



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

Sno.	Name	Binomial Name
1	Andaman Cuckoo Dove	<i>Macropygia rufipennis</i>
2	Barred Cuckoo Dove	<i>Macropygia unchall</i>
3	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
4	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
5	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>
6	Laughing Dove	<i>Stigmatopelia senegalensis</i>
7	Oriental Turtle dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>
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9	Spotted Dove	<i>Stigmatopelia chinensis</i>

Andaman Cuckoo Dove Identification Tips

Andaman Cuckoo Dove : *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*: Widespread resident in India

Iris is pale blue with outer purplish red ring,; greyish blue orbital skin

Pinkish to pinkish purple Bill

Reddish brown to chestnut Chin & Throat

Reddish brown to chestnut breast ,barred black

Underparts are reddish-brown

Head & Crown are rufous to chestnut

Nape is rufous to chestnut

Hindneck & Mantel reddish brown to pale yellow-brown, barred and flecked with black

Upperparts are dark brown with black barring and rusty fringes

Brownish-coverts

Wings dark brown with black barring and rusty fringes

Reddish- brown Tail

Reddish-brown Undertail covert & Vent

Legs are pinkish red or pinkish horn

Crown is rusty with black speckling

Wing-coverts with broad rusty tips

Wings are rusty chestnut, tipped and flecked with blackish brown

Neck, breast and underparts rusty with little or no barring

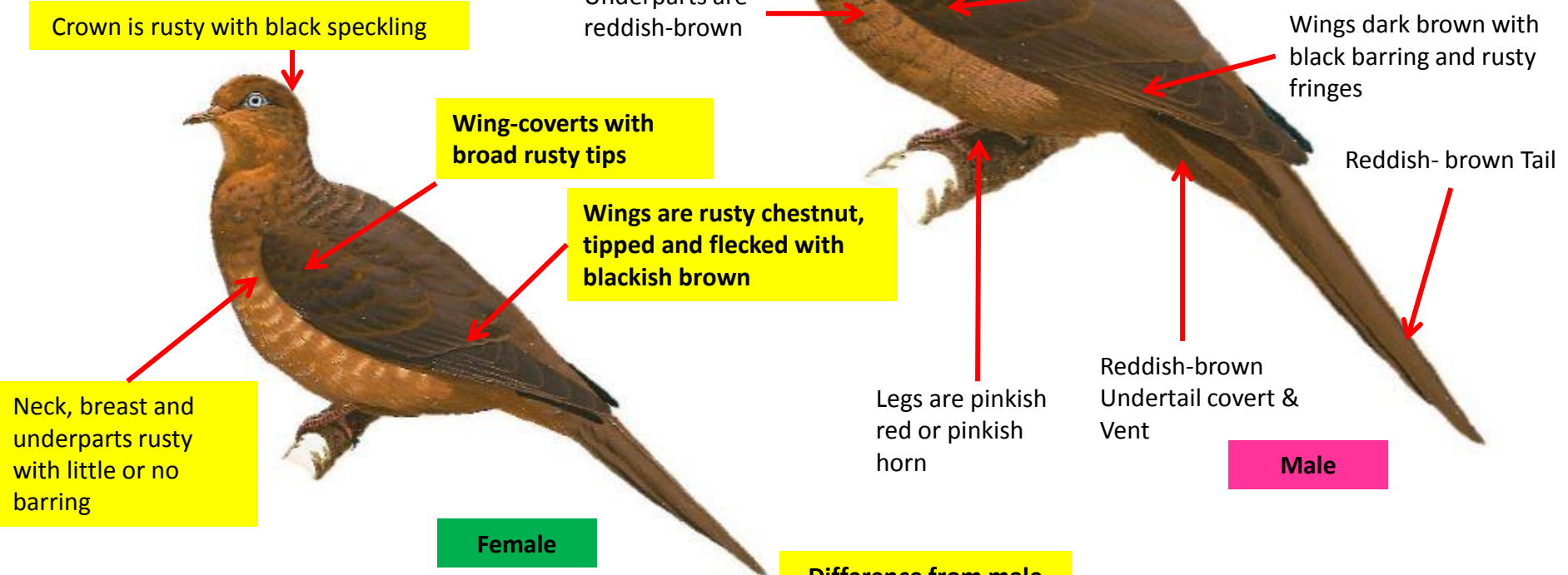
Female

Male

Difference from male

Important id point

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Barred Cuckoo Dove Identification Tips

