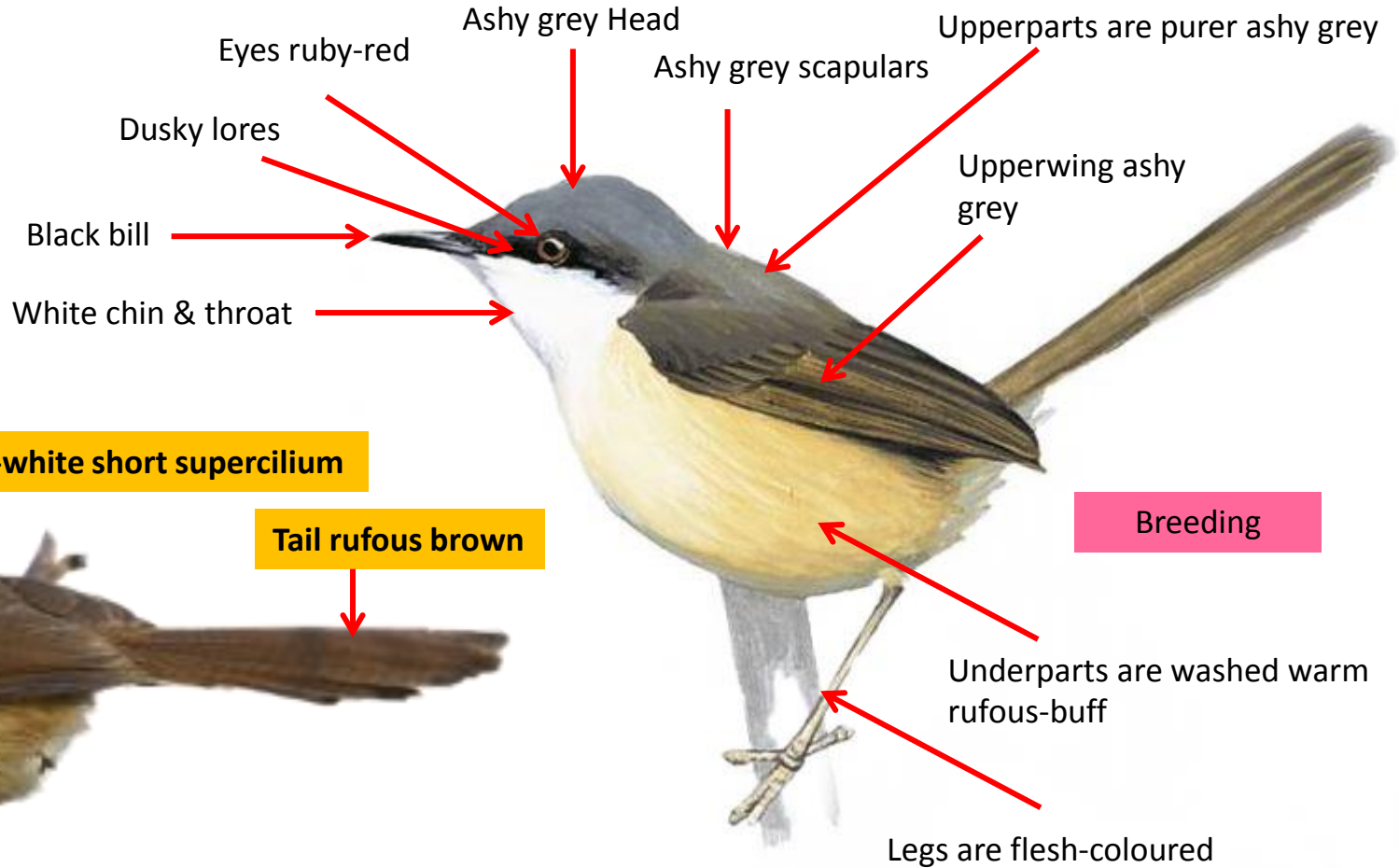




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Ashy Prinia Identification Tips

Ashy Prinia : *Prinia socialis* : Resident of Peninsular India (South from South Bihar and South Madhya Pradesh)



