



- The following pages have some identification markers for each of Martins & Swifts found in India
- To know more on these birds you can visit <http://ogaclicks.com/martin/>
- If you are interested in coming on any of my tours or workshops please share your email id. I will keep you updated
- Mail me at ogaclicks@gmail.com
- Follow me on Instagram : **ogajanak**
- You can also call me on (91)9840119078 ,
(91) 9445219078
(91) 6369815812

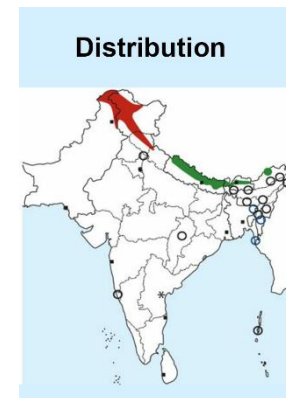
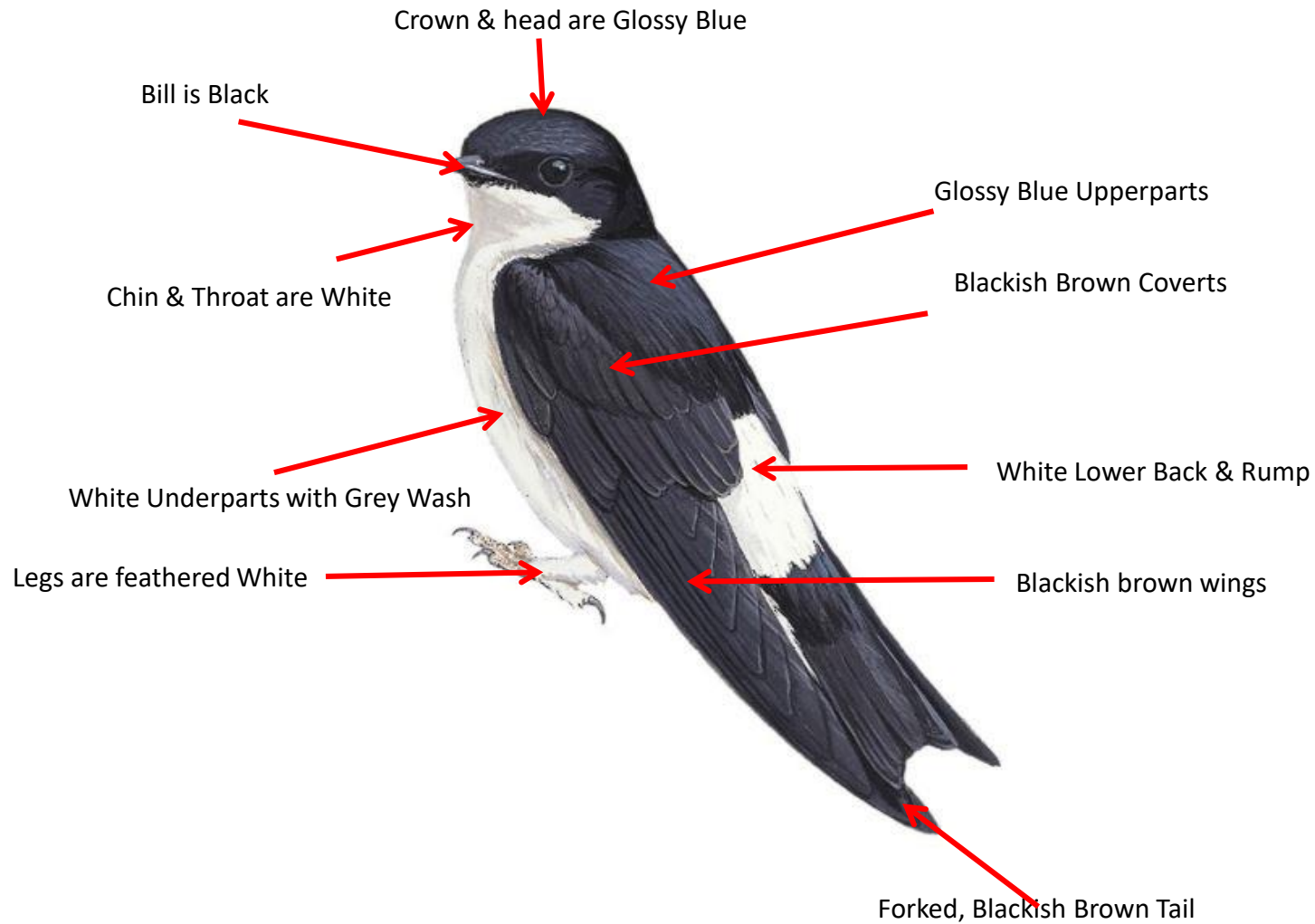
List of Martins & Swifts found in India

Sno.	Name	Binomial Name
Martins		
1	Asian House Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>
2	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon ubricum</i>
3	Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>
4	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>
5	Nepal House Martin	<i>Delichon nipalense</i>
6	Pale Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>
7	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
8	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Swifts		
1	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>
2	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
3	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>
4	Crested Tree swift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
5	Dark-rumped Swift	<i>Apus acuticauda</i>
6	Edible-Nest swiftlet	<i>Collocalia fuciphaga</i>
7	Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>
8	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>
9	Himalayan Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus brevirostris</i>
10	House Swift	<i>Apus nipalensis</i>
11	Indian Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia unicolor</i>
12	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>

MARTINS

Asian House Martin identification Tips

Asian House Martin : *Delichon dasypus*: Resident of Himalayas India

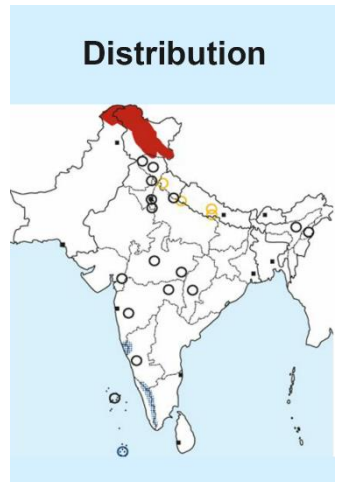
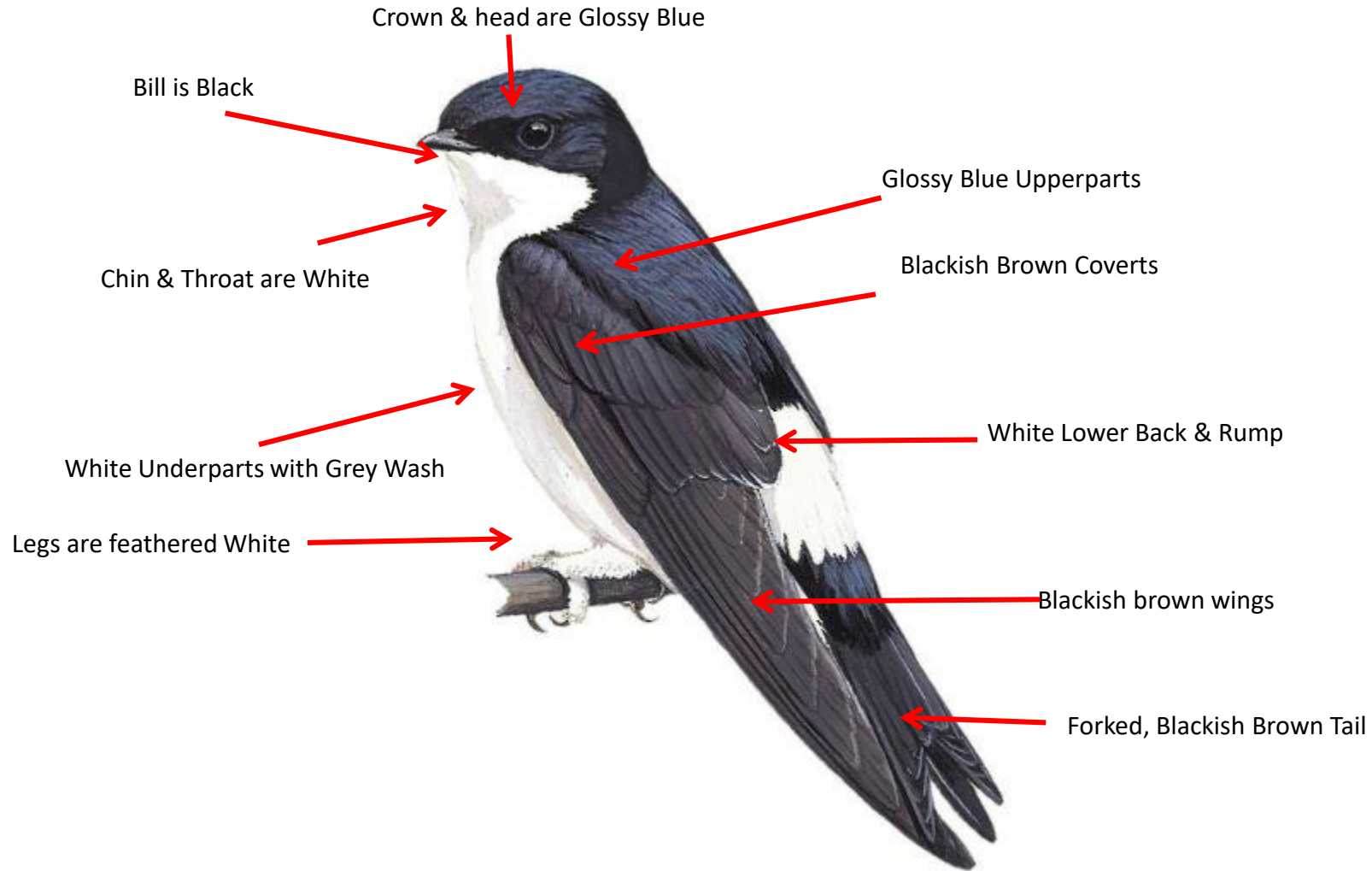


Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Common House Martin identification Tips

Common House Martin : *Delichon urbicum*: Breed in Himalayas in North India

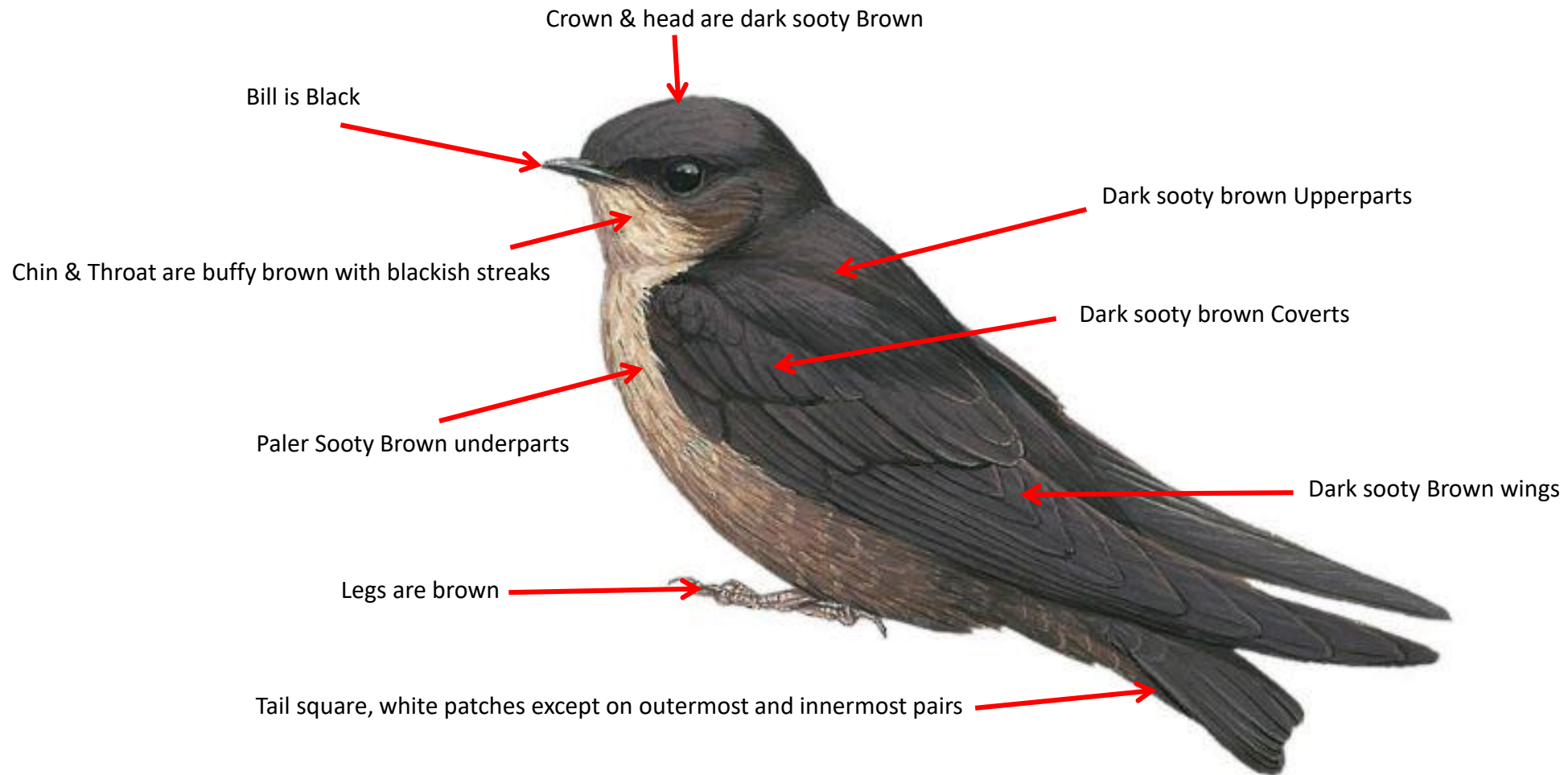


Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Dusky Crag Martin identification Tips