Barred Cuckoo Dove : *Macropygia unchall* : Resident of Himalayas & North East India

Iris with inner pale blue or brown ring, surrounded by pink outer ring; orbital skin bluish grey, eyelids purple

Head & Crown are pinkish grey crown

Nape is pinkish grey crown

Bill is dark grey

Pinkish grey Chin & Throat

Green or purplish pink iridescence on hindneck

Breast is mauve pink with fine black bars and some green iridescence

Upperparts are dark brown barred black and chestnut

Underparts are Buff

Coverts dark brown barred black and chestnut

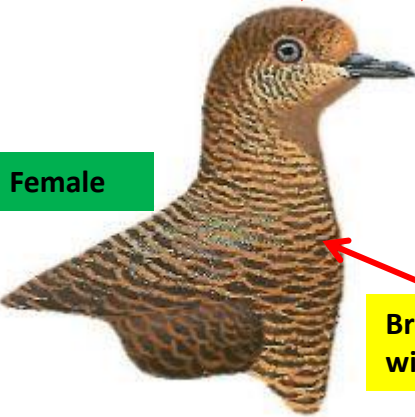
Wings dark brown with black barring and rusty fringes

Central rectrices barred black and chestnut, outer rectrices blue-grey

Buff Undertail covert & Vent

Legs are dull cherry red or purplish brown

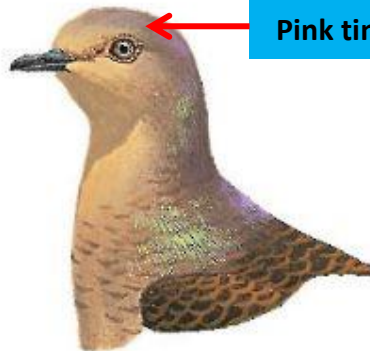
Reddish brown on head



Female

Breast reddish-brown, with fine black bars

M. u. tusalia : Himalayas from Kashmir and Garhwal to Assam



Pink tinge on head and breast richer

Difference from male

Difference from nominate

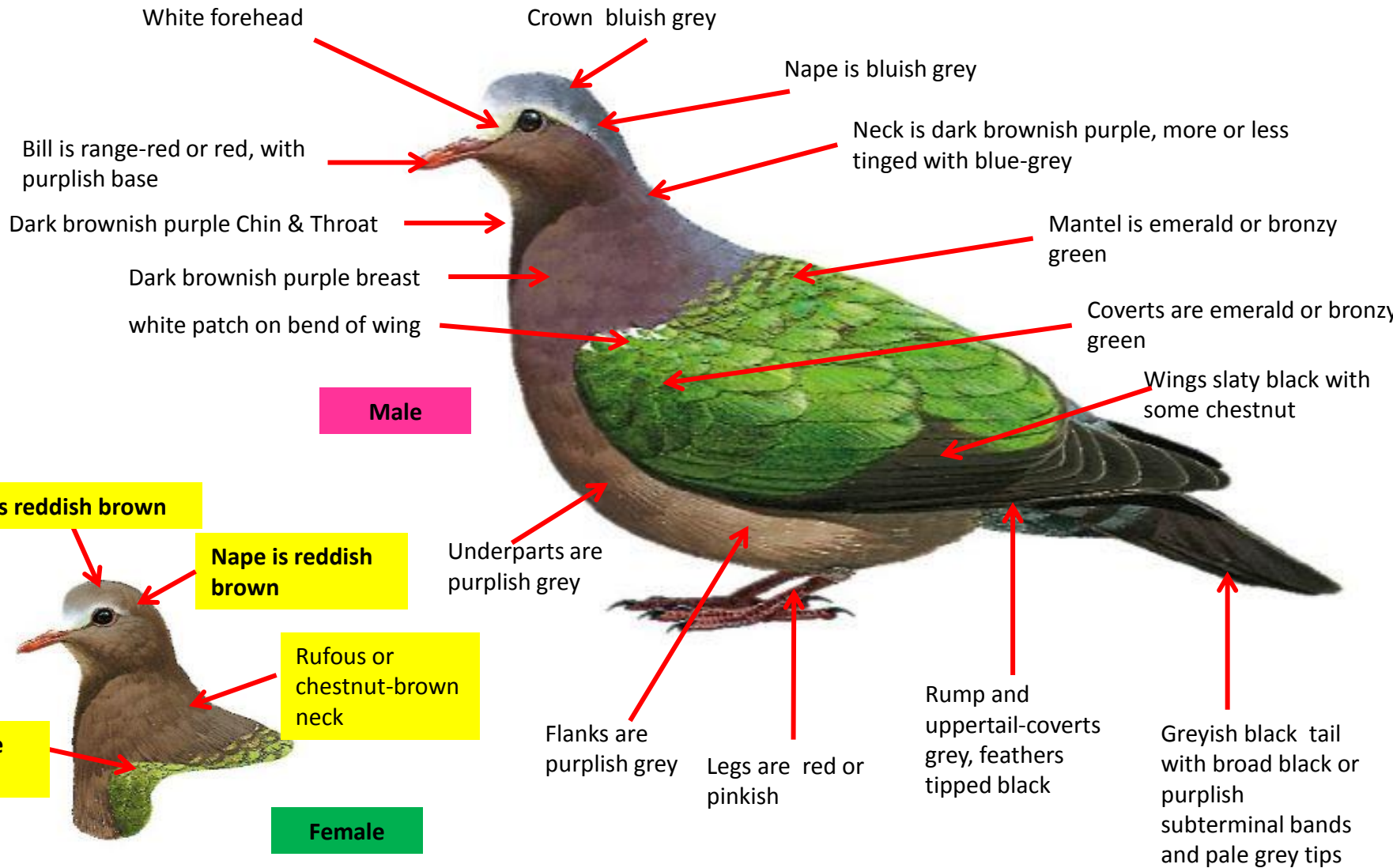
Important id point

Male

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Emerald Dove Identification Tips

Emerald Dove : *Chalcophaps indica*: Widespread resident in India (Except North West)