Narrow white or buff-white short supercilium

Tail rufous brown

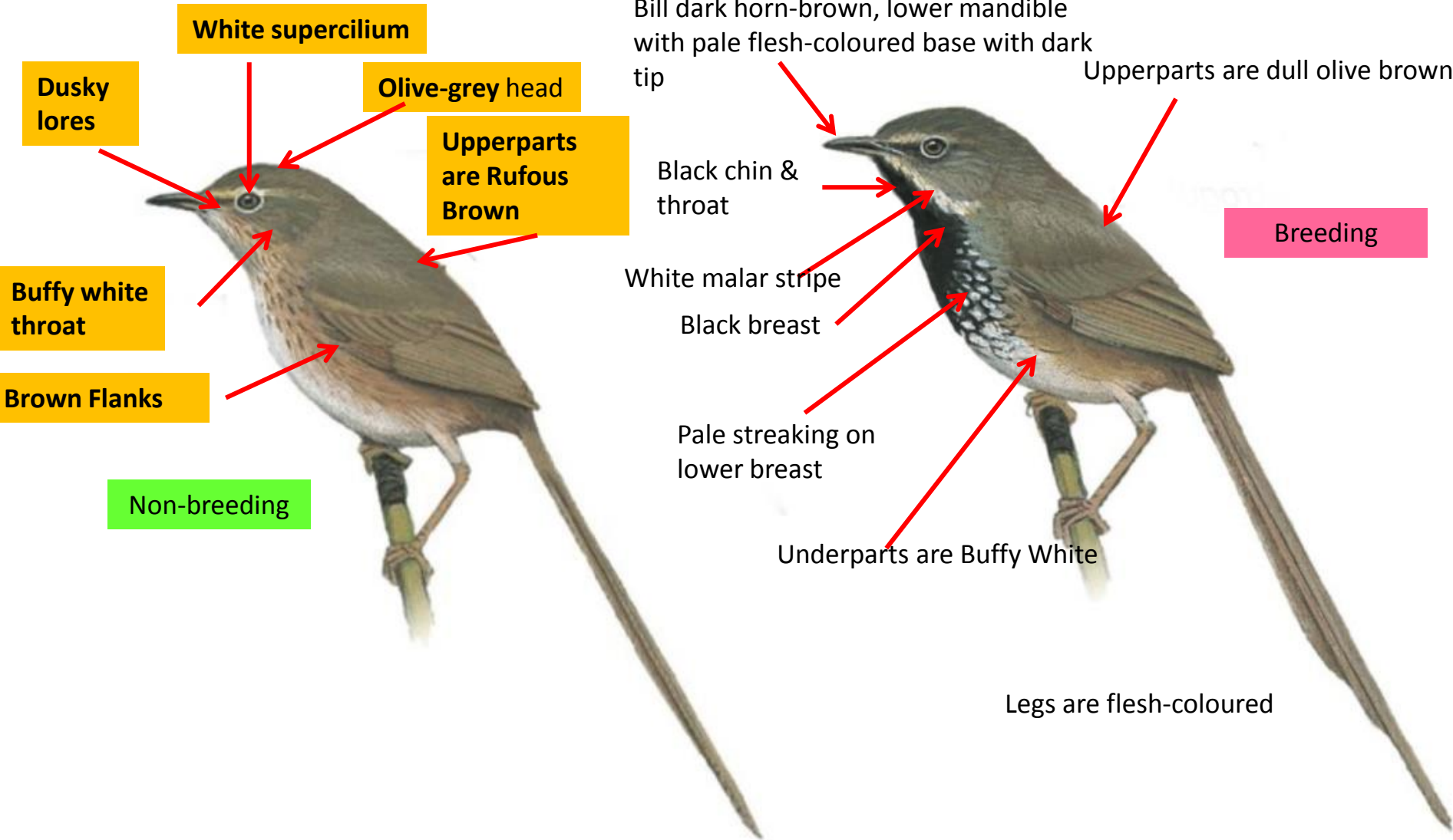
Non-breeding

Difference from Breeding plumage

Important id point

Black-throated Prinia Identification Tips

Black-throated Prinia : *Prinia atrogularis* : Resident of Eastern Himalayas & North East India