Dusky Crag Martin : *Ptyonoprogne concolor* : Widespread Resident of North ,West & Peninsular India

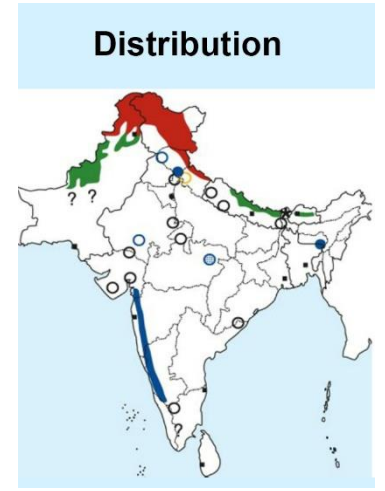
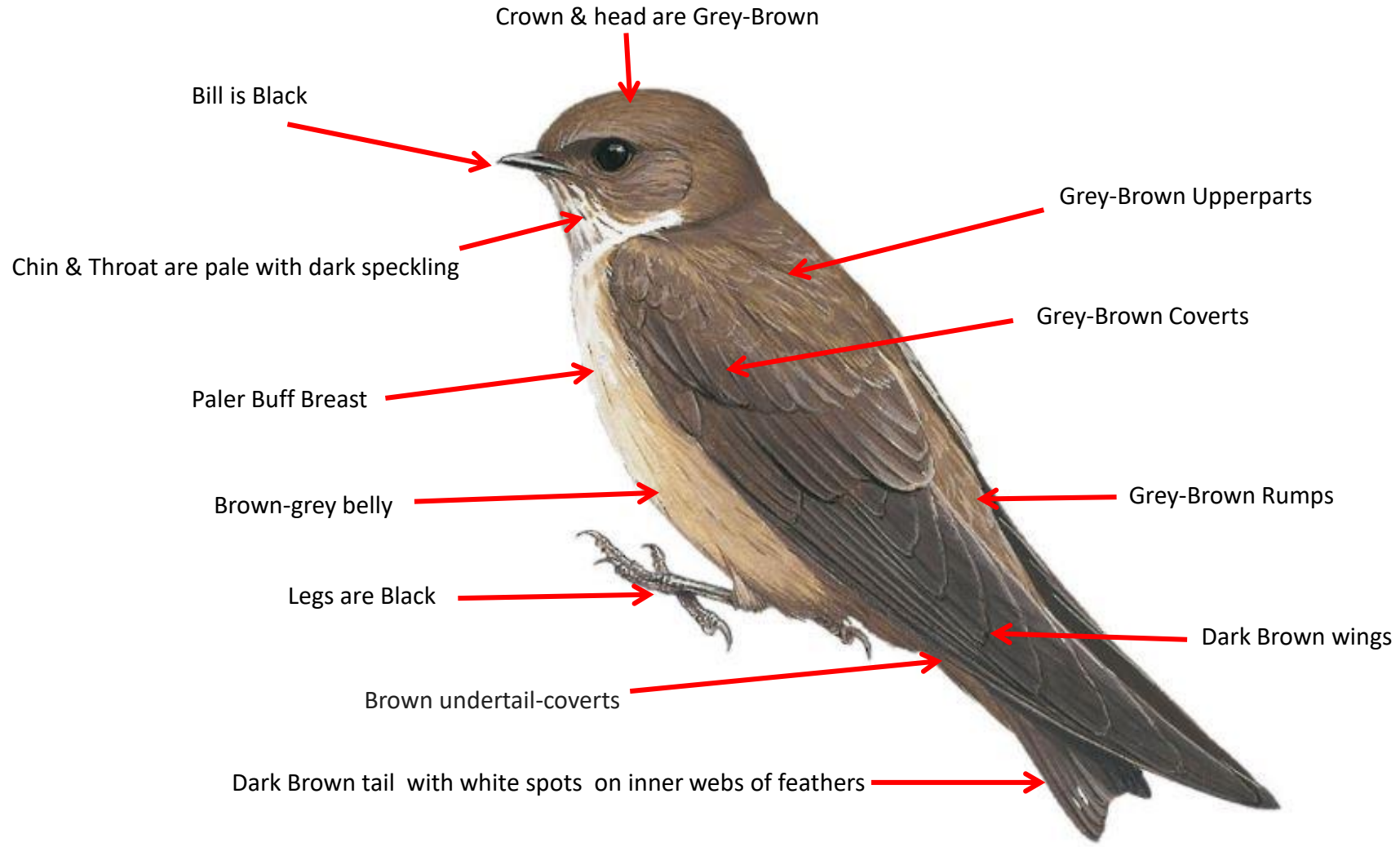


Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Eurasian Crag Martin identification Tips

Eurasian Crag Martin : *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*: Breeds in Himalayas ; winter visitor in Western Ghats in India



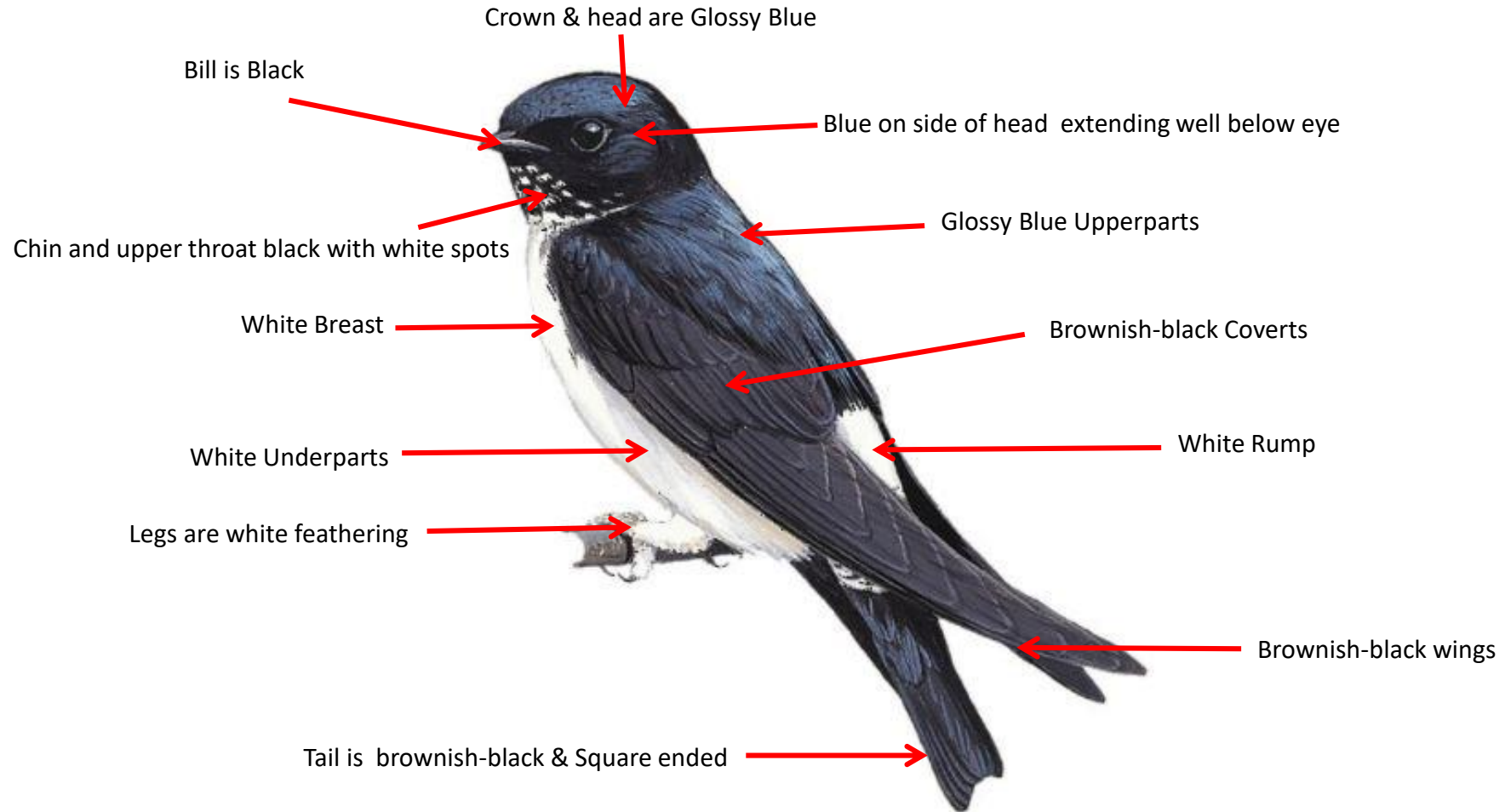
Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent**
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com

Nepal House Martin identification Tips

Nepal House Martin : *Delichon nipalense* : Resident of Himalayas & hills of North East India



Distribution

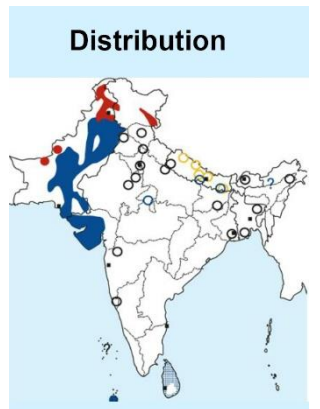
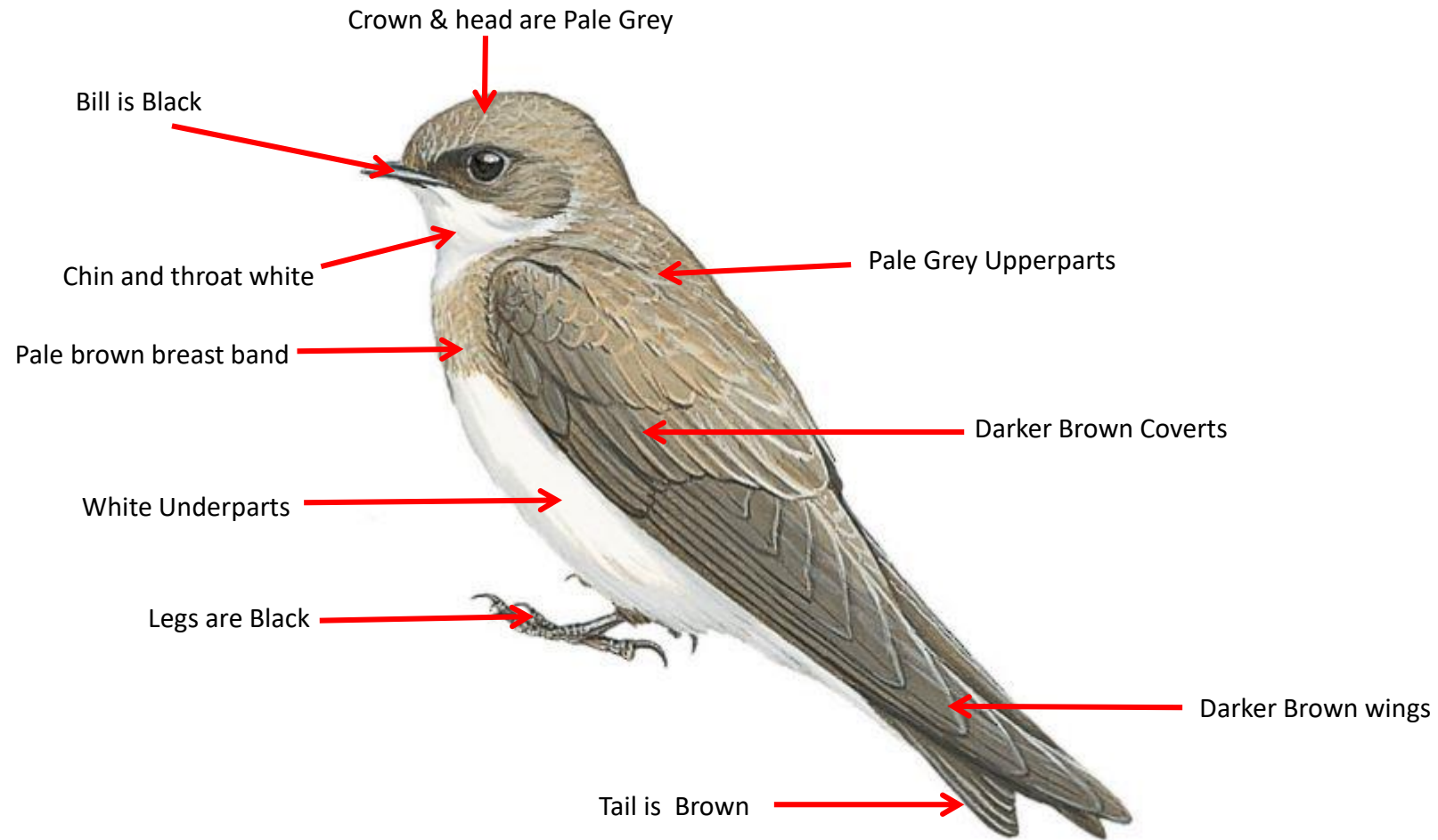


Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Pale Sand Martin identification Tips

Pale Sand Martin : *Riparia diluta*: Winter Visitor in Gujarat & Sporadic in North India

