



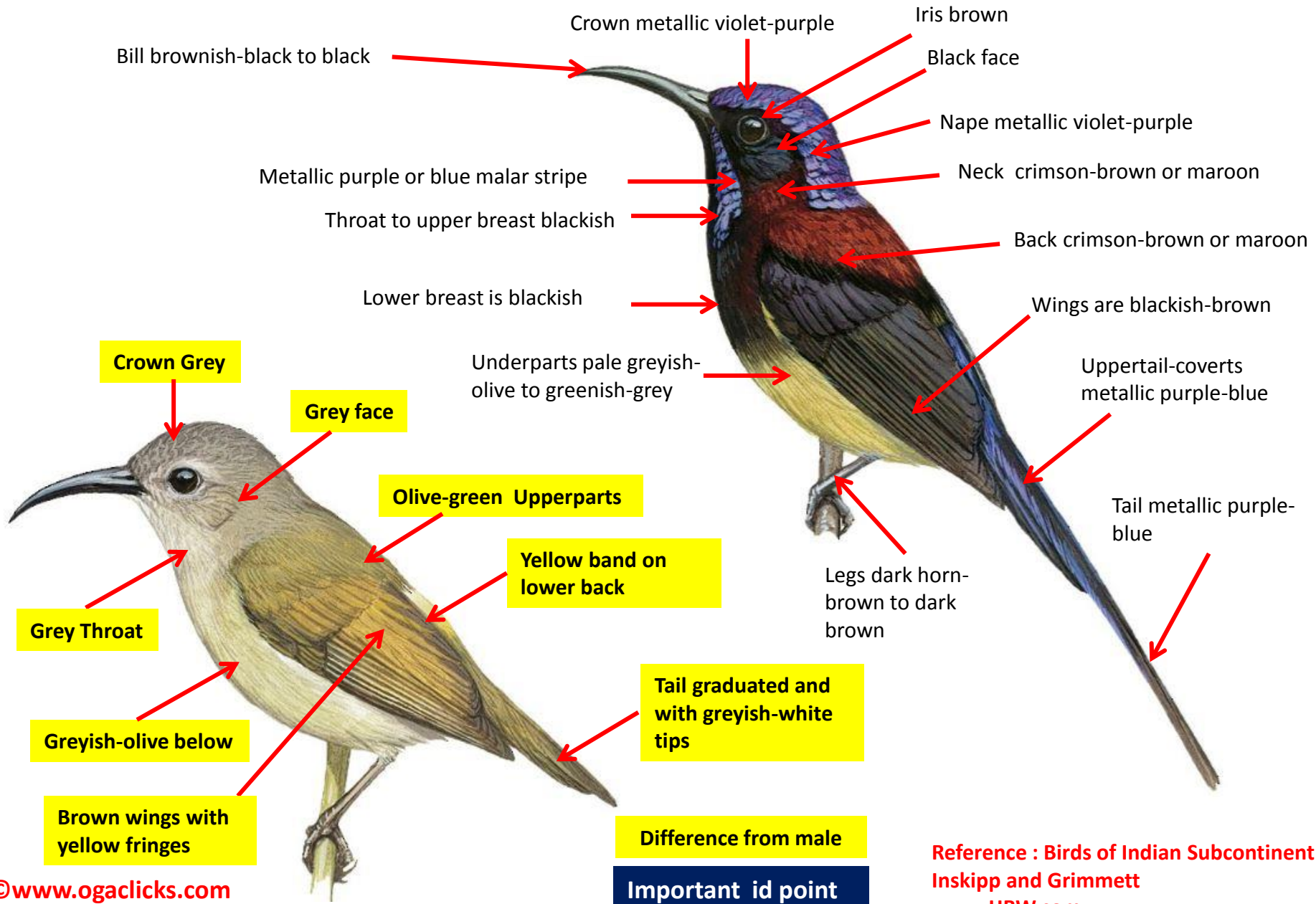
- The following pages have some identification markers for each of the Sunbirds found in India
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List of Sunbirds found in India

Sno.	Name	Binomial Name
1	Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>
2	Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>
3	Crimson-backed Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma minima</i>
4	Fire-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga ignicauda</i>
5	Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>
6	Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
7	Mrs Gould's Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga gouldiae</i>
8	Olive-backed Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis</i>
9	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
10	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>
11	Purple-throated Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma sperata</i>
12	Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	<i>Chalcoparia singalensis</i>
13	Vigors's Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja vigorsii</i>

Black-throated Sunbird Identification Tips

Black-throated Sunbird : *Aethopyga saturata* : Resident of Himalayas & North east India



Crimson Sunbird Identification Tips -*A. s. seheriae*

Crimson Sunbird: *Aethopyga siparaja seheriae* : Resident of Himalayas & hills of East & North east India ;winter visitor to plains of North & North East India