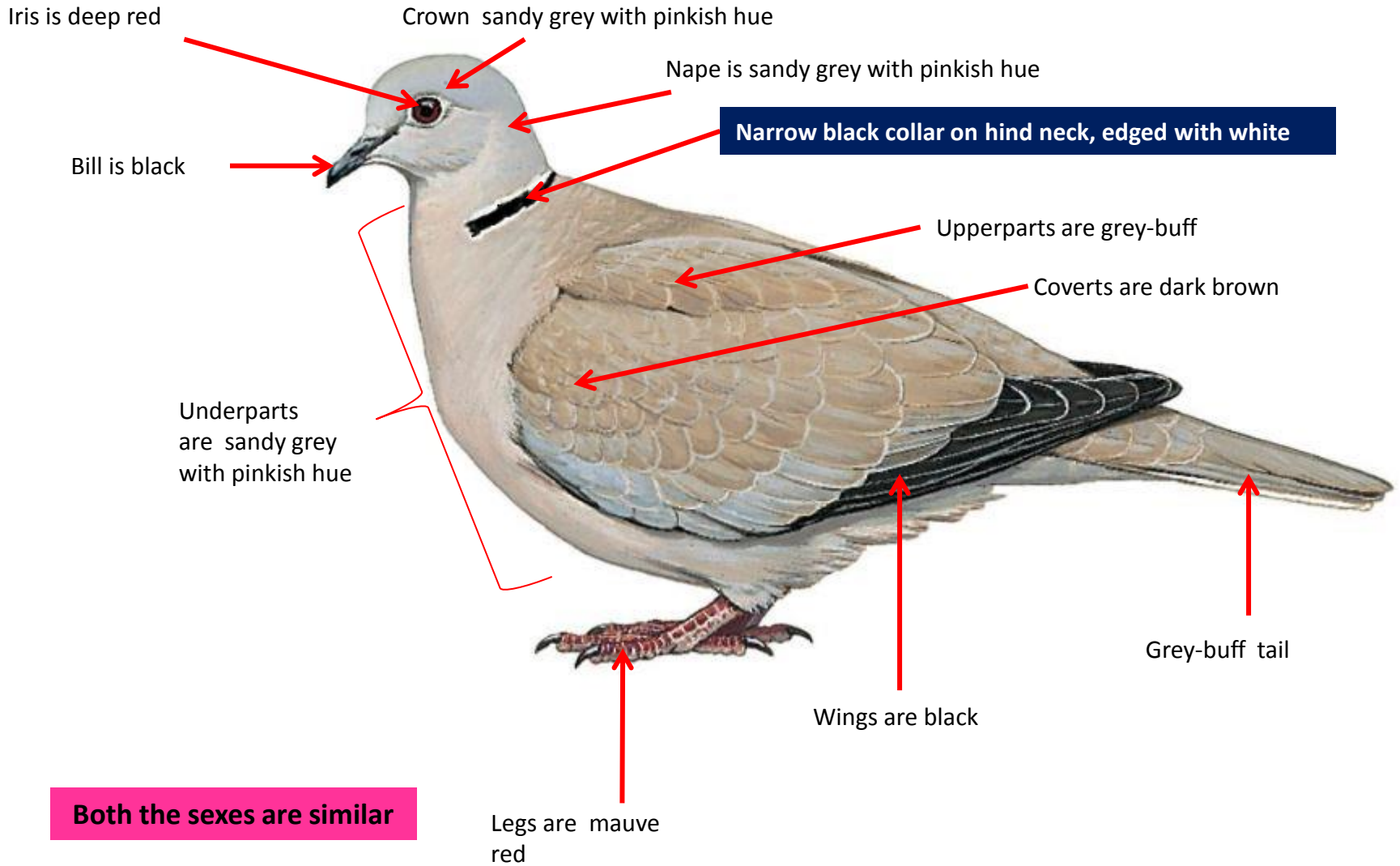
Difference from male

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Eurasian Collared Dove Identification Tips

Eurasian Collared Dove : *Chalcophaps indica*: Widespread resident in India (Except Kerala)



Both the sexes are similar

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European Turtle Dove Identification Tips

European Turtle Dove : *Streptopelia turtur* : Vagrant in India

Iris is golden-yellow to light orange;
orbital skin dark purplish blue

Crown is darker bluish grey

Sides of face pinkish grey

Forehead is pale bluish grey

Patch on side of neck of silver-tipped feathers (black and silver lines)

Bill is black
with purple tinge,
paler toward tip

Mantel is dark brown, grey tinted, centre of each
feather darker forming a scaled pattern

Scapulars with black feathers with broad
orange-buff fringes (spotted effect)

Lower back and rump drab tinged
blue-grey

Underparts
are mauve pink

Both the sexes are similar

Grey tail with white
outer feathers

Flanks pale grey

Coverts are bluish grey

Wings are blackish grey

Legs are purplish red

Laughing Dove Identification Tips- *S. s. cambayensis*

Laughing Dove : *Stigmatopelia senegalensis cambayensis*: Widespread resident in India (Except Himalayas & North East India)