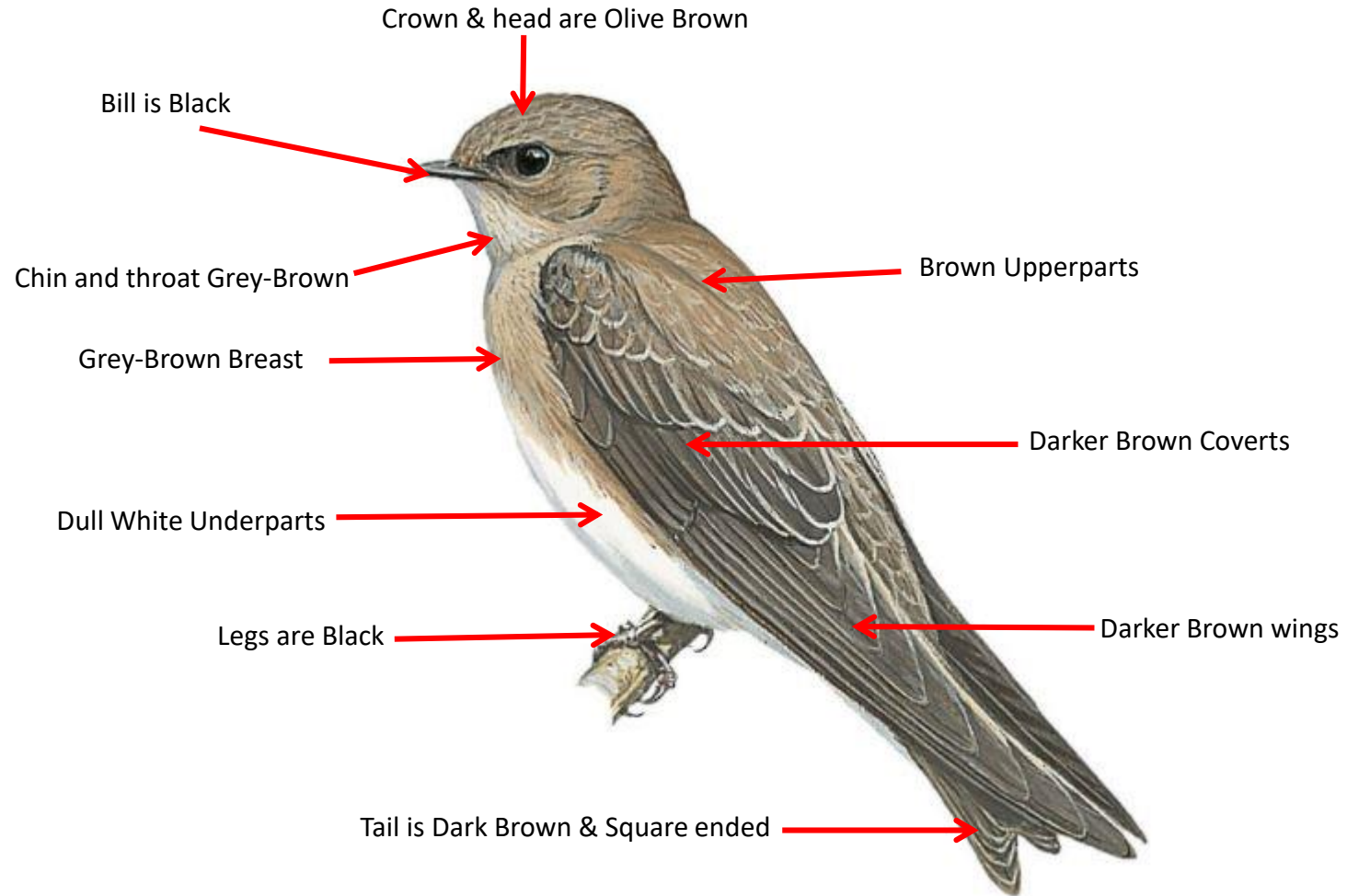


Important id point

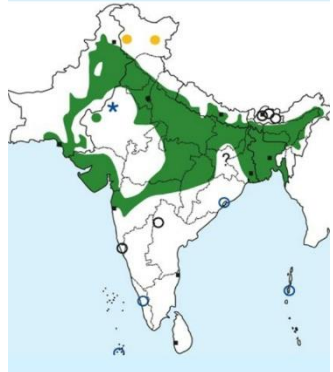
Both the sexes are similar

Plain Martin identification Tips

Plain Martin : *Riparia paludicola* : Resident of North & Central India



Distribution

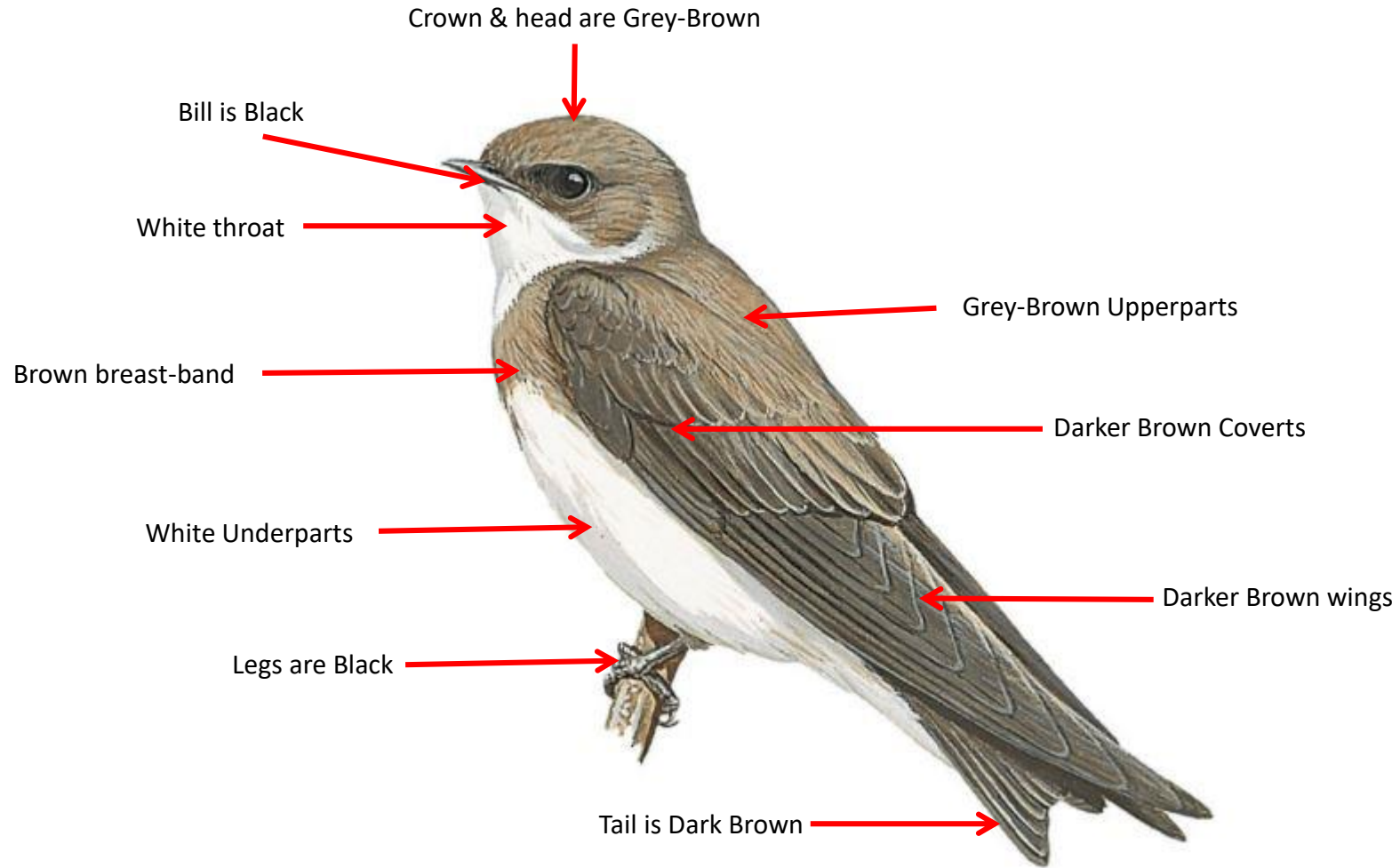


Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Sand Martin identification Tips

Sand Martin : *Riparia riparia*: Winter Visitor in North East India



Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

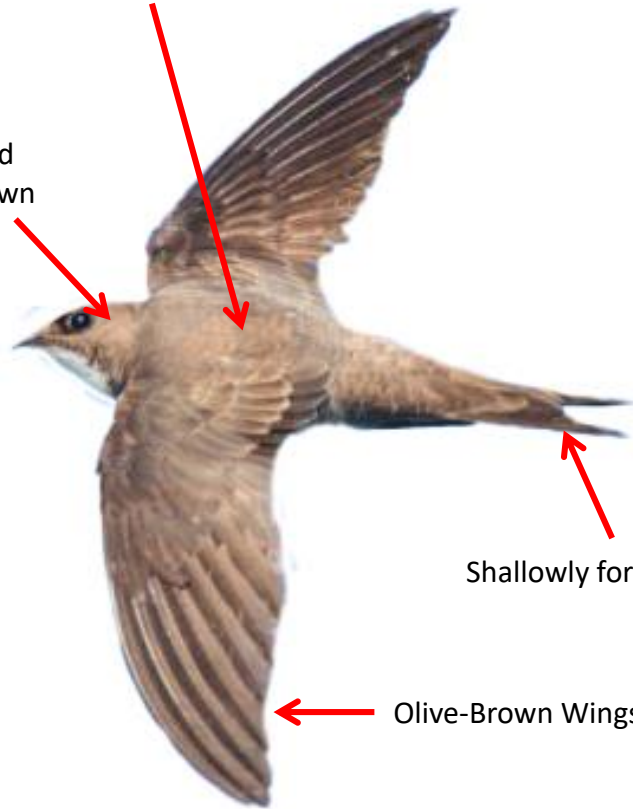
SWIFTS

Alpine Swift identification Tips

Alpine Swift: *Apus melba* : Breeds in Himalayas ; Resident of Western Ghats in India

