

**Caveat utilitor:** These tabular excerpts should only to be used with and as an adjunct to Pyle's *Identification Guide to North American Birds, Part I*. To accomplish reliable aging and sexing, thoroughly study the concepts presented in pages 1- 37, and base your determinations upon the review of multiple traits.

Trait	HY/SY	AHY/ASY
Crown	Brown, usually without black	Brown, forehead sometimes mottled blackish
Remex color	Juv pp and ss dull blackish	Black, s4-s6 uniformly adult (Fig 133F), black
White spots at pp base	Present	Lacking
FF (p5-p9) wear	Relatively more	Relatively less
Lesser cov	Olive to yellowish olive (Oct-Mar)	Partly to entirely yellow (Oct-Mar)
<u>Outer</u> pcov	Narrow, tapered, abraded, dusky blackish, contrasting with the blacker, formative, inner gr cov	Broad, truncate, relatively fresh and black, not contrasting markedly in color or wear with gr cov
Carp cov / alulas	Buffy tipped or fringed	Lacking buffy tips or fringes
ML in med or gr cov	Outer med or gr cov worn & brown with dull buffy or whitish tips, versus inner cov fresher, black, whiter-tipped	Cov uniformly adult and black
Terts	Formative s8 contrasts with juv s7 and s9	Uniformly adult (basic) and black
Rect shape	Tapered, relatively abraded	Truncate, relatively fresh
R6 color	Dusky blackish with a moderately distinct whitish patch See Fig. 349	Black with a distinct white patch See Fig. 349
R6 wear	Relatively more	Relatively less
Active molt (pp or s1-6)	Absent	Present or absent

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