Iris is dark brown

Crown is mauve-pink

Sides of face pinkish grey

Band on neck with feathers black basally with golden copper tips

Mantel is rusty red-brown

Scapulars is rusty red-brown

Lower back and rump dark slate-blue with brown

Dark brown tail

Flanks pale grey

Wings are dark grey-brown edged white to buff

Coverts are blue-grey to slate

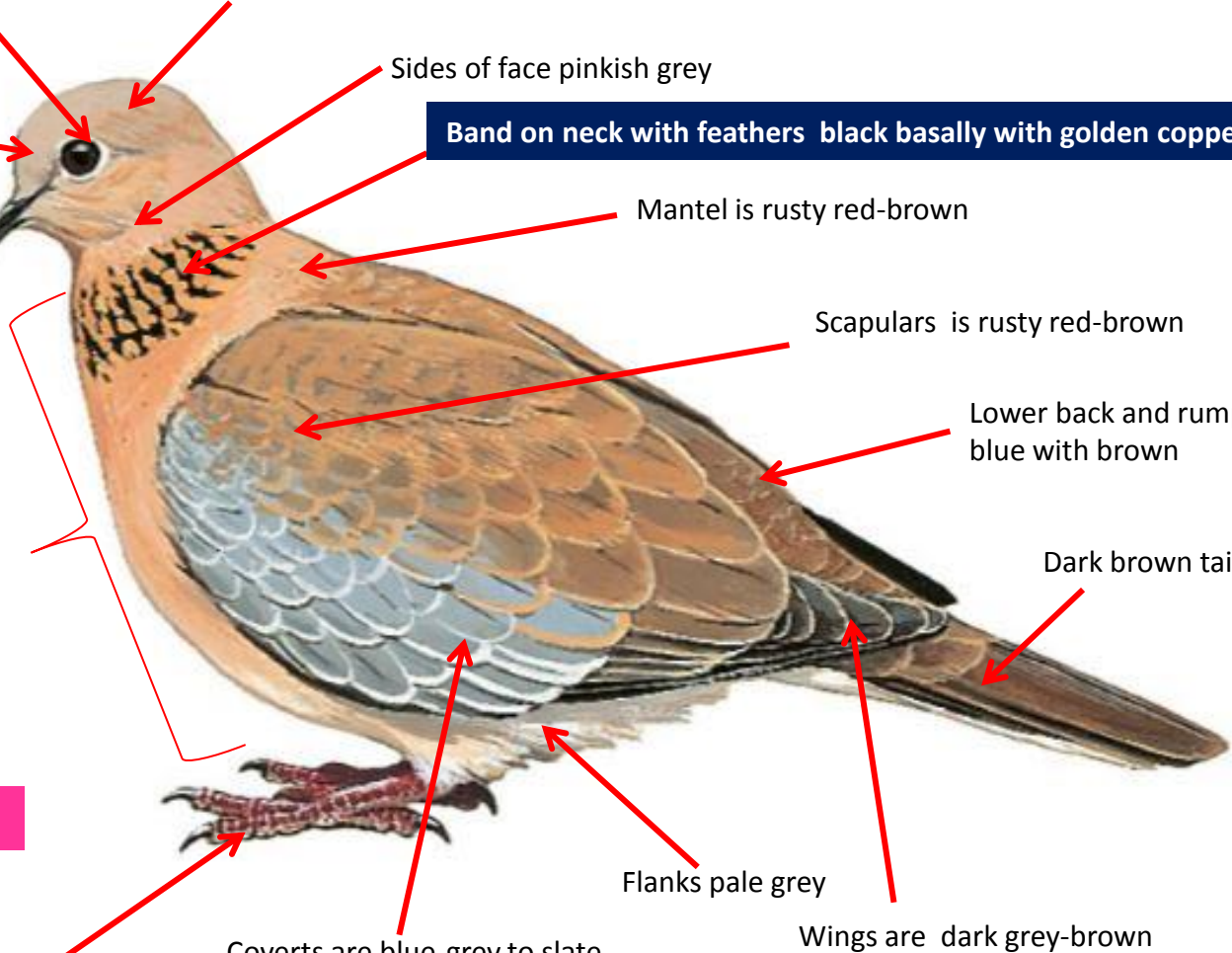
Legs are purple pink

Underparts are mauve pink

Both the sexes are similar

Important id point

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Oriental Turtle dove Identification Tips- *S. s. cambayensis*

Oriental Turtle dove: *Streptopelia orientalis*: Resident of Himalayas , Chattisgarh, Orissa, South Maharashtra , Upper Karnataka, North East India ; Winter Visitor to North, North West & West India

Iris is light red to orange-red/orange/golden; orbital skin dark purple / dark pinkish

Head is brownish grey

S. o. erythrocephala - Peninsular India

Forehead is bluish grey

Pinkish wash on face

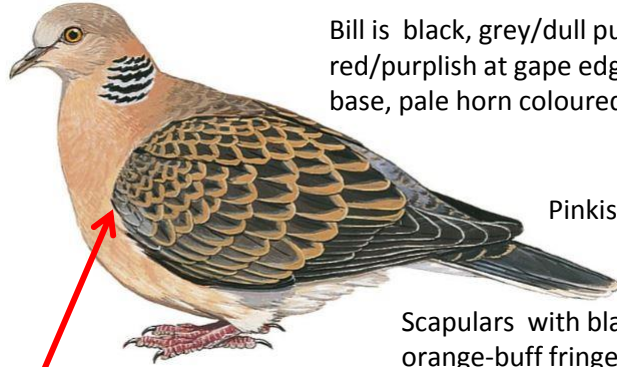
Black patch on side of neck, each feather tipped with grey

Bill is black, grey/dull purple, dark red/purplish at gape edges and base, pale horn coloured at tip