Olive-Brown Upperparts

Crown & head are Olive Brown



Shallowly forked Brown tail

Olive-Brown Wings

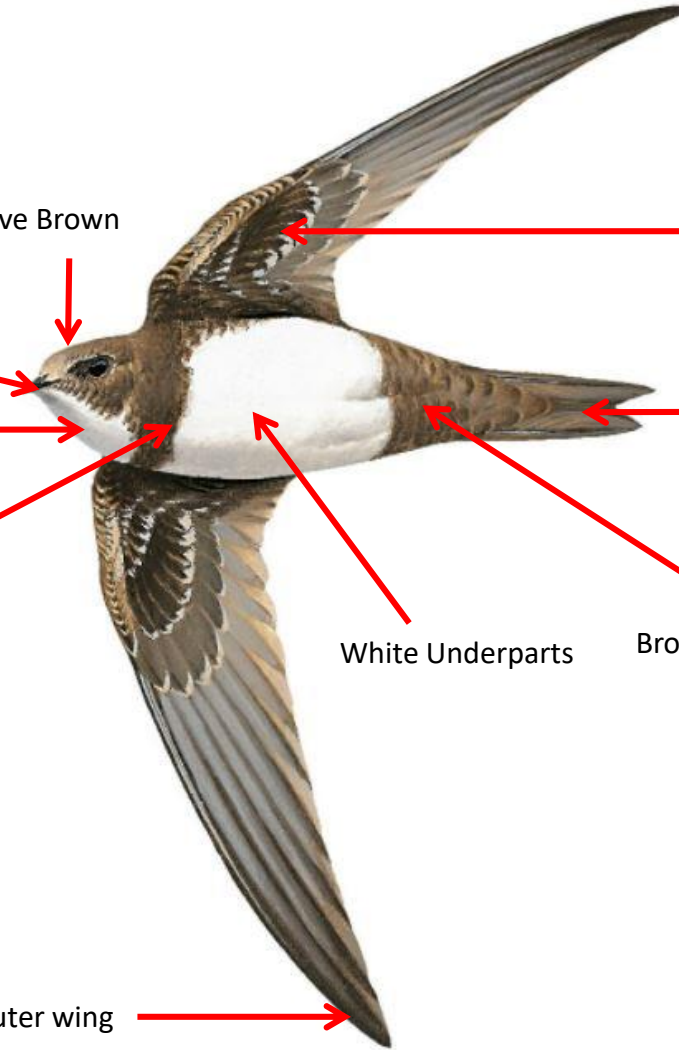
Crown & head are Olive Brown

Bill is Black

White throat

Olive Brown breast-band

Darker Outer wing



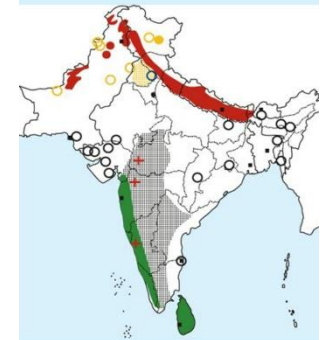
Dark Brown Covers

Shallowly forked Brown tail

White Underparts

Brown Undertail-covers

Distribution



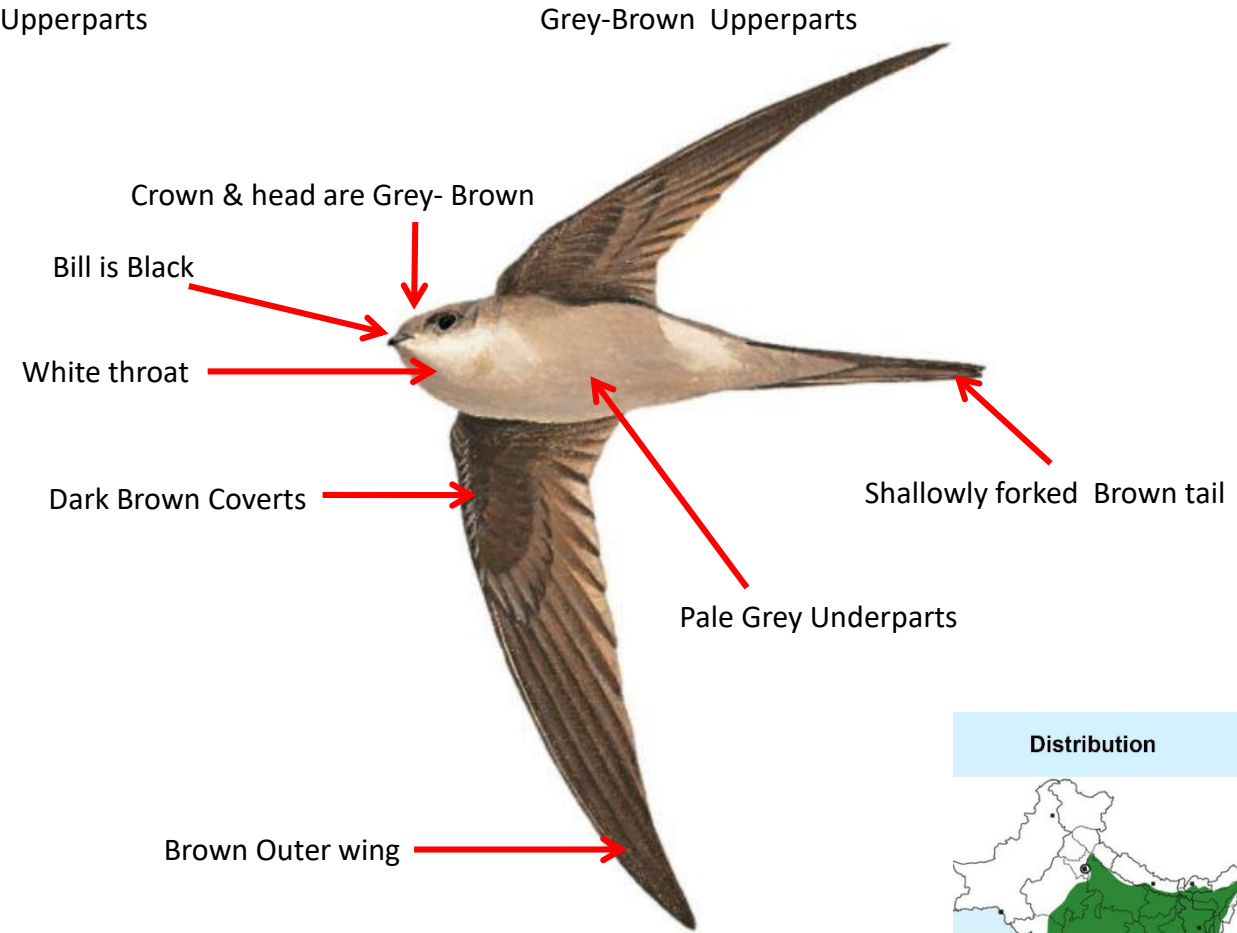
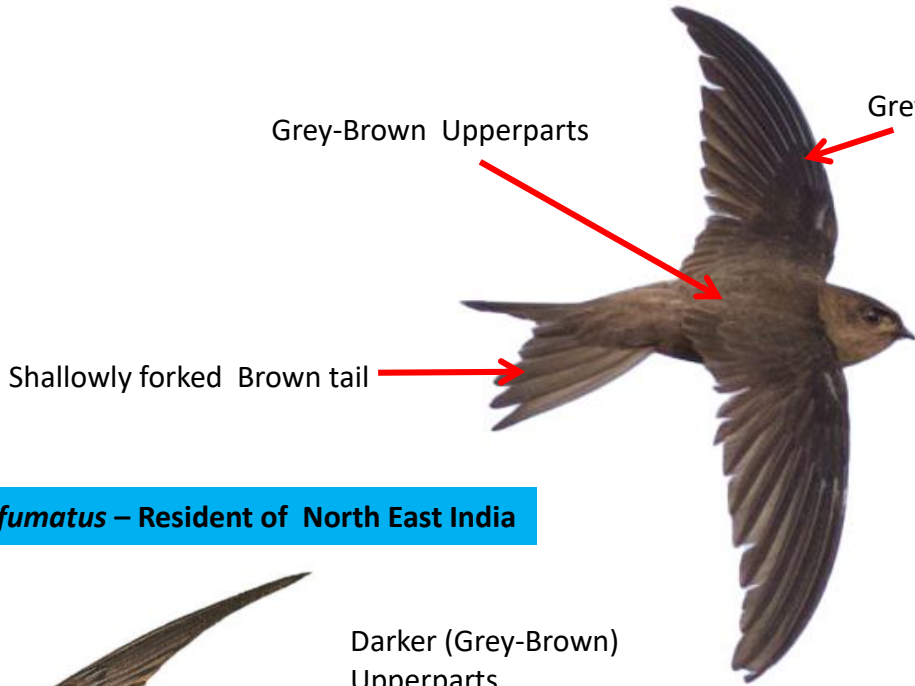
Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

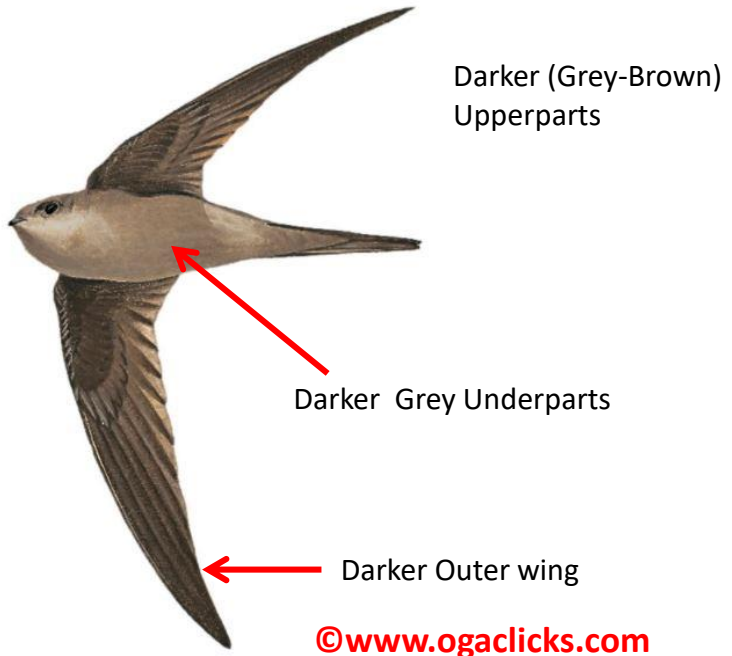
Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent**
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com

Asian Palm Swift identification Tips

Asian Palm Swift : *Cypsiurus balasiensis* : Widespread resident in India (Except North & North West)



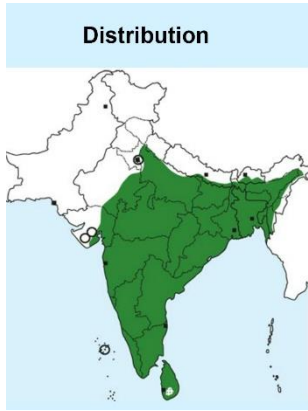
C. b. infumatus – Resident of North East India



©www.ogaclicks.com

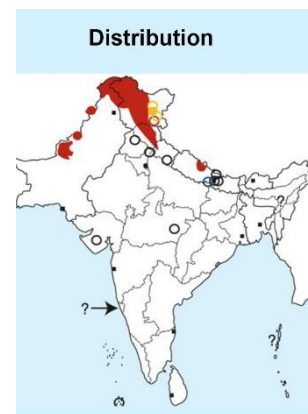
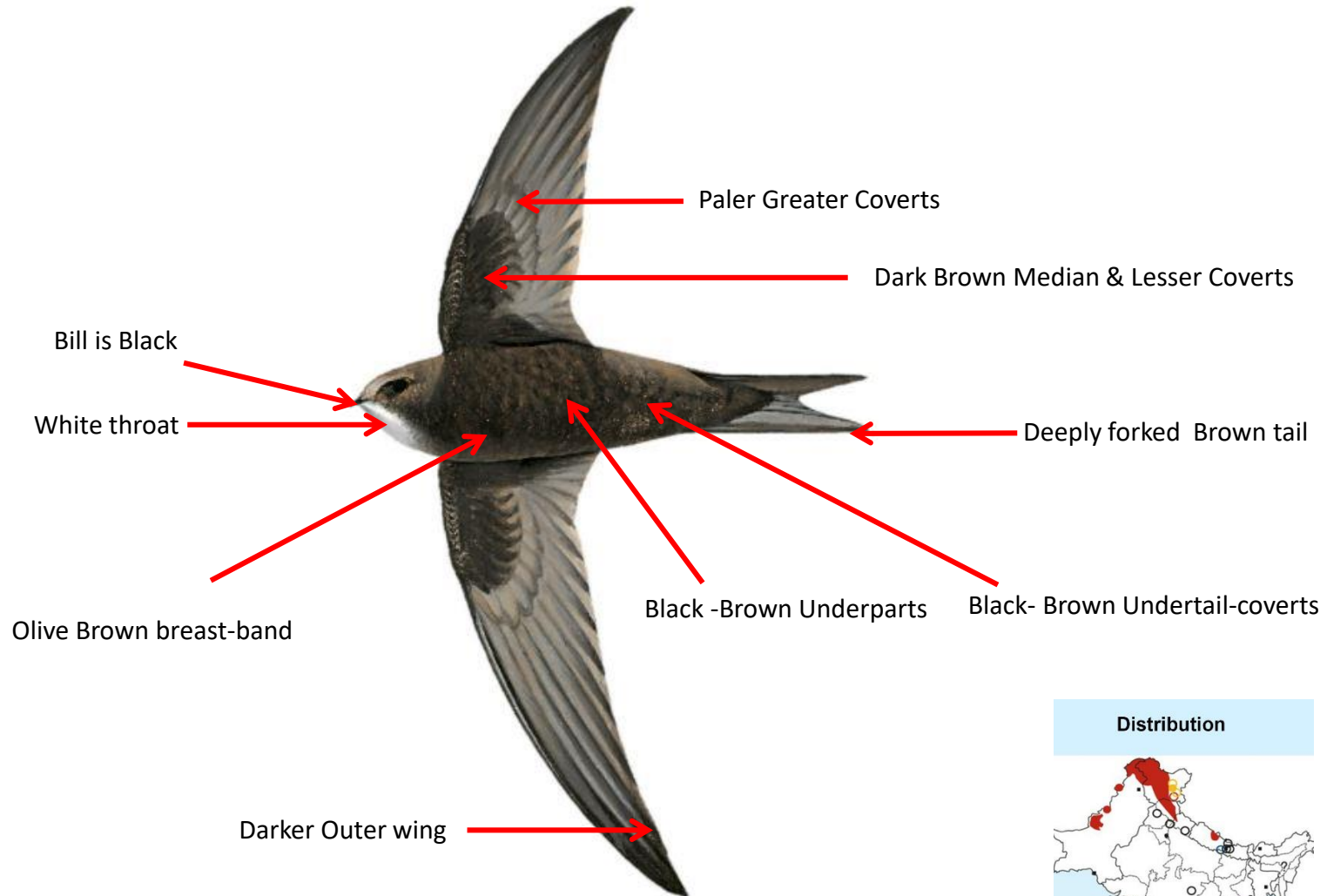
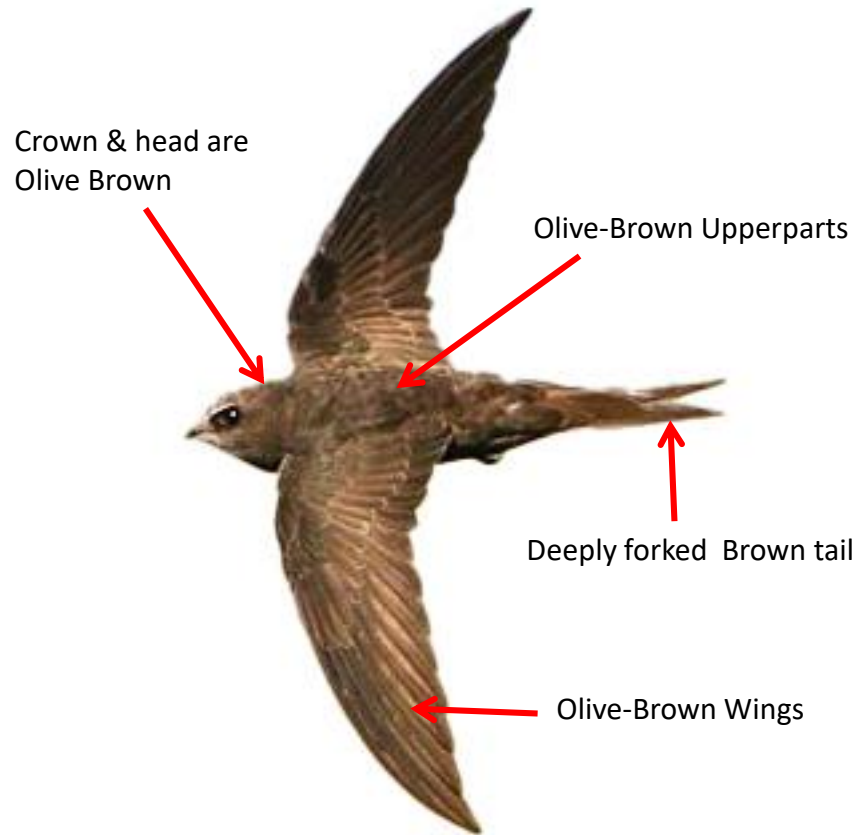
Important id point
Difference from Nominate
Both the sexes are similar

Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent**
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com



Common Swift identification Tips

Common Swift: *Apus apus*: Summer visitor in Jammu & Kashmir, Ladhak, Himachal & Uttarakhand in India



Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Crested- tree Swift identification Tips

Crested- tree Swift: *Hemiprocne coronata* : Resident of Peninsular , Central & East India

Lores black, finely bordered white above

Crest dark greenish-blue

Bill is Black

Pale Green-Grey Head & Crown

Grey throat

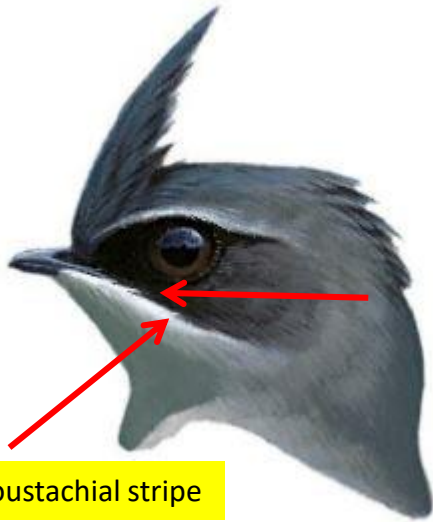
Rufous Ear Coverts

Rufous Moustachial area

Grey Breast

Pale Green-Grey Upperparts

Wing-coverts glossy greenish-black



Grey-Black ear-coverts and cheeks

White moustachial stripe

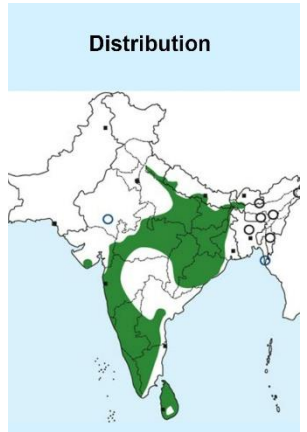
Female

Belly and undertail-coverts whitish

Black-Brown Wings

Tail-streamers projecting well past folded wingtips

Male



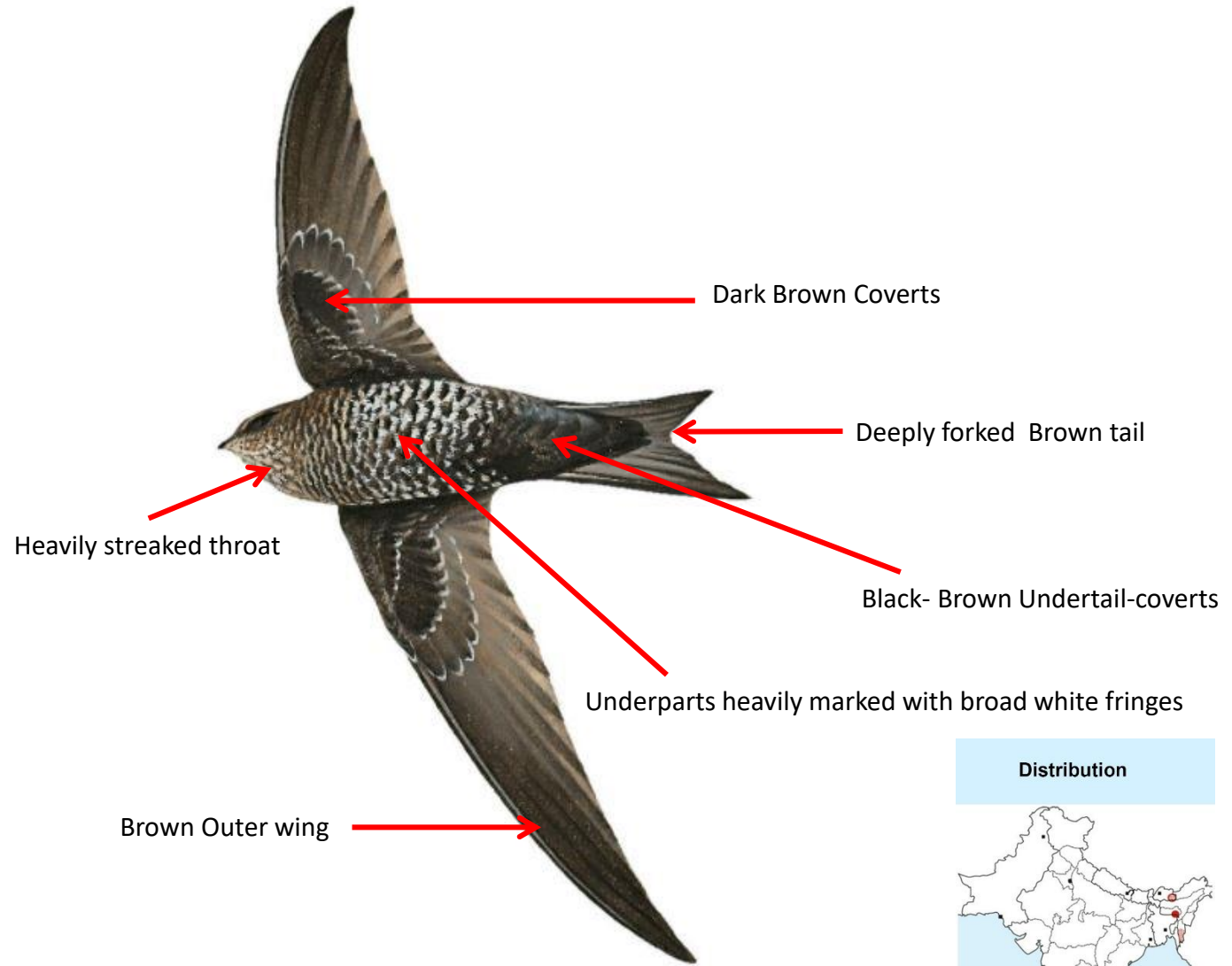
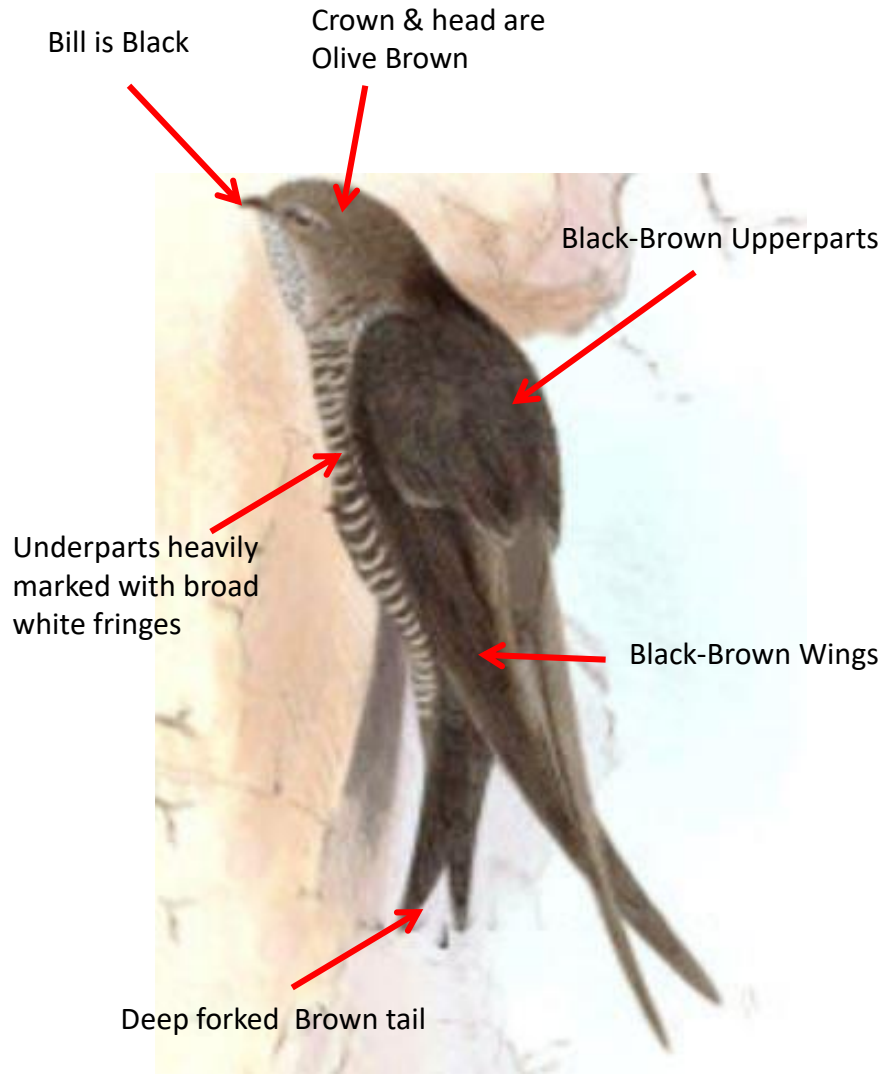
Important id point

Difference from Male

Reference : Birds of Indian Subcontinent
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com

Dark-rumped Swift identification Tips

Dark-rumped Swift : *Apus acuticauda*: resident of Meghalaya & Mizoram in India



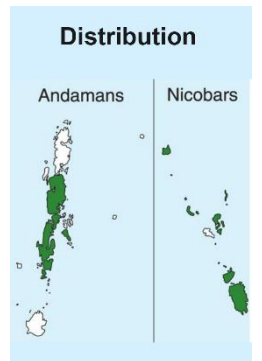
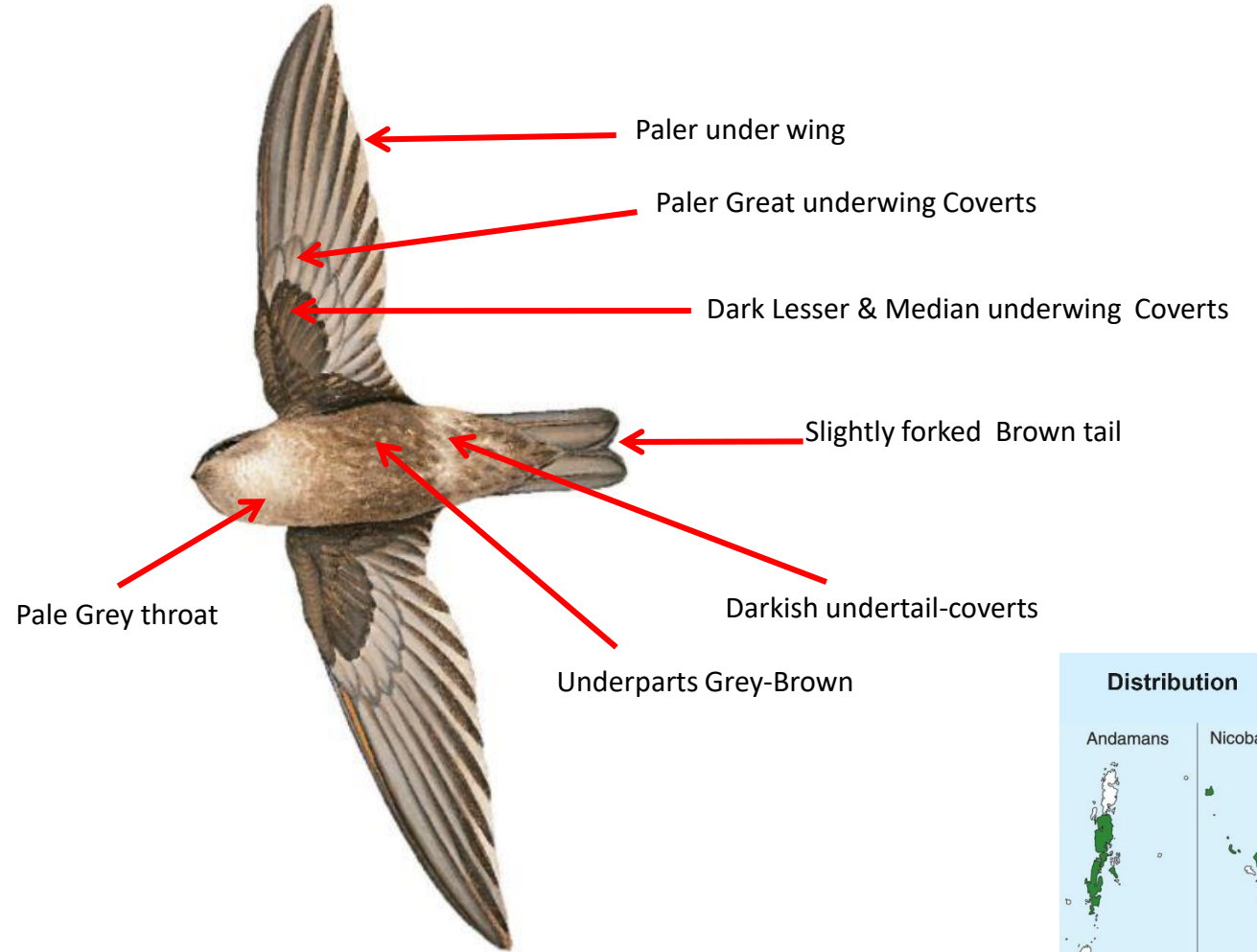
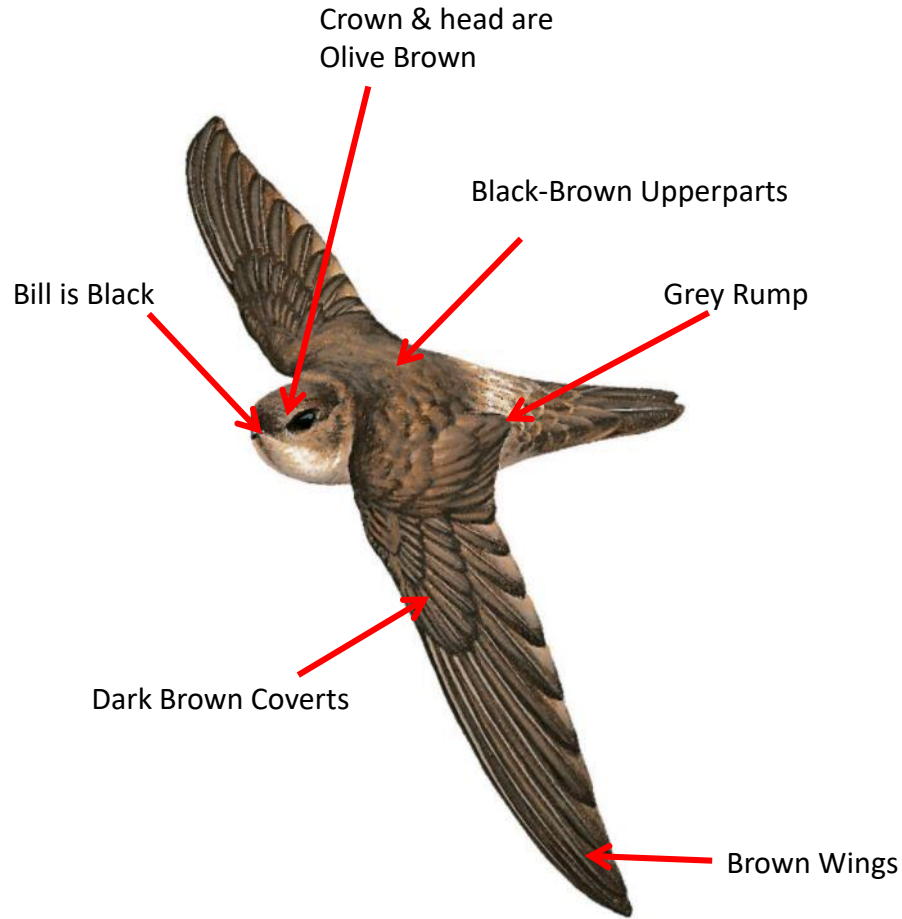
Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Reference : *Birds of Indian Subcontinent*
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com

