

## SCJU (*Junco hyemalis hyemalis*) Sexing When Age is Known (Basic Plumage)

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

Compare the appearance and average amount of brown coloration on the combination of the head, throat, and upper breast to the wing chord in deciding whether to designate a known age SCJU as female, male, or unknown.

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

	HY/SY Female	Female or Male	HY/SY Male
<b>Head, throat, upper breast</b>	Relatively pale gray or pale blackish, with a moderately heavy to heavy brown wash, <b>usually &gt;50% brown</b>		Pale to medium gray or dull blackish, with a moderate amount of or no brown wash, <b>usually 15-40% brown</b>
<b>Wg</b>	<b>69-72</b>	<b>73-77</b>	<b>78-82</b>
	AHY/ASY Female	Female or Male	AHY/ASY Male
<b>Head, throat, upper breast</b>	Relatively pale to medium gray or dull blackish, with a moderate little brown wash (depending on subspecies), <b>usually 25-50% brown</b>		Relatively dark gray or black, <b>with little brownish wash</b>