Upperparts are dark grey feathers with rufous buff edgings

Rump is dark bluish grey

Tail is blackish grey with grey tips



Pinkish grey Chin to Breast

Scapulars with black feathers with broad orange-buff fringes (spotted effect)

Pinkish buff Belly

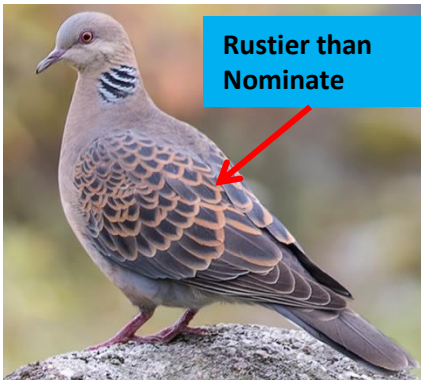
Legs are dark pink to reddish purple to purple

Wings are black with pale edges

Rufous underparts

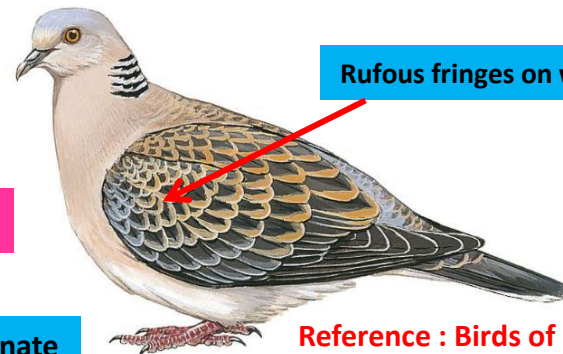
Coverts with black centres edged with pinkish fawn with a grey subterminal area

S. o. Agricola - North East India



Rustier than Nominate

S. o. meena - Kashmir and Himalayas



Rufous fringes on wing-coverts

Both the sexes are similar

Differences from Nominate

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Red-collared Dove Identification Tips- *S. s. cambayensis*

Red-collared Dove: *Streptopelia tranquebarica*: Widespread Resident in India (Except West Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Kerala , Eastern Ghats & North Himalayas)