Edible-Nest swiftlet (White-nest Swiftlet) identification Tips

Edible-Nest swiftlet (White-nest Swiftlet) : *Collocalia fuciphaga* : Resident of Andaman & Nicobar Islands in India



Important id point

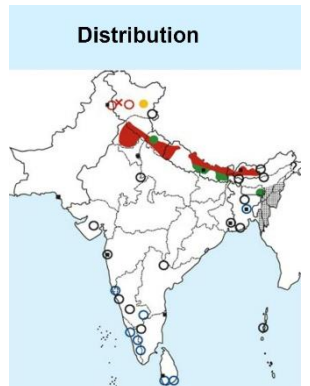
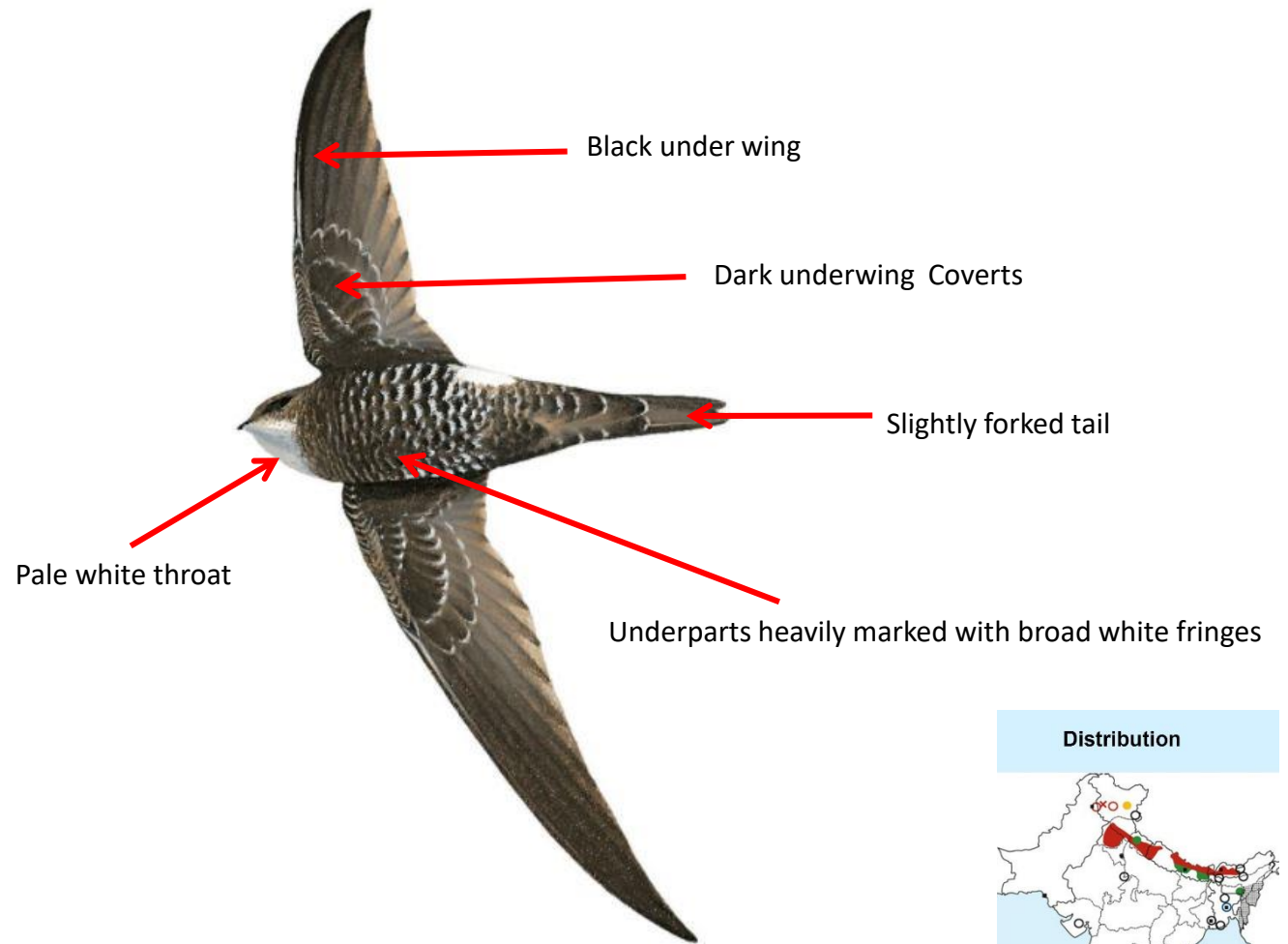
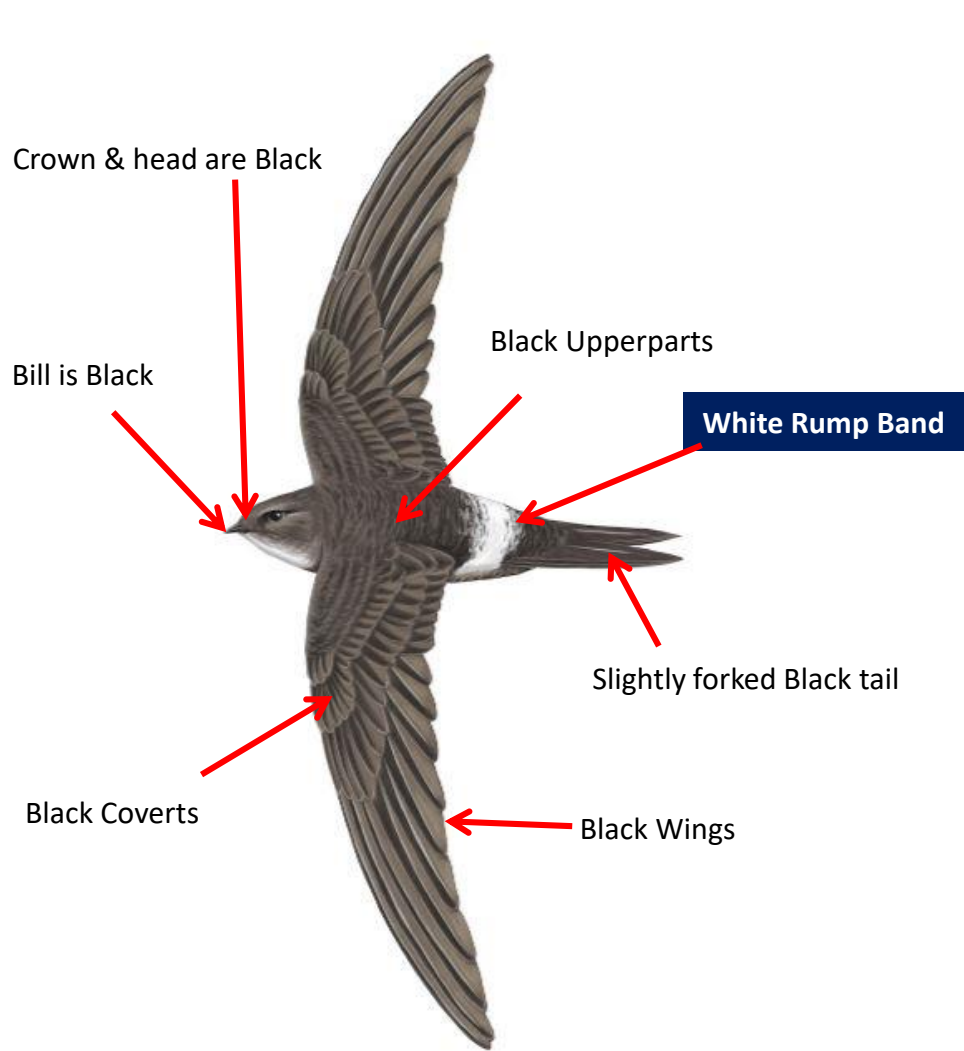
Both the sexes are similar

©www.ogaclinks.com

Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent**
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com

Fork-tailed Swift identification Tips

Fork-tailed Swift : *Apus pacificus*: Breeds in Himalayas & North East; Scattered winter visitor in Peninsular India



