

SCJU (*Junco hyemalis hyemalis*) - Aging Table for Unknown Sex (Basic Plumage)

Caveat utilitor! These Pyle excerpts are specific to **slate-colored juncos** in **basic plumage** (Aug-Mar).

Molt: **PF** partial (Jul-Oct), most to all med cov, 3 to 10 (~69%) inner gr cov, sometimes (~21%) 1-2 (rarely 3) tert (northern subsp often only s9), and occasionally (~6%) 1-2 central rect (r1). **APB** complete (Jul-Oct), up to 3 pcov and 3 middle ss (among s4-s6) are rarely retained. **PF & APB** occur primarily on summer grounds. **PA** (Feb-Apr) limited to body feathers, primarily around head (no wing cov).

Wg (*ssp hyemalis*) **F** if 69-72 **M** if 78-82 **M or F** if 73-77

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Skull completes from Nov. 1

CP/BP Mar-Sep

	HY/SY	AHY/ASY
Med & gr cov	ML <u>sometimes</u> occur among med & gr cov outer cov worn, <u>brownish</u> with buff corners inner cov fresher, <u>duskier</u> , without buff corners	Med & gr cov uniformly adult (dusky with gray edging)
Tert	All juv (relatively worn and brownish), or 1-3 formative tert that contrast with juv s4-s6	Tert <u>and</u> s4-s6 uniformly adult dusky with gray edging
<u>Outer</u> pp cov	Narrow, tapered, relatively abraded and brownish with indistinct narrow or no pale edging, contrasting with formative gr cov	Broad, truncate, relatively fresh, and dusky brown with relatively distinct and broad brown to gray edging, not contrasting markedly in color or wear with gr cov
R6	Somewhat tapered, relatively abraded	Truncate, relatively fresh
R1	Relatively abraded (if juvenile) or (if formative), contrastingly fresh and higher quality compared to r2-r6	Relatively fresh
Iris	Grayish brown to brown (through Oct-Mar)	Reddish brown to dark red
Head, throat, upper breast	If relatively pale gray or pale blackish, with a moderately heavy to heavy brown wash, <u>and</u> >50% brown, it is very likely to be HY/SY female . <u>Even so</u> , it should show additional HY/SY traits.	If relatively dark gray or black, with little brownish wash, it is very likely to be an AHY/SY male . <u>Even so</u> , it should show additional AHY/ASY traits.

Fun Fact: Occasionally hybridizes with WTSP!