Iris is brown to brownish black; orbital skin greyish

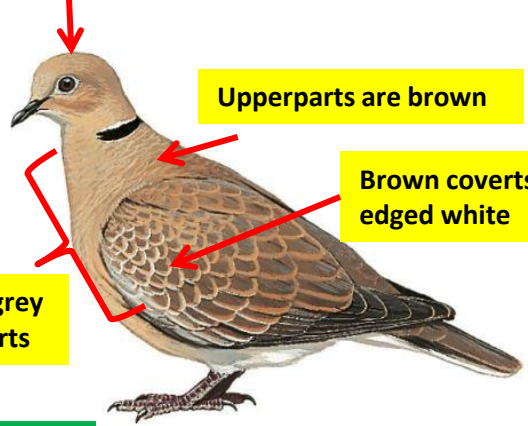
Head & nape are brown

Upperparts are brown

Brown covers edged white

Buffish-grey underparts

Female



Forehead is whitish

Bill is black to greyish black

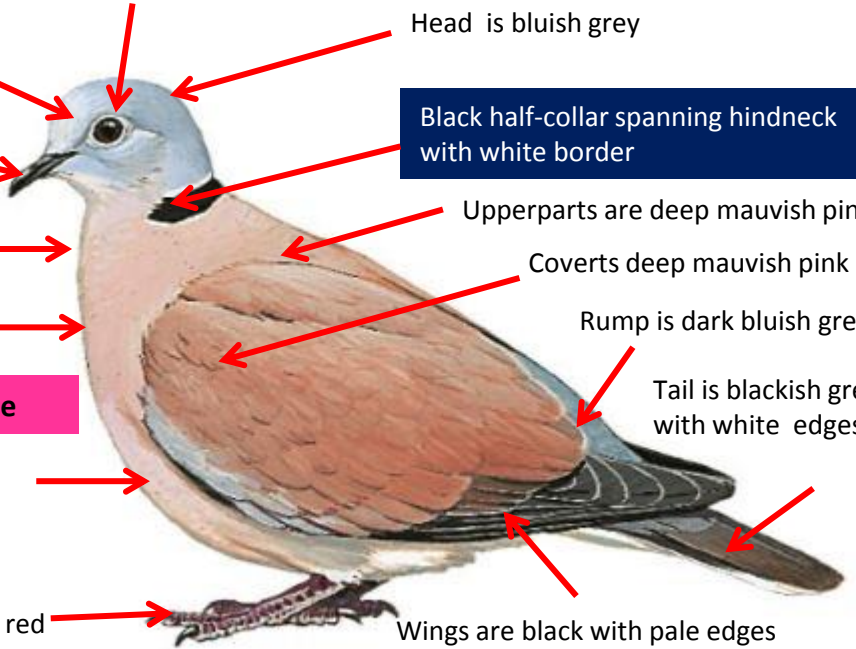
Pinkish grey chin & Throat

Pinkish grey Breast

Male

Pinkish buff Belly

Legs are purplish black or purplish red



Head is bluish grey

Black half-collar spanning hindneck with white border

