinge on breast; outermost tail feather with squared tip; 9th primary with broad and rounded tip.

CAUTION: some authors describe outermost tail feather with the black patch on tip with well defined edges in **adult** and bad defined edges in **juvenile/2nd year** but this is not always a valid character.

SEXING

Male with chin and breast deep vinaceous pink; mantle lacks pinkish tinge. **Female** with chin and breast cinnamon rufous; mantle with pinkish tinge; sides of belly and breast more streaked than **male**. **Juveniles** can be sexed in some extreme birds: **males** with head and breast more vinaceous-pink than **females**. **CAUTION:** with worn plumage, colour differences are very difficult to see and sexing is possible only with both **male** and **female** together.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, changing in breeding areas body feathers and sometimes some flight and tail feathers between July-August, finished in wintering quarters. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including only body feathers, with some birds changing too all or most tail feathers, usually moulted in wintering quarters. Mainly **adults**, and some **juveniles**, have a **prebreeding** moult including only head and neck feathers.

PHENOLOGY

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

STATUS IN ARAGON

Summer visitor with some scarce wintering birds. Breeds widely distributed throughout the Region, absent only from Northern areas.



Hoopoe. Adult. Female (18-VII).

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Hoopoe. Juvenile. Male (04-VIII).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Female (26-VII).



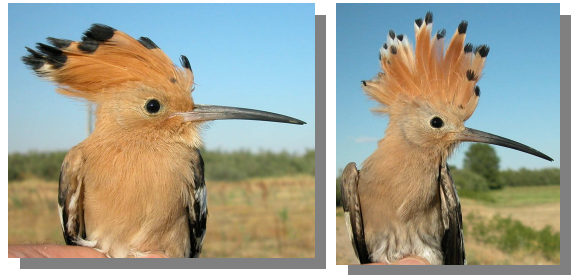
Hoopoe. Adult. Head pattern: left male (27-V); right female (13-VII).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Head pattern: left male (04-VIII); right female (26-VII).



Hoopoe. Adult. Breast pattern: left male (27-V); right female (13-VII).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Breast pattern: left male (04-VIII); right female (26-VII).

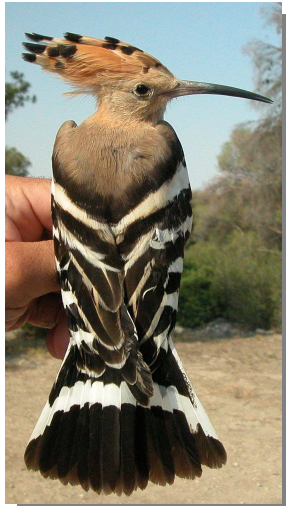


Hoopoe. Adult. Nape pattern: left male (27-V); right female (13-VII).



Hoopoe. Juvenile. Nape pattern: left male (04-VIII); right female (26-VII).

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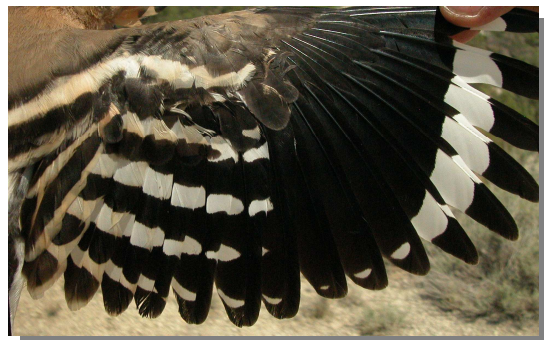
Hoopoe. Wear and pattern of the outermost tail feather: top left adult (18-VII); top right 2nd year (18-VII); left juvenile (04-VIII).

Hoopoe. Adult. Upperpart pattern: left male (27-V); right female (13-VII).

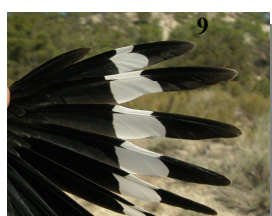


Hoopoe. Adult: pattern of wing (13-VII).

Hoopoe. Juvenile. Upperpart pattern: left male (04-VIII); right female (26-VII).



Hoopoe. 2nd year: pattern of wing (18-VII).



Hoopoe. Pattern of tip of 9th primary: top left adult (07-VI); top right 2nd year (18-VII); left juvenile (04-VIII).



Hoopoe. Juvenile: pattern of wing (04-VIII)