©www.ogaclinks.com

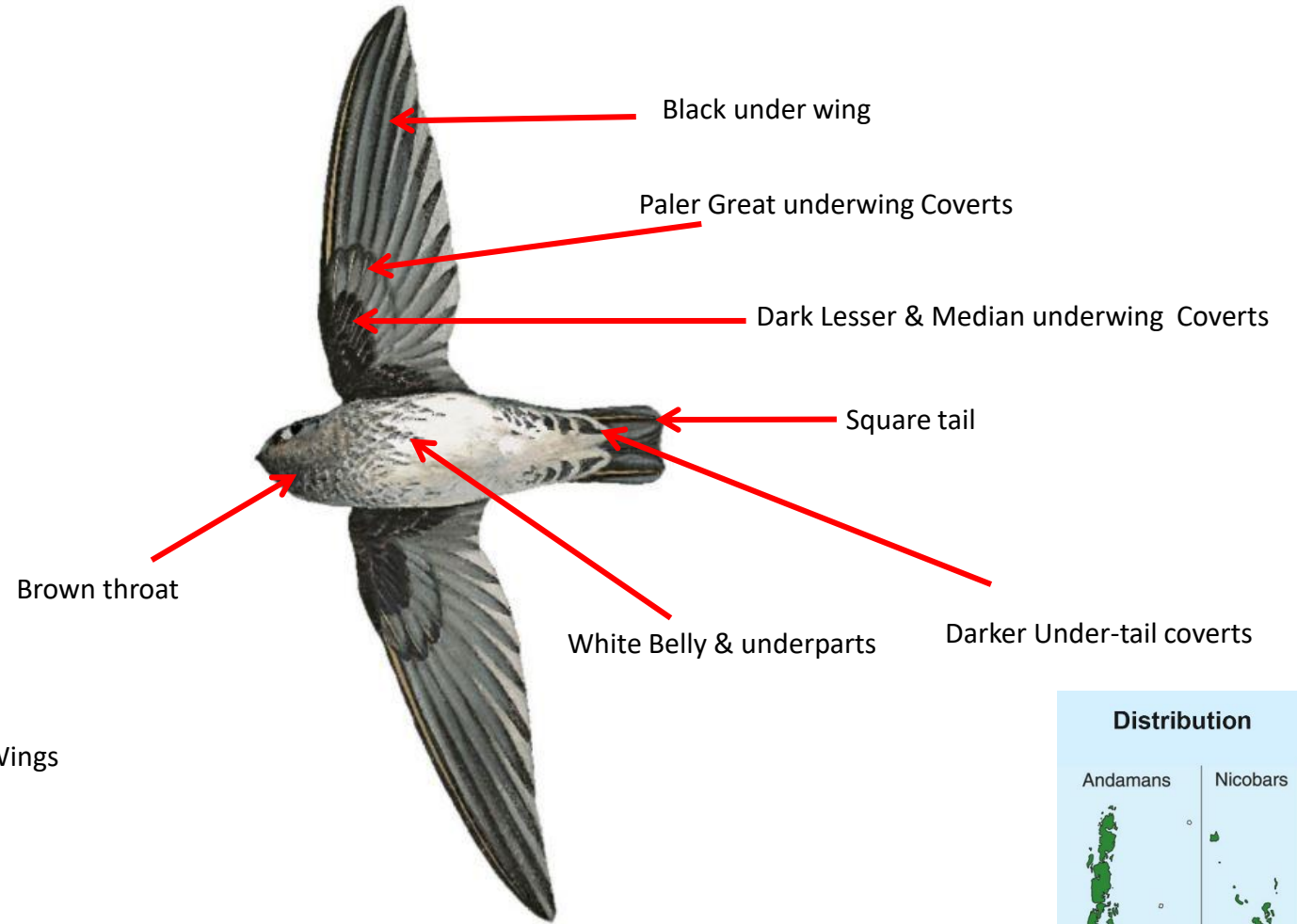
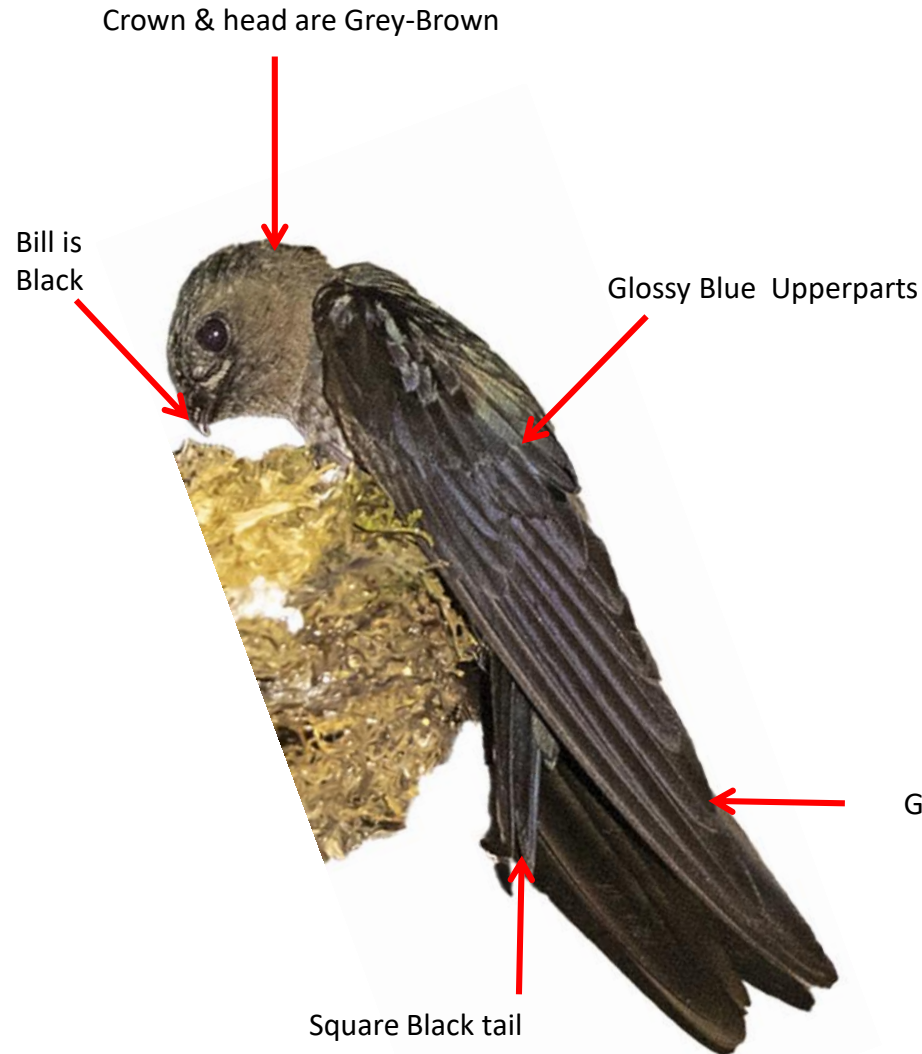
Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent**
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com

Glossy Swiftlet identification Tips

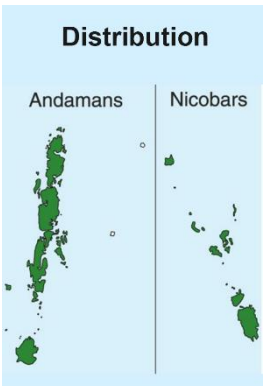
Glossy Swiftlet : *Collocalia esculenta* : Resident of Andaman & Nicobar Islands in India



Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Reference : *Birds of Indian Subcontinent*
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com



Himalayan Swiftlet identification Tips

Himalayan Swiftlet : *Aerodramus brevirostris* : Resident of Himalayas & North East India

A. b. innominatus- Resident of Andaman Islands

Crown & head are Black

Brown Upperparts

Pale Rump Band

Bill is Black

Brown Coverts

Forked Brown tail

Brown Wings

Dark Brown Coverts

Dark Brown wing

Brown Upperparts

Pale Grey Rump Band

Forked Brown tail

Uniform pale grey

Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

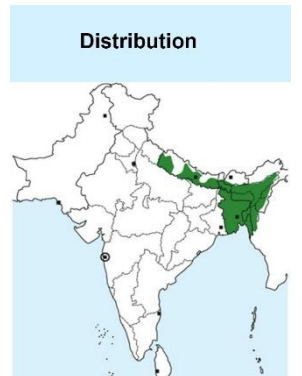
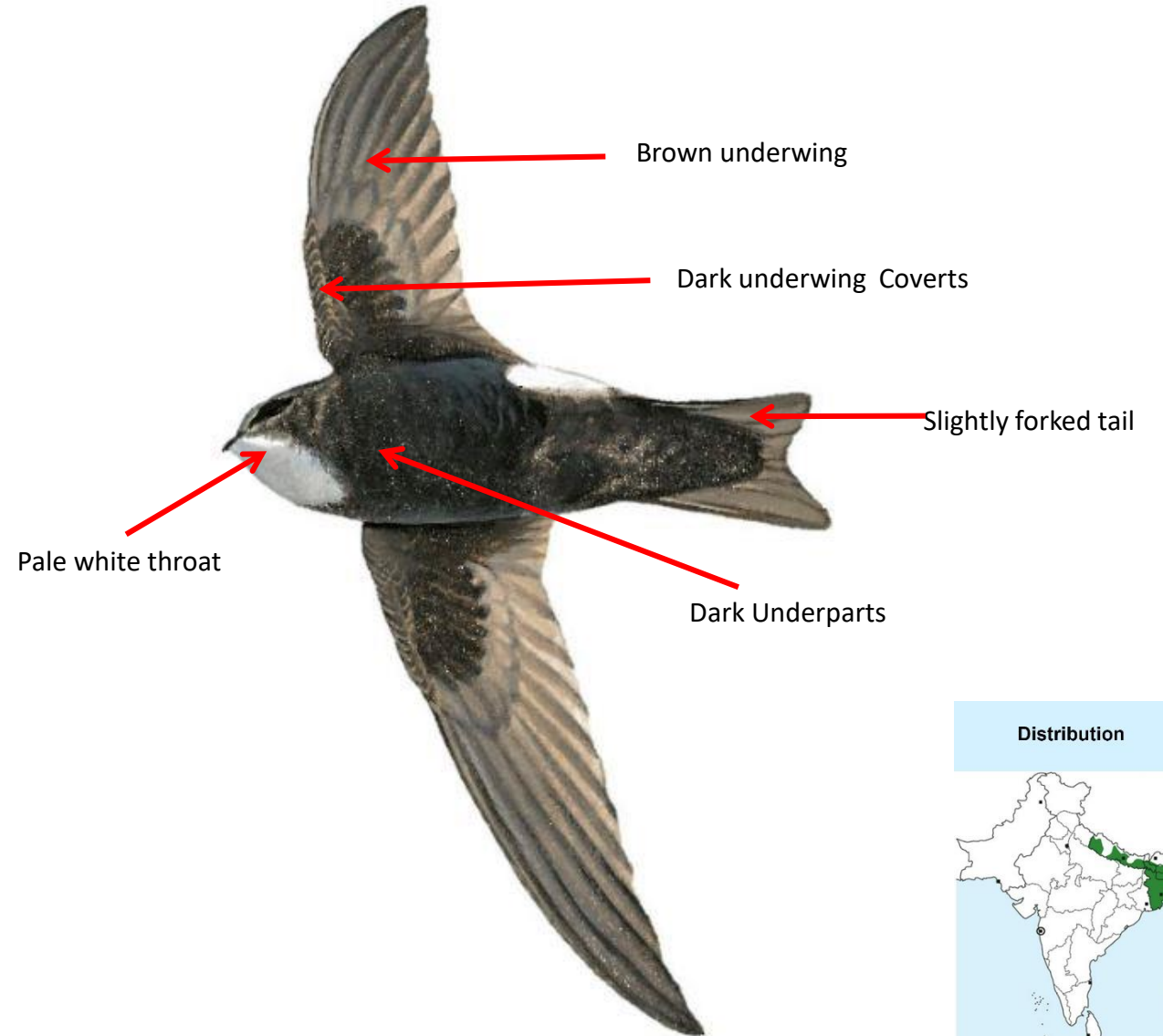
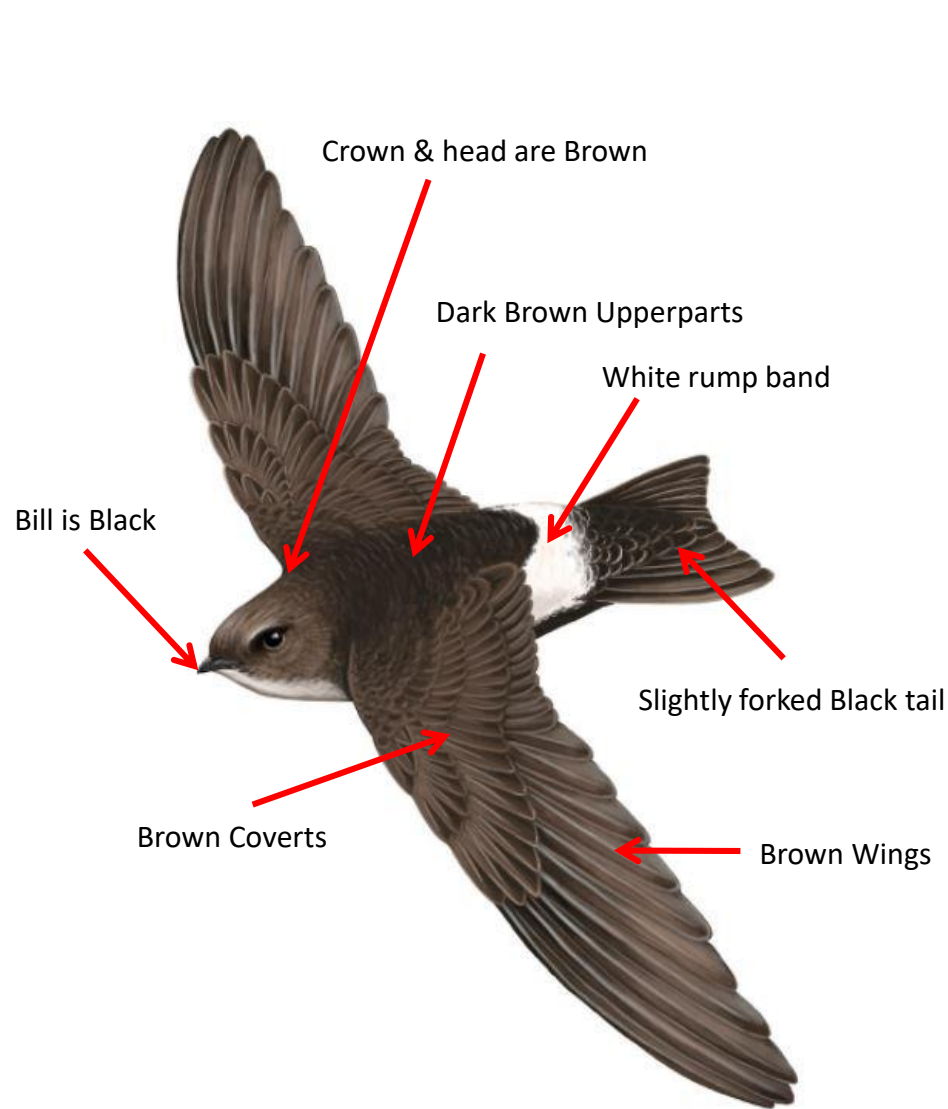
Reference : Birds of Indian Subcontinent
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com