Upperparts are deep mauvish pink

Coverts deep mauvish pink

Rump is dark bluish grey

Tail is blackish grey with white edges

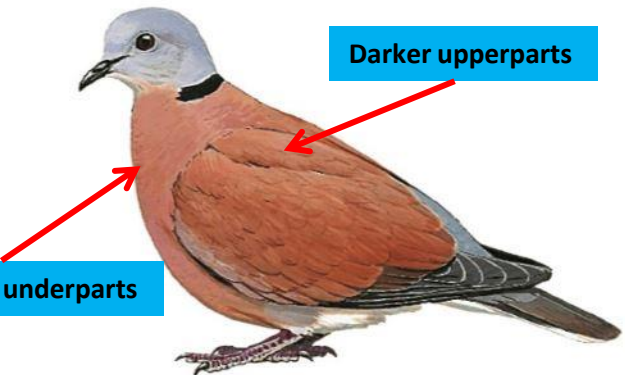
Wings are black with pale edges

***S. t. humilis*- North East India (Sikkim and Assam) and Andaman Island**

Darker upperparts

Darker underparts

Male



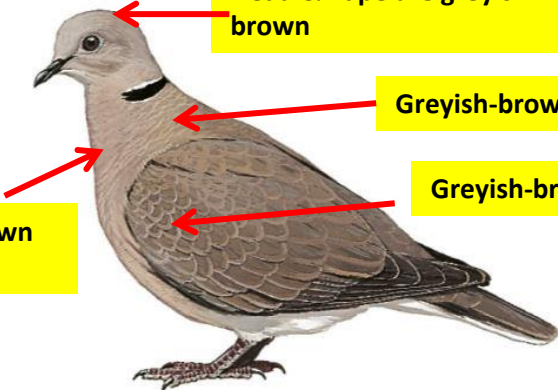
Head & nape are greyish brown

Greyish-brown Upperparts

Greyish-brown Coverts

Greyish-brown underparts