White supercilium

Dusky lores

Olive-grey head

Upperparts are Rufous Brown

Buffy white throat

Brown Flanks

Non-breeding

Bill dark horn-brown, lower mandible with pale flesh-coloured base with dark tip

Upperparts are dull olive brown

Black chin & throat

White malar stripe

Black breast

Pale streaking on lower breast

Underparts are Buffy White

Breeding

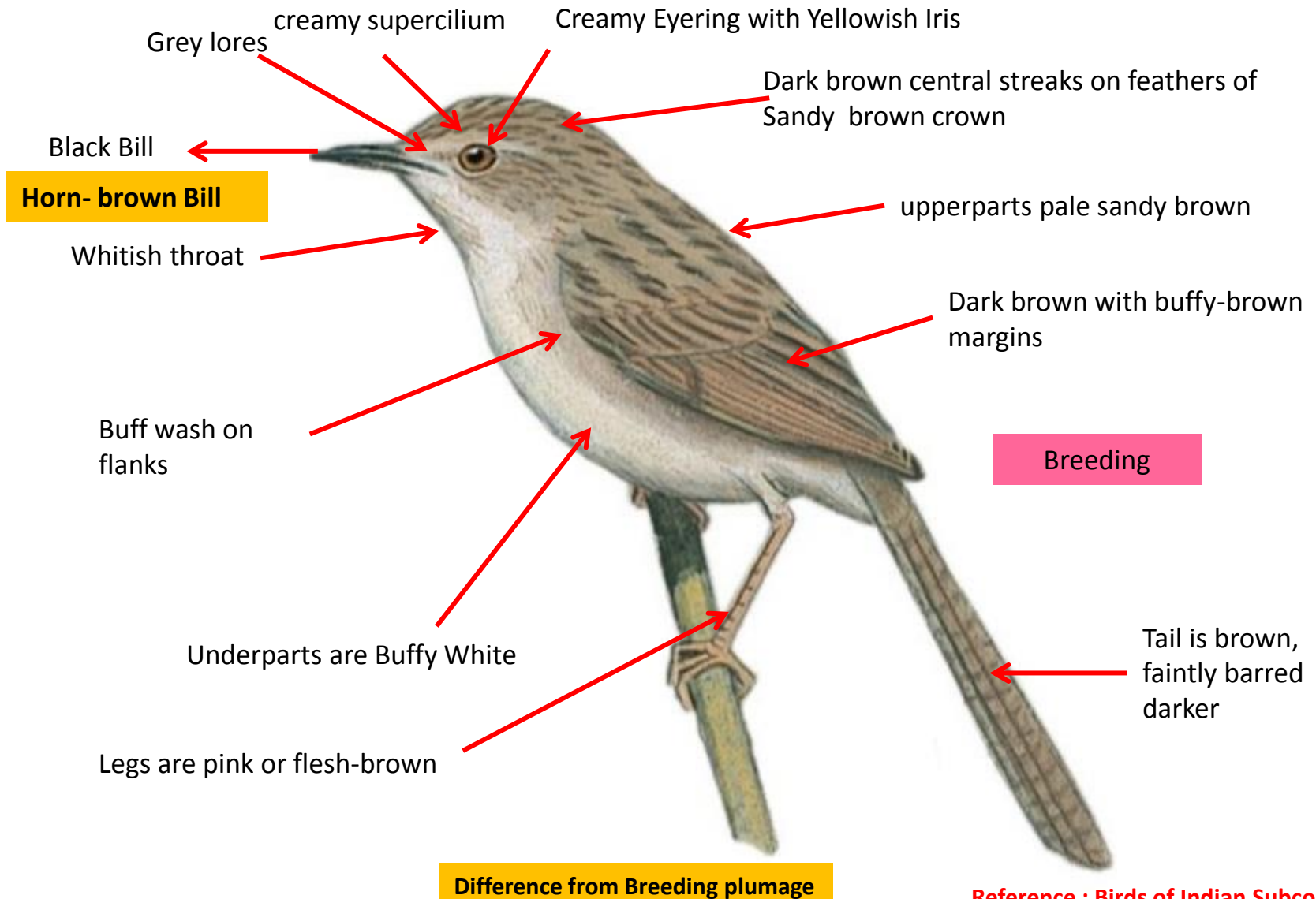
Legs are flesh-coloured

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