Distribution



House Swift identification Tips

House Swift : *Apus nipalensis*: Resident of Himalayas & North East India



©www.ogaclinks.com

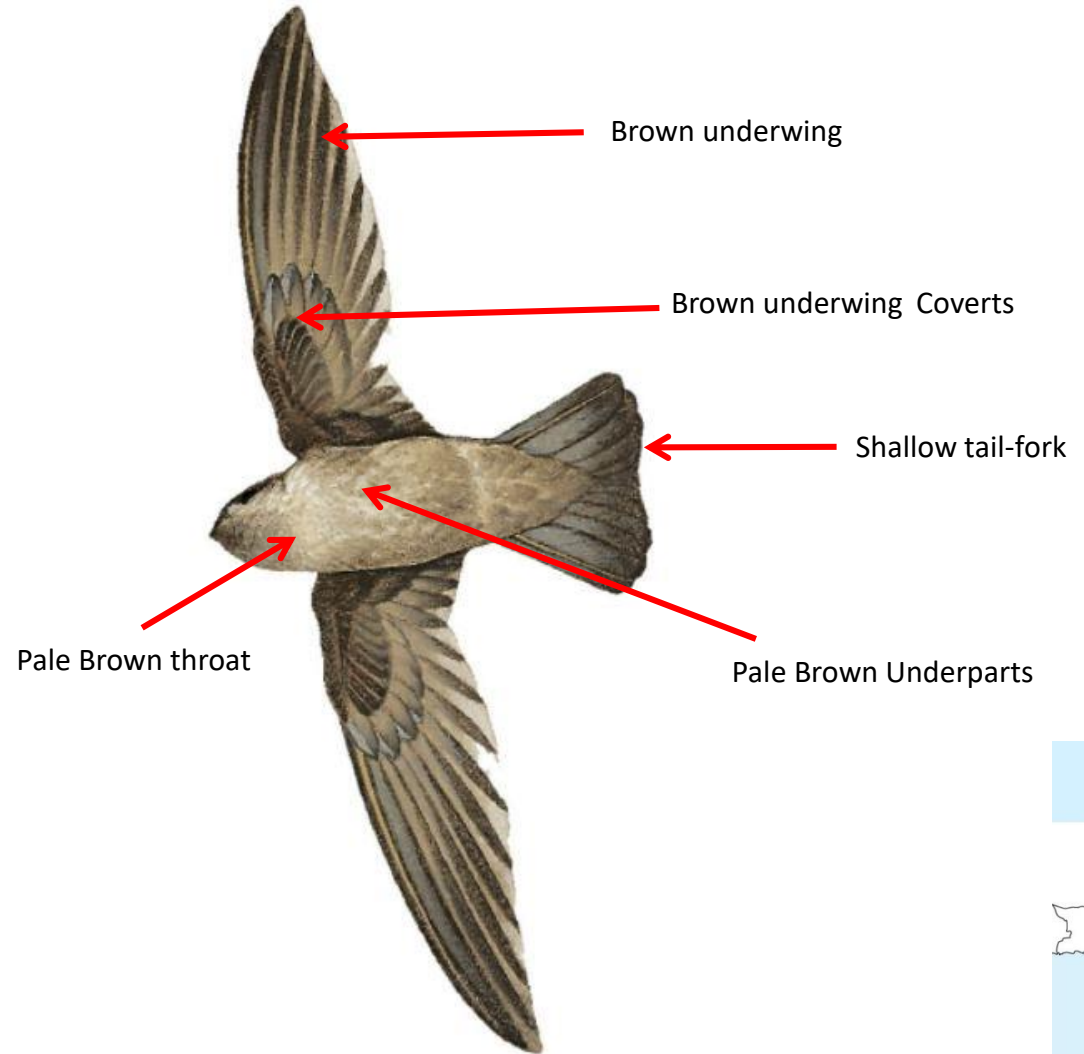
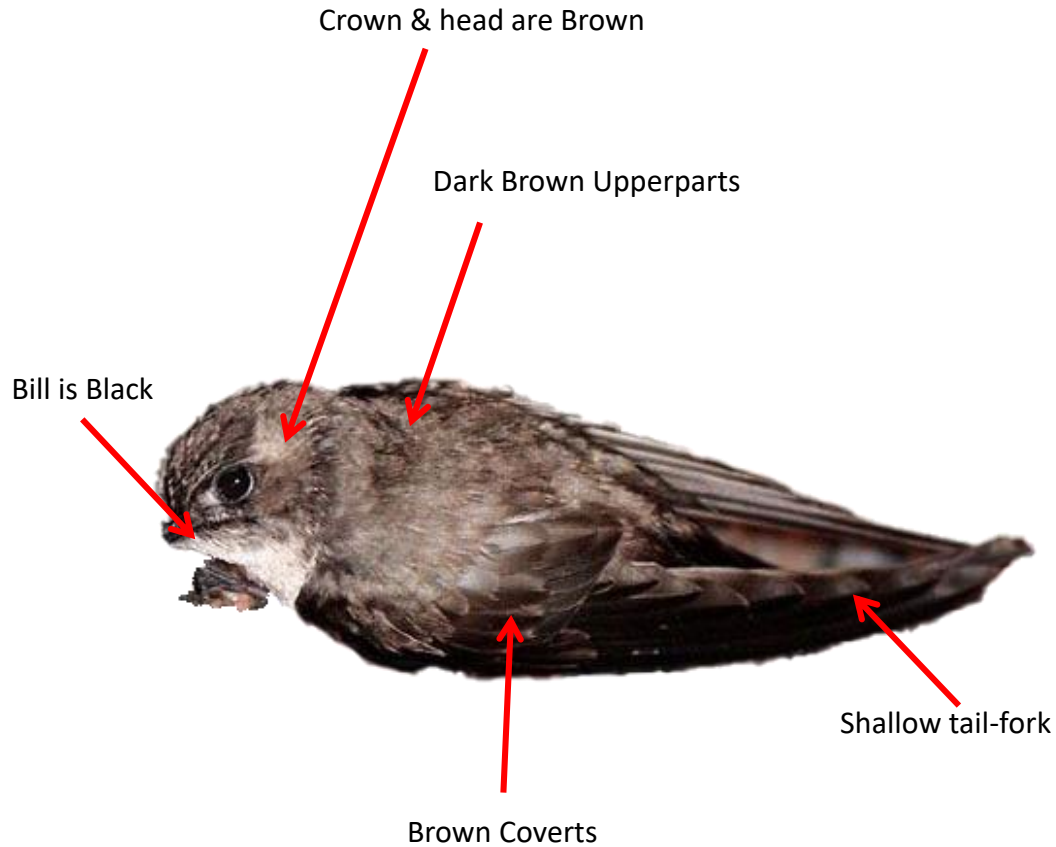
Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent**
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com

Indian Swiftlet identification Tips

Indian Swiftlet : *Collocalia unicolor* : Resident of Western Ghats in India



Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

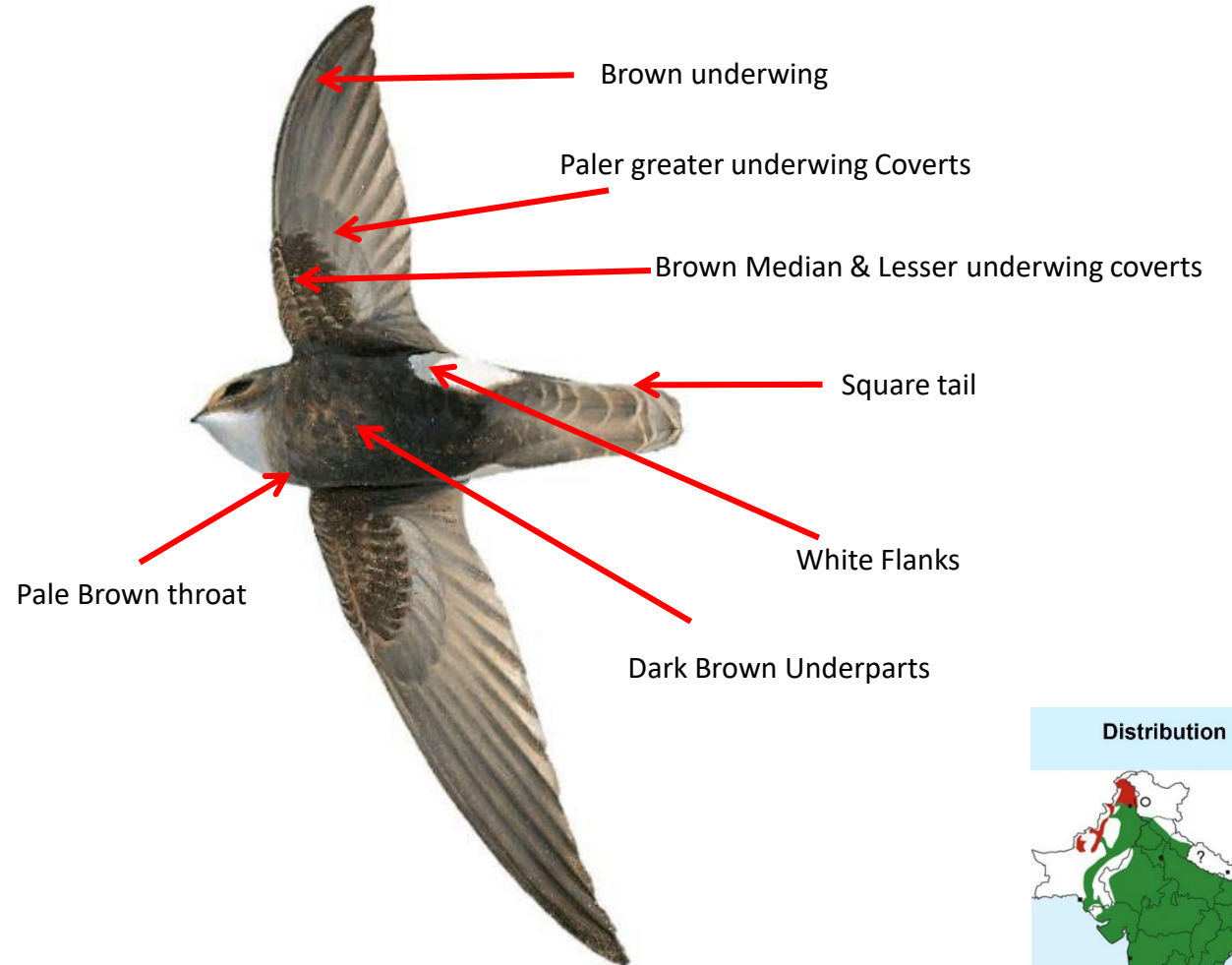
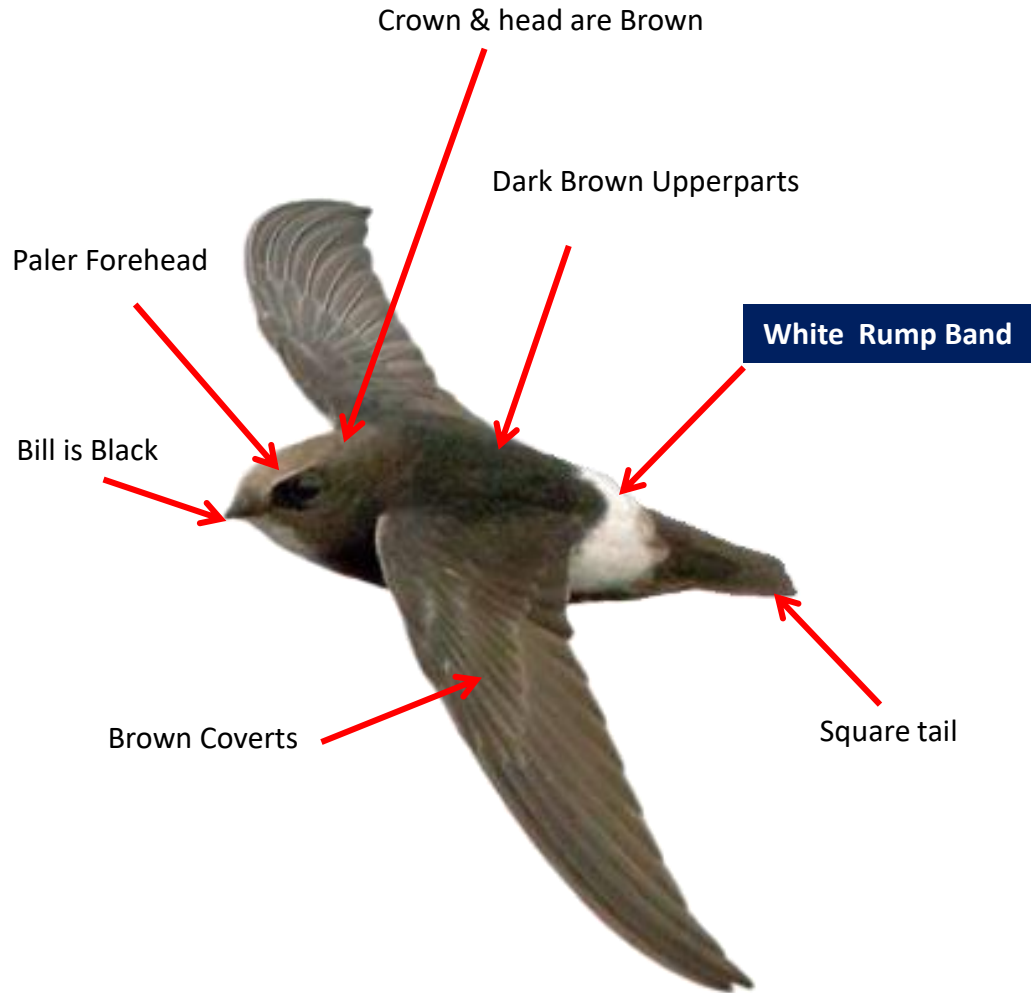
Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent**
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com

Distribution



Little Swiftlet identification Tips

Little Swiftlet : *Apus affinis* : Widespread Resident in India



Important id point

Both the sexes are similar

Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent**
Inskipp and Grimmett
www.HBW.com

