

	HY/SY, Female (Aug-Jul)	AHY/ASY, Female (Aug-Jul)
Skull pneumaticization	incomplete prior to October	complete
Upperparts and throat	without black mottling	<u>rarely encountered</u> black mottling suggests a very old female
Terts	brown with little or no olive edging	dusky brown, usually edged olive
Outer pp cov	narrow, tapered, relatively abraded, and pale brown with buff tips when fresh, contrasting with the slightly fresher gr cov	broad, truncate, relatively fresh, and dusky brown, not contrasting in wear with the gr covs.
Rects	relatively abraded and washed brownish	relatively fresh and dusky
R3 yellow patch	reduced and washed dusky (Fig. 275A-B), occasionally lacking	usually large (Fig. 275B-C)
Patches at breast sides	lemon-yellow, not contrasting markedly in color with the underwing covs	lemon-yellow to orange-yellow, not contrasting markedly in color with the underwing cov

Notes:

HY/SY in Aug-Mar, without the black feathering of males, should be sexed with caution.

Rect shape is subtle and variable, but can be useful with extremes.

Very old females may have some black body feathering.