Female



Difference from male

Differences from Nominata

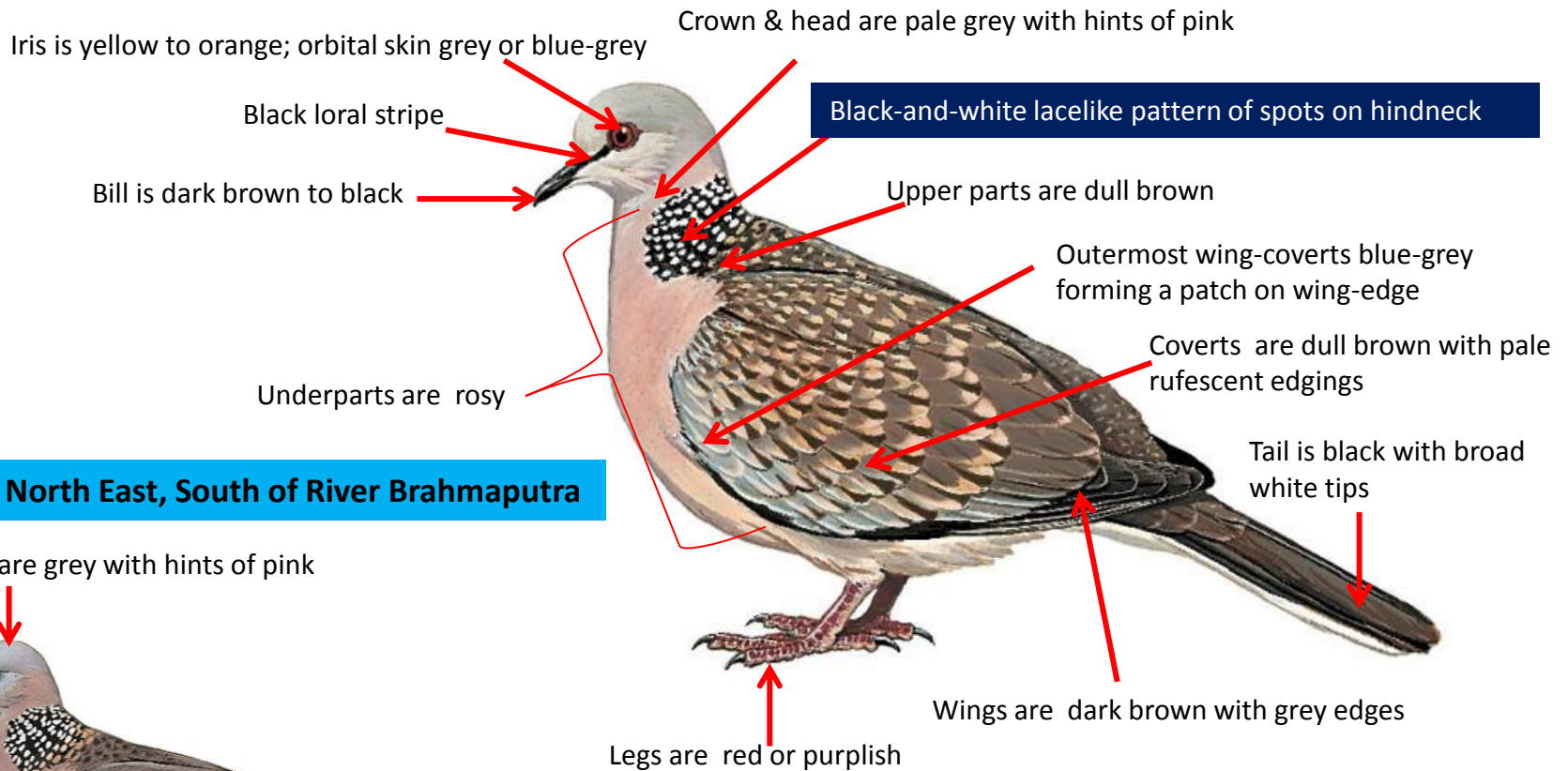
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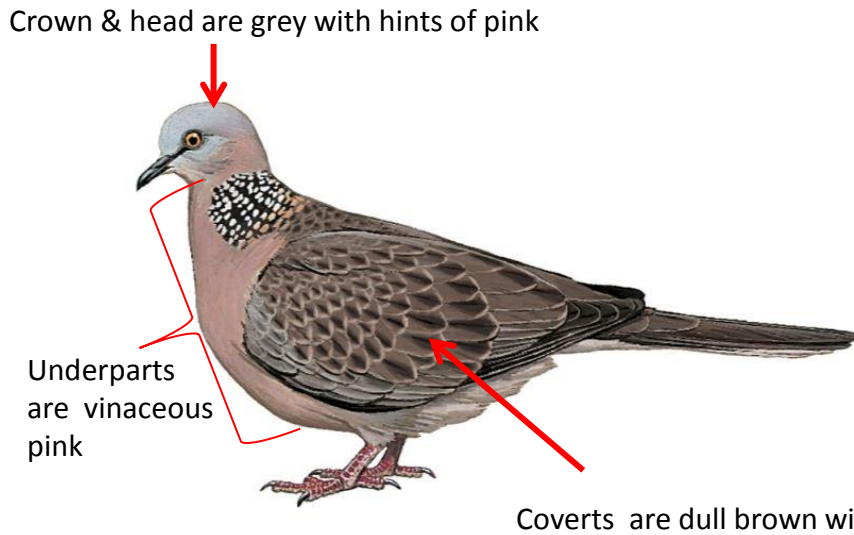
Spotted Dove Identification Tips

Spotted Dove : *Stigmatopelia chinensis* : Widespread resident in India (Except North Himalayas & North West India)

***S.c.suratensis*- Widespread resident n India**



***S. c. tigrina*- North East, South of River Brahmaputra**



Both the sexes are similar