Forehead to centre of crown glossed purple-green

Maxilla dark brown, black at base, mandible horn-brown

Metallic purple-blue moustachial streak

Throat to breast Crimson

Crimson belly

Underparts olive grey

Iris brown

Crimson hindcrown

Sides of head is Crimson

Nape crimson

Back Crimson

Upperwing feathers dark brown, edged olive

Uppertail-coverts black, glossed green

Black tail

Legs are dark brown

Crown greyish olive

Greyish-olive face

Olive Upperparts

Olive-yellow Rump

Light grey Throat

Olive-grey Breast

Light olive, some yellowish streaking on upper belly

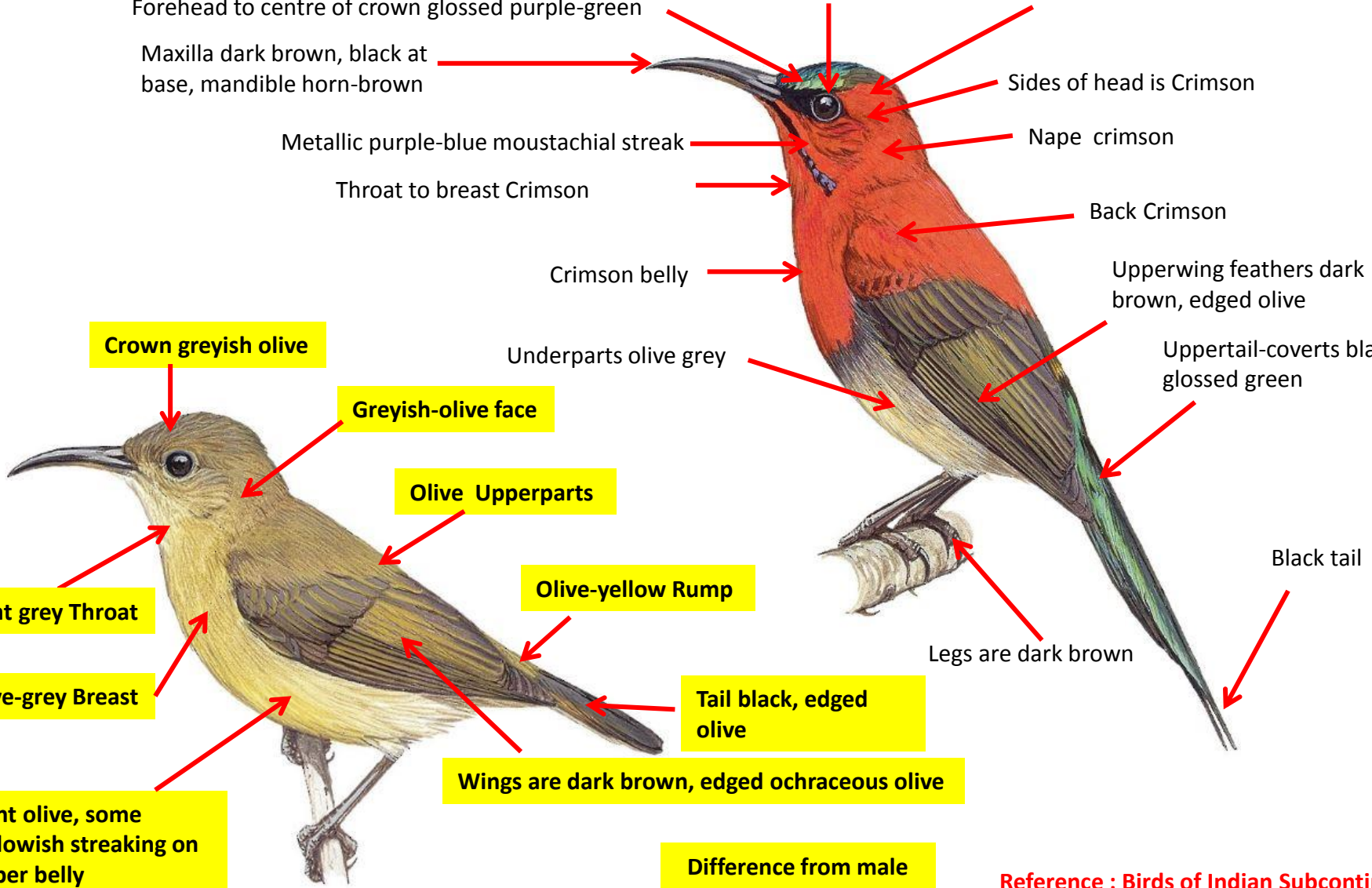
Tail black, edged olive

Wings are dark brown, edged ochraceous olive

Difference from male

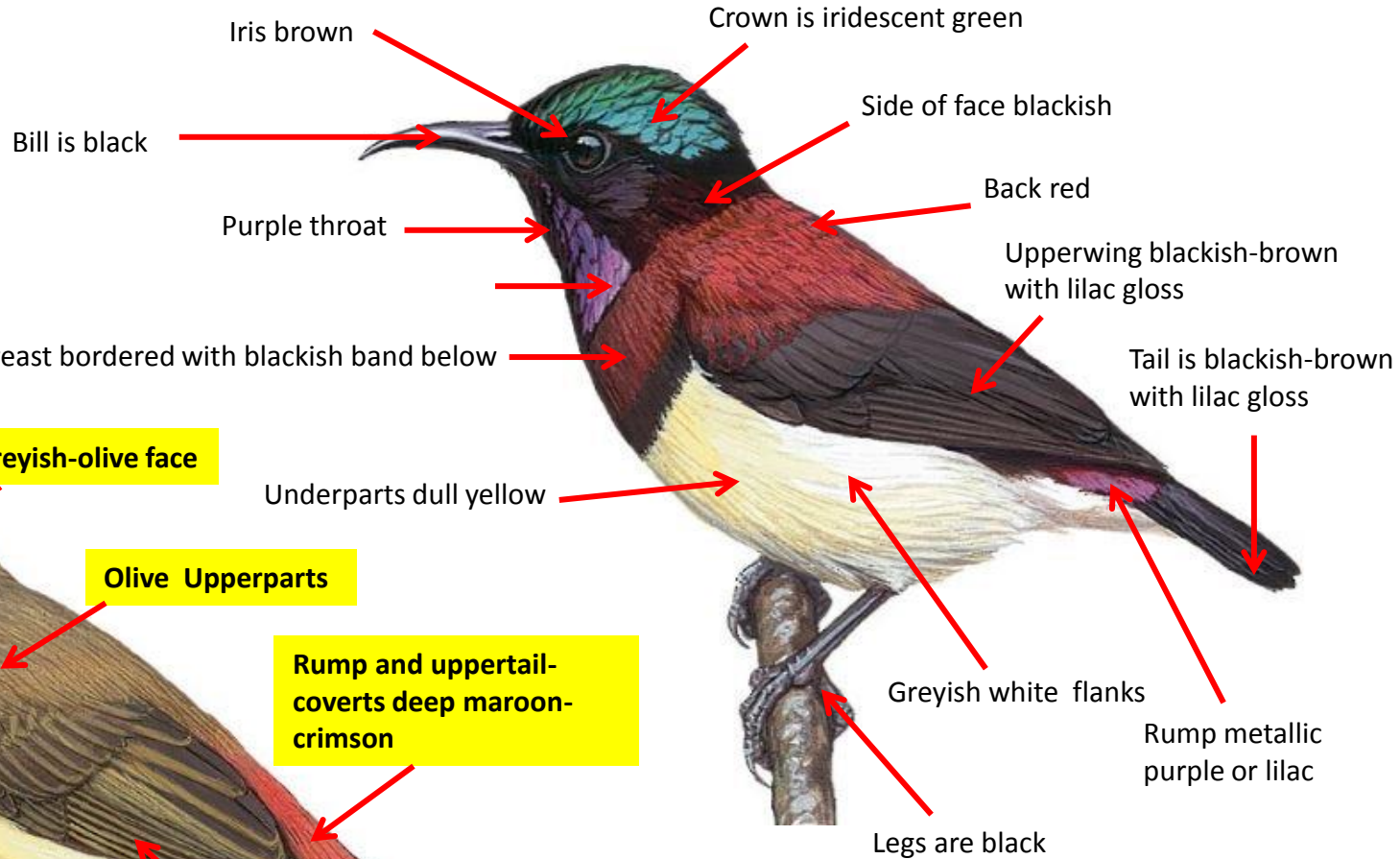
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Crimson-backed Sunbird Identification Tips

Crimson-backed Sunbird : *Leptocoma minima*: Resident of Hills of South West India



Crown greyish olive

Greyish-olive face

Olive Upperparts

Rump and uppertail-coverts deep maroon-crimson

Dull yellow Throat

Dull yellow Breast

Dull yellow Underparts

Tail black, edged olive

Wings are dark brown, edged brown and olive

Difference from male

Important id point

Fire-tailed Sunbird Identification Tips

Fire-tailed Sunbird : *Aethopyga ignicauda* : Resident of Himalayas & hills of North East India

Crown is metallic purple-blue

Bill is blackish-brown.

Side of face blackish

Scarlet hindneck

Scarlet Upperparts

Upperwing olive

Metallic purple-blue throat

Yellow breast, washed orange / scarlet

Yellow belly

Scarlet tail has greatly elongated central rectrices,

Yellowish-grey underparts

Yellowish-grey vent

Greyish white flanks

Legs are blackish-brown.

Male

Crown grey

Greyish-olive face

Olive Upperparts

Olive-grey throat & breast

Olive uppertail-coverts and tail with variable orange wash

Yellow lower Underparts

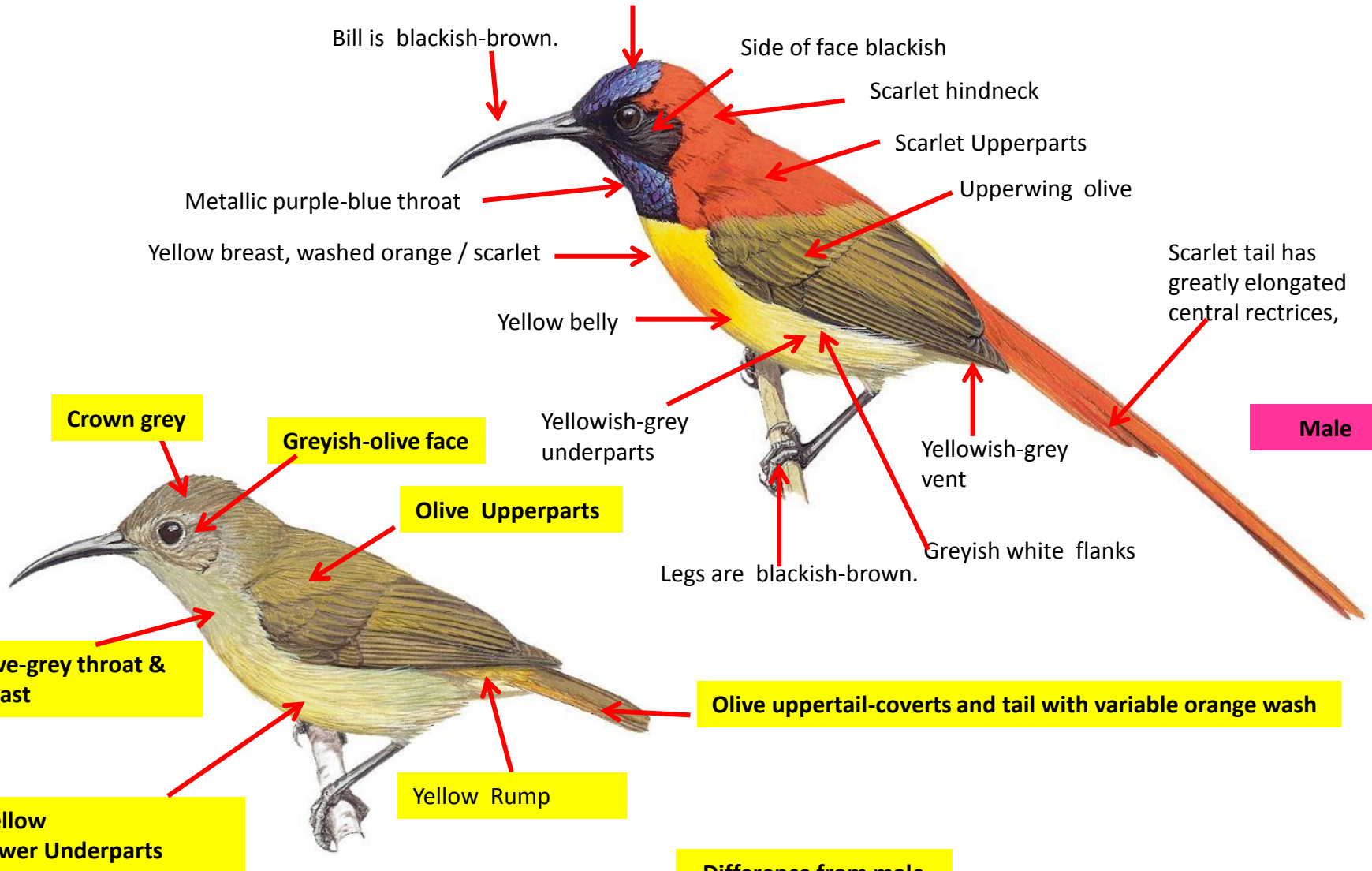
Yellow Rump

Difference from male

Female

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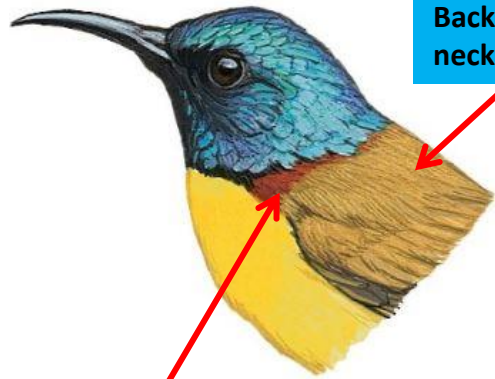
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Green-tailed Sunbird Identification Tips

Green-tailed Sunbird: *Aethopyga nipalensis* : Resident of Himalayas & North East India

A. n. horsfieldi – Western Himalayas



Back and side of neck olive-yellow

Trace of maroon along margin of metallic green of hindneck

Bill is blackish-brown.

Crown is metallic green / blue-green

Metallic green throat

Yellow breast with red streaks

Underparts bright yellow

Cheek blackish glossed purple

Metallic green to blue-green nape

Crimson-brown/maroon Upperparts

Lower back olive-green

Upperwing olive-green

Uppertail-coverts & tail are metallic green to blue-green

Yellow vent

Legs are blackish-brown.

Male

Crown grey

Greyish face

Olive Upperparts

Yellow Rump

Olive-grey throat & breast

Yellowish underparts

Female

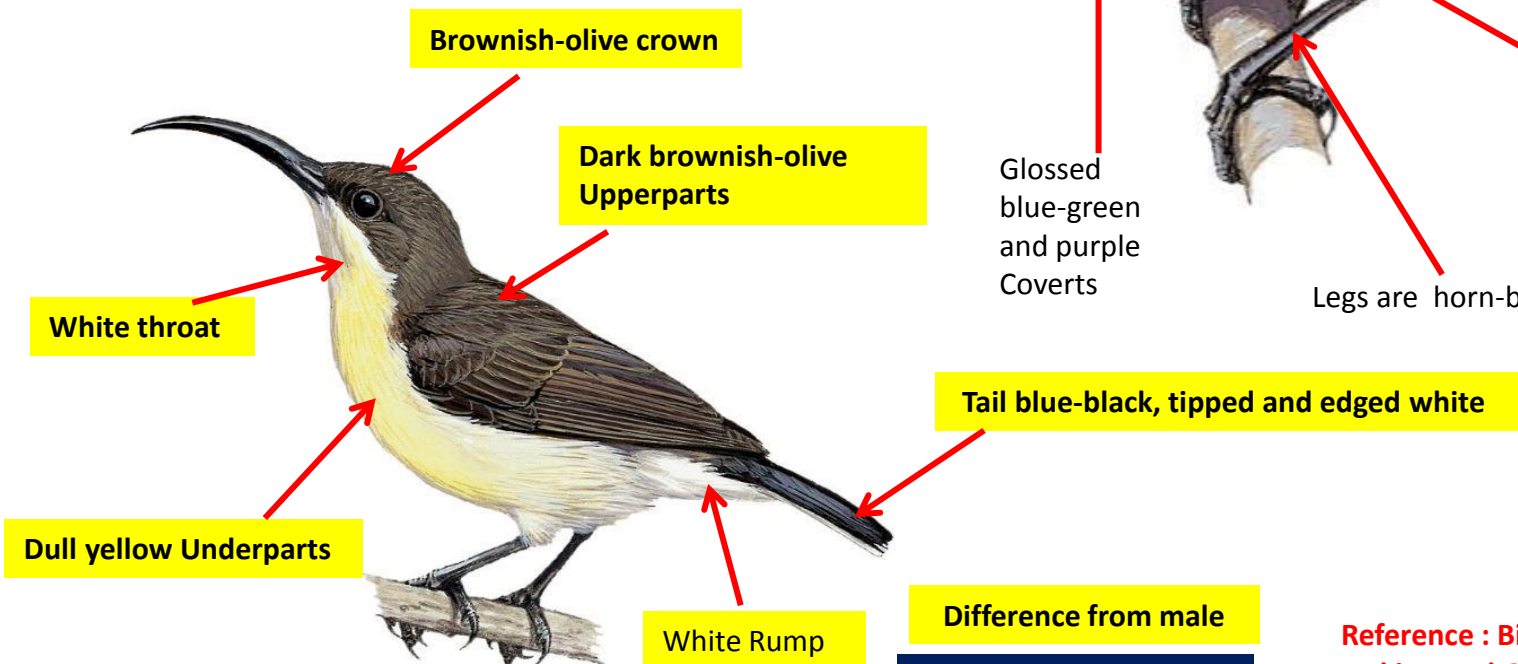
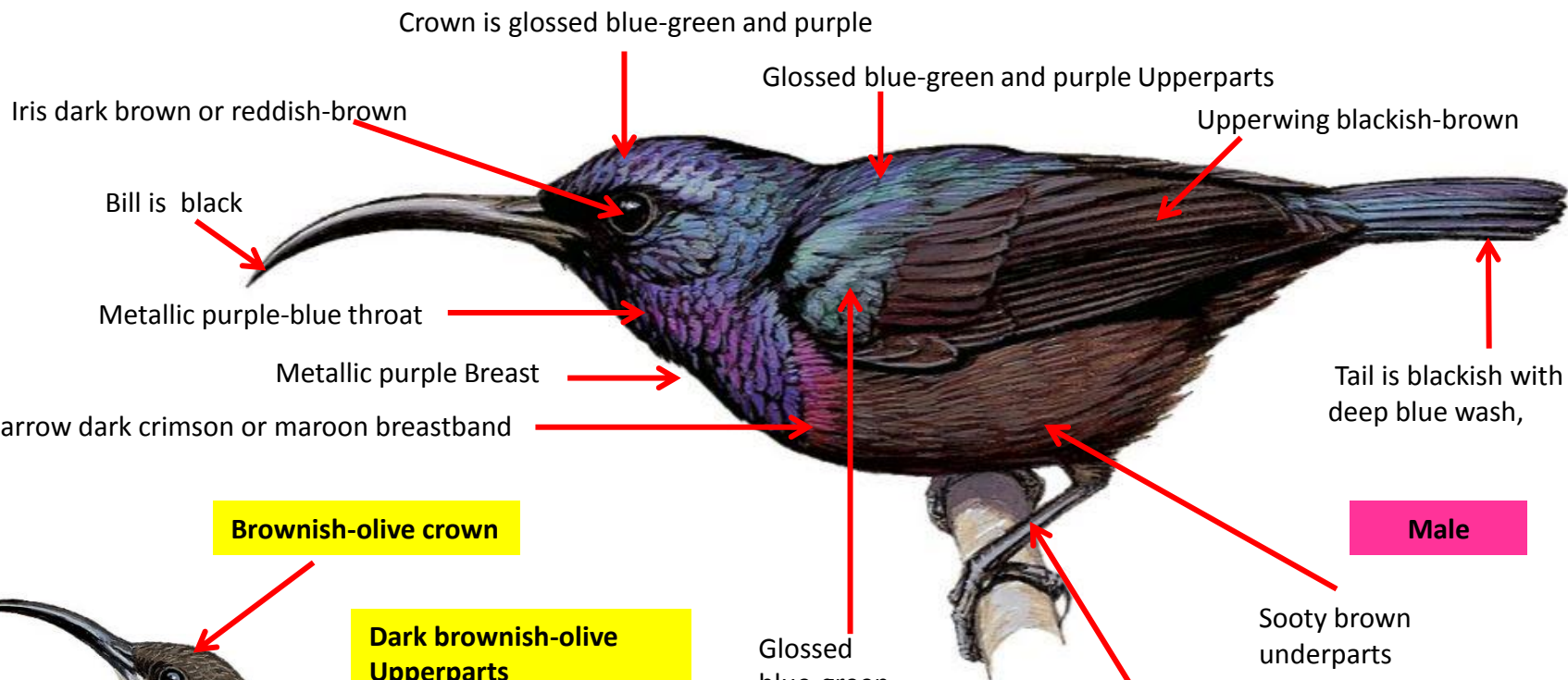
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Loten's Sunbird Identification Tips

Loten's Sunbird: *Cinnyris lotenius*: Resident of West & Southern peninsular India



Female

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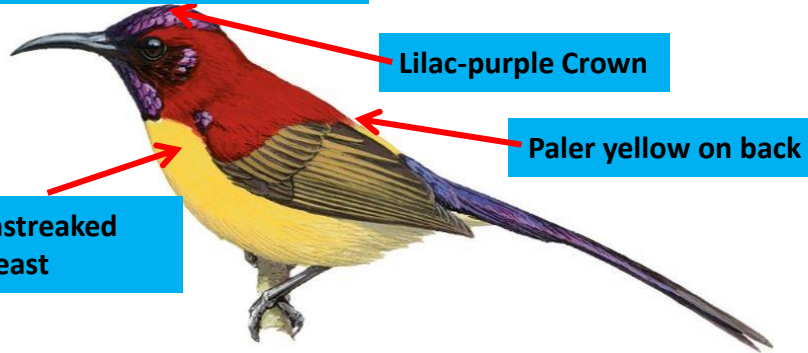
Mrs Gould's Sunbird Identification Tips

Mrs Gould's Sunbird : *Aethopyga gouldiae*: Resident of Resident of Himalayas & hills of North East India

A. g. dabryii -East Nagaland

Bill is dark brown, lower mandible paler

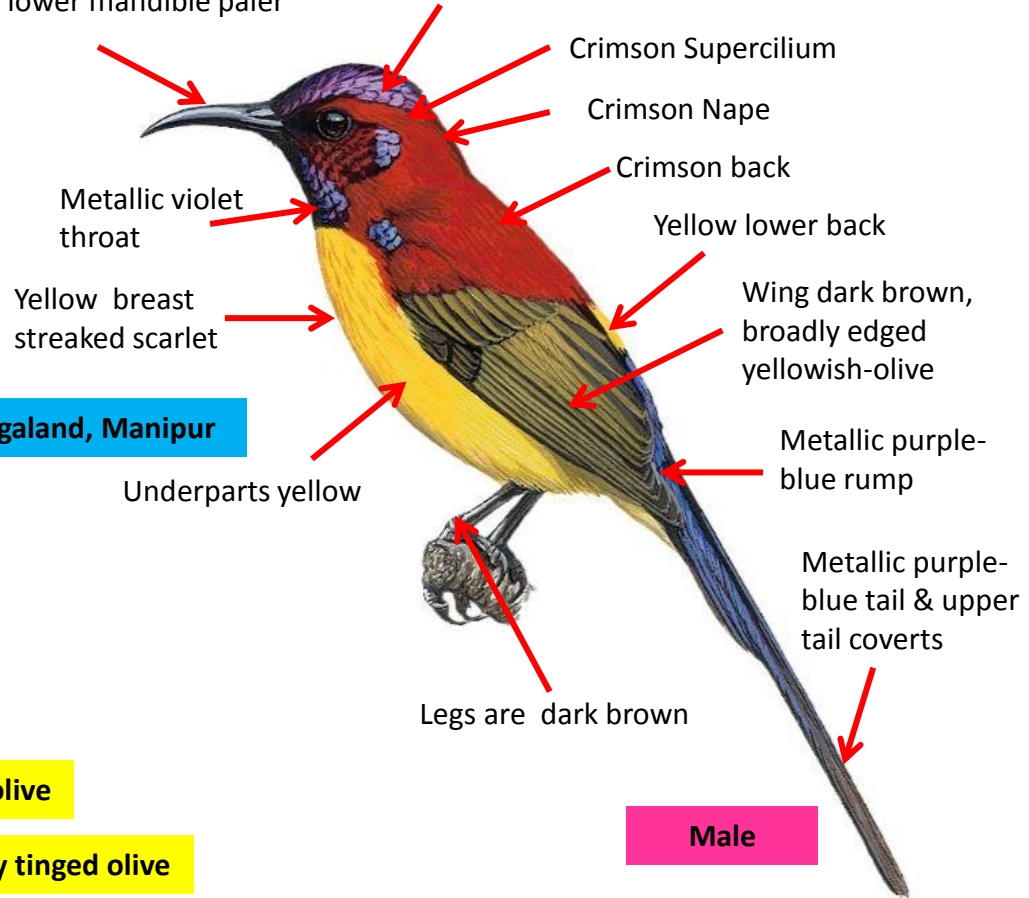
Metallic violet crown



Lilac-purple Crown

Paler yellow on back

Unstreaked breast



Crimson Supercilium

Crimson Nape

Crimson back

Yellow lower back

Metallic violet throat

Yellow breast streaked scarlet

Wing dark brown, broadly edged yellowish-olive

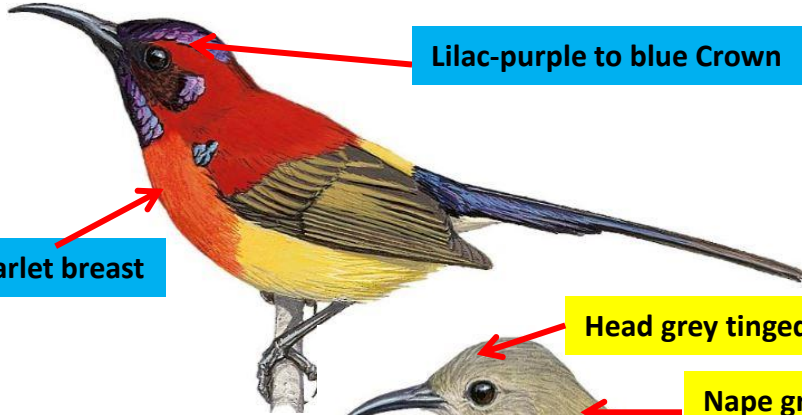
Metallic purple-blue rump

Metallic purple-blue tail & upper tail coverts

Legs are dark brown

Male

A. g. isolata -Assam South of River Brahmaputra, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur



Lilac-purple to blue Crown

Scarlet breast

Head grey tinged olive

Nape grey tinged olive

Grey throat

Upperparts olive-grey, mixed with yellow

Underparts yellowish-grey

Graduated tail tipped whitish

Female

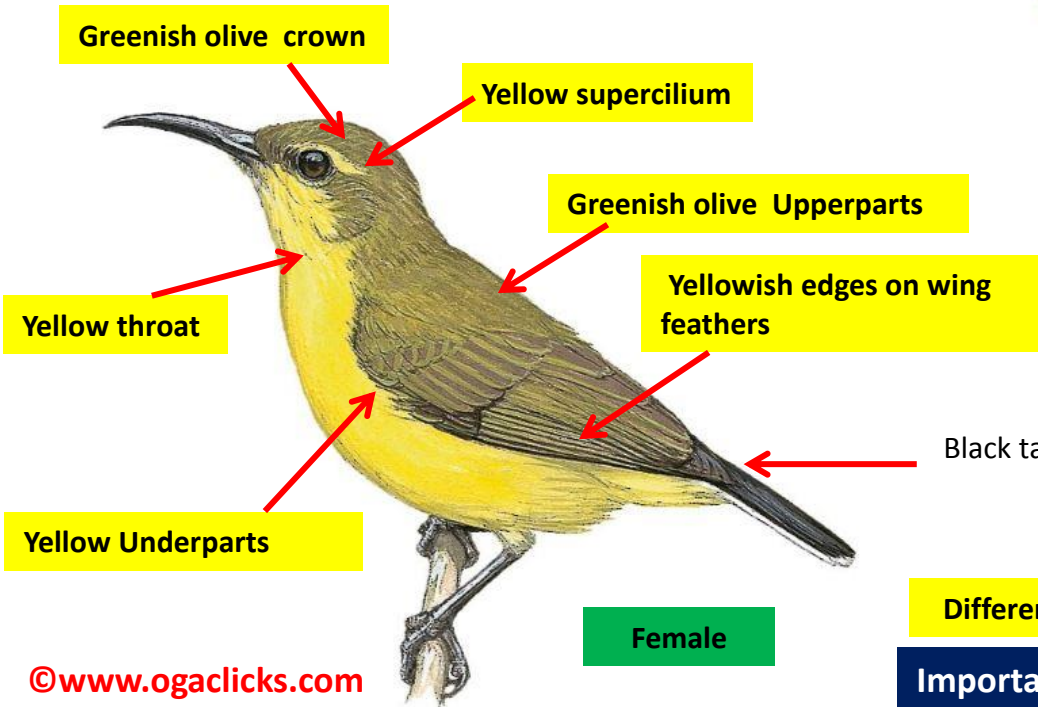
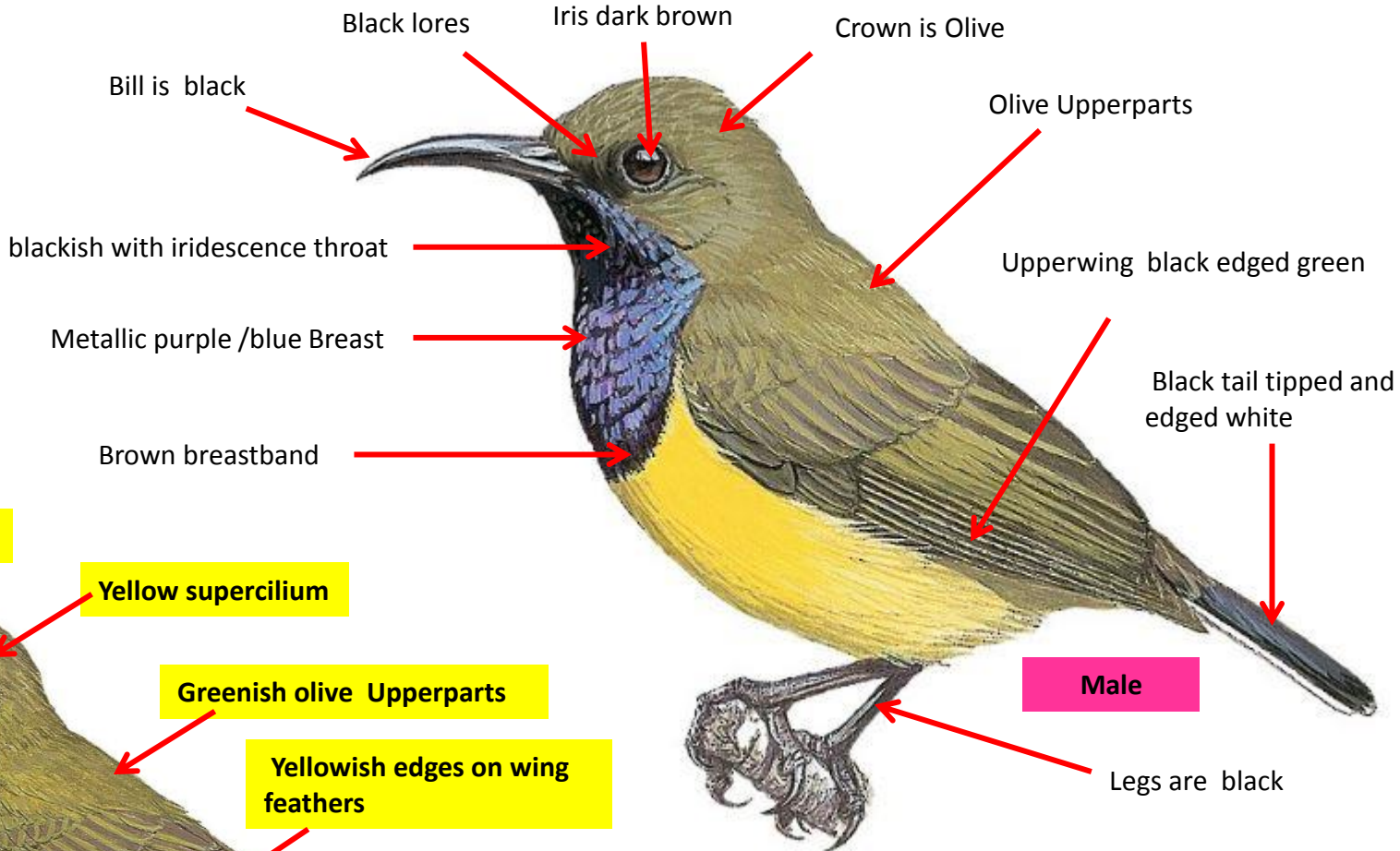
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Difference from male

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Olive-backed Sunbird Identification Tips

Olive-backed Sunbird : *Cinnyris jugularis* : Resident of Andaman & Nicobar Islands in India

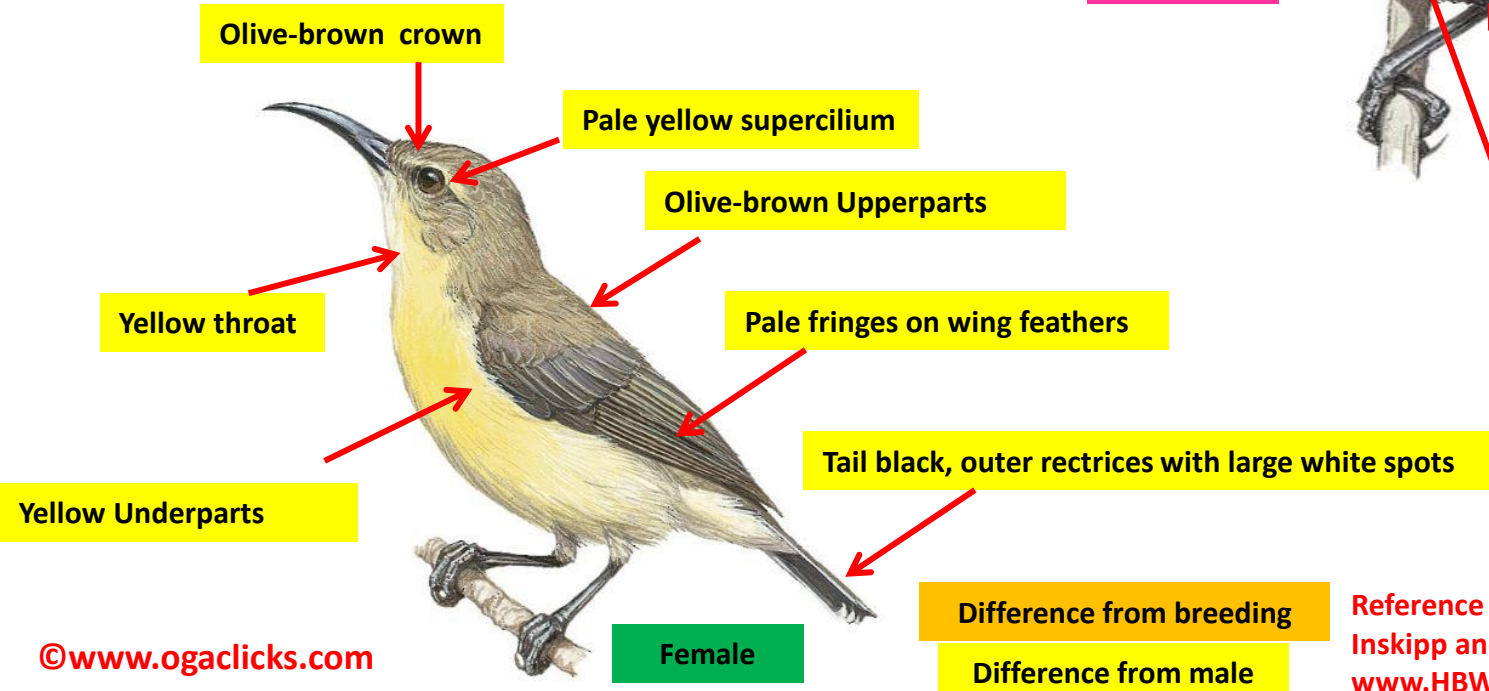
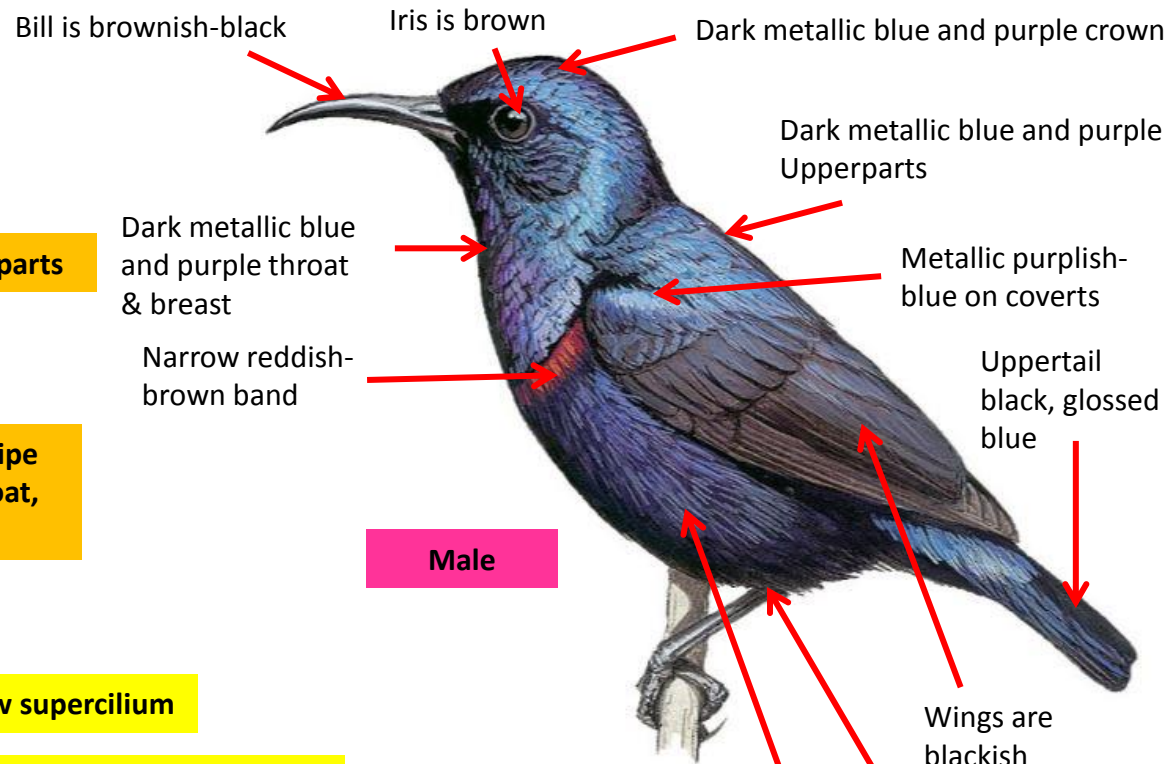
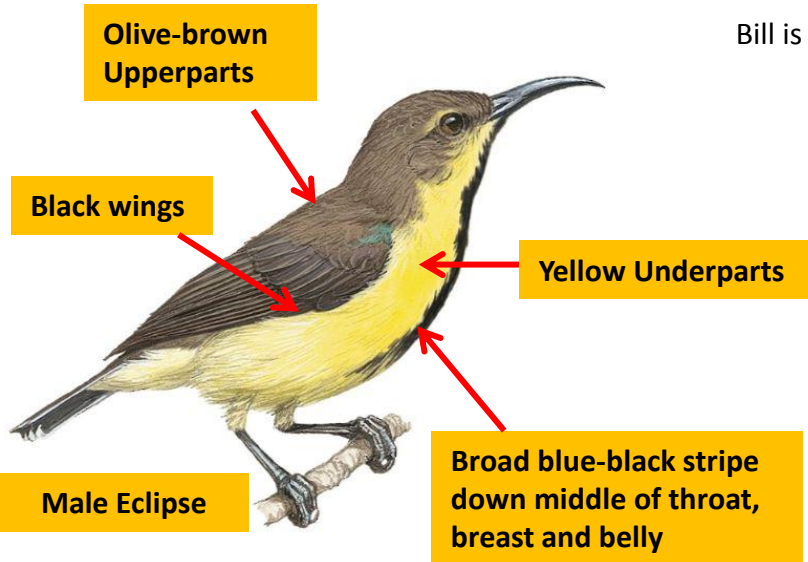


Difference from male
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Purple Sunbird Identification Tips

Purple Sunbird : *Cinnyris asiaticus*: Widespread resident in India

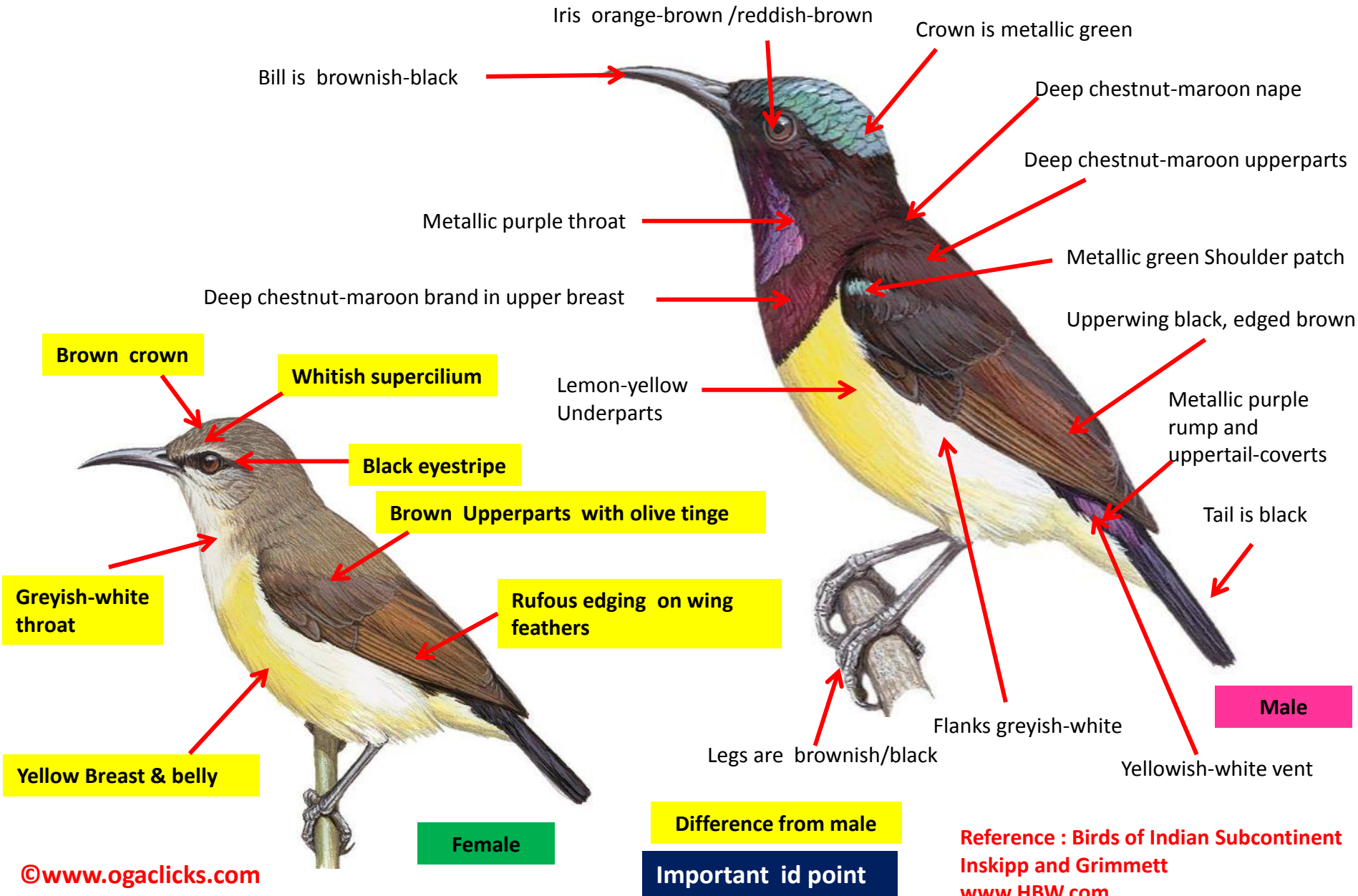


Difference from breeding
Difference from male

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Purple-rumped Sunbird Identification Tips

Purple-rumped Sunbird : *Leptocoma zeylonica*: Widespread resident of Central , East & South India



Purple-throated Sunbird Identification Tips

Purple-throated Sunbird : *Leptocoma sperata*: Resident of plains of North East India

Iris brown /dark brown

Crown is iridescent coppery green /golden-green

Black ear-coverts

Bill is black

Maroon upperparts

Chin and throat iridescent purple or violet-purple

Metallic green Shoulder patch

Wing coverts are maroon

Upperwing black, with orange-red edgings

Metallic green rump

Tail is black glossed blue

Olive-green crown

Yellow supercilium

Olive Green Upperparts

Breast to upper belly scarlet to orange

Yellowish olive Underparts

Legs are brownish/black

Male

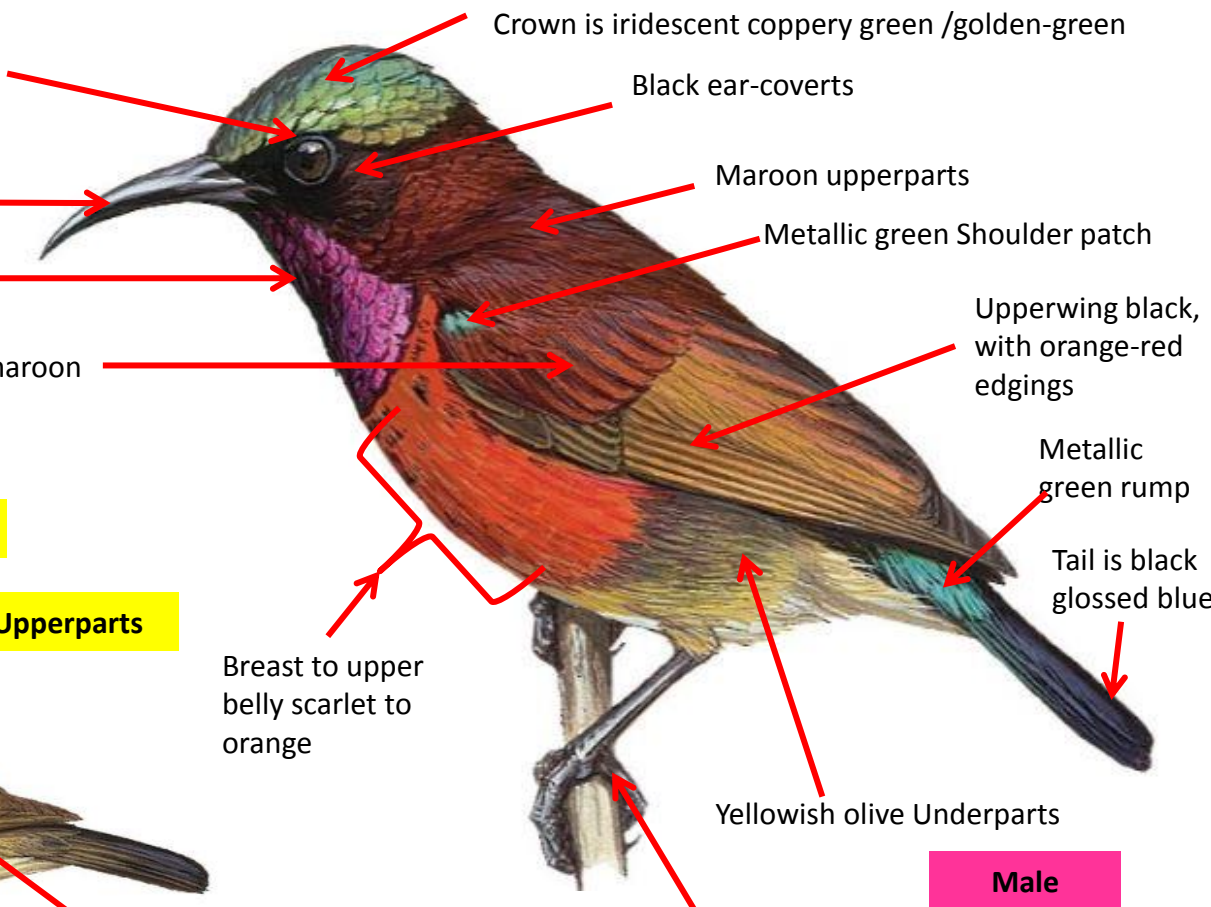
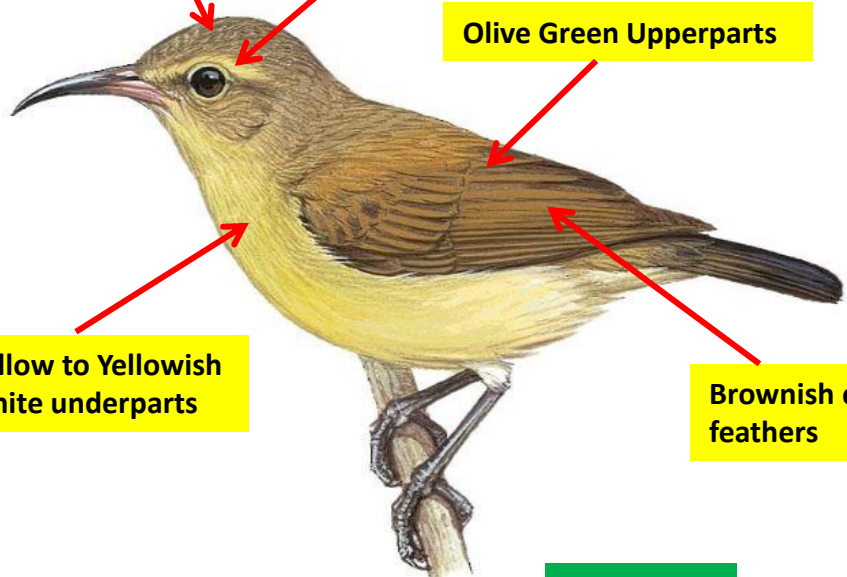
Brownish edging on wing feathers

Female

Difference from male

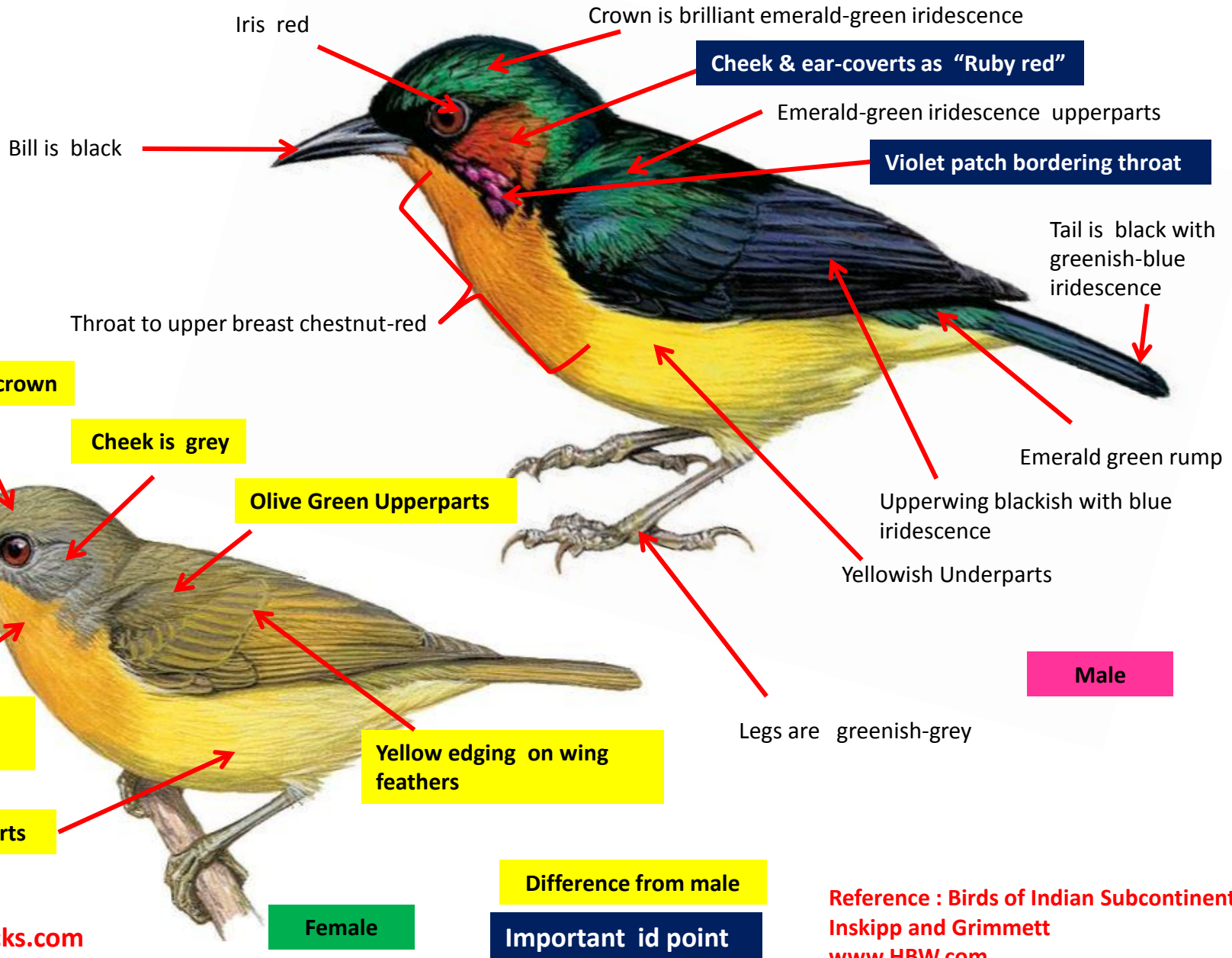
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Ruby-cheeked Sunbird Identification Tips- *C. s. assamensis*

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird : *Chalcoparia singalensis assamensis* : Resident of Central & East Himalayas & North East India



Vigors's Sunbird Identification Tips -*A. s. seheriae*

Vigors's Sunbird : *Aethopyga siparaja vigorsii*: Resident of Western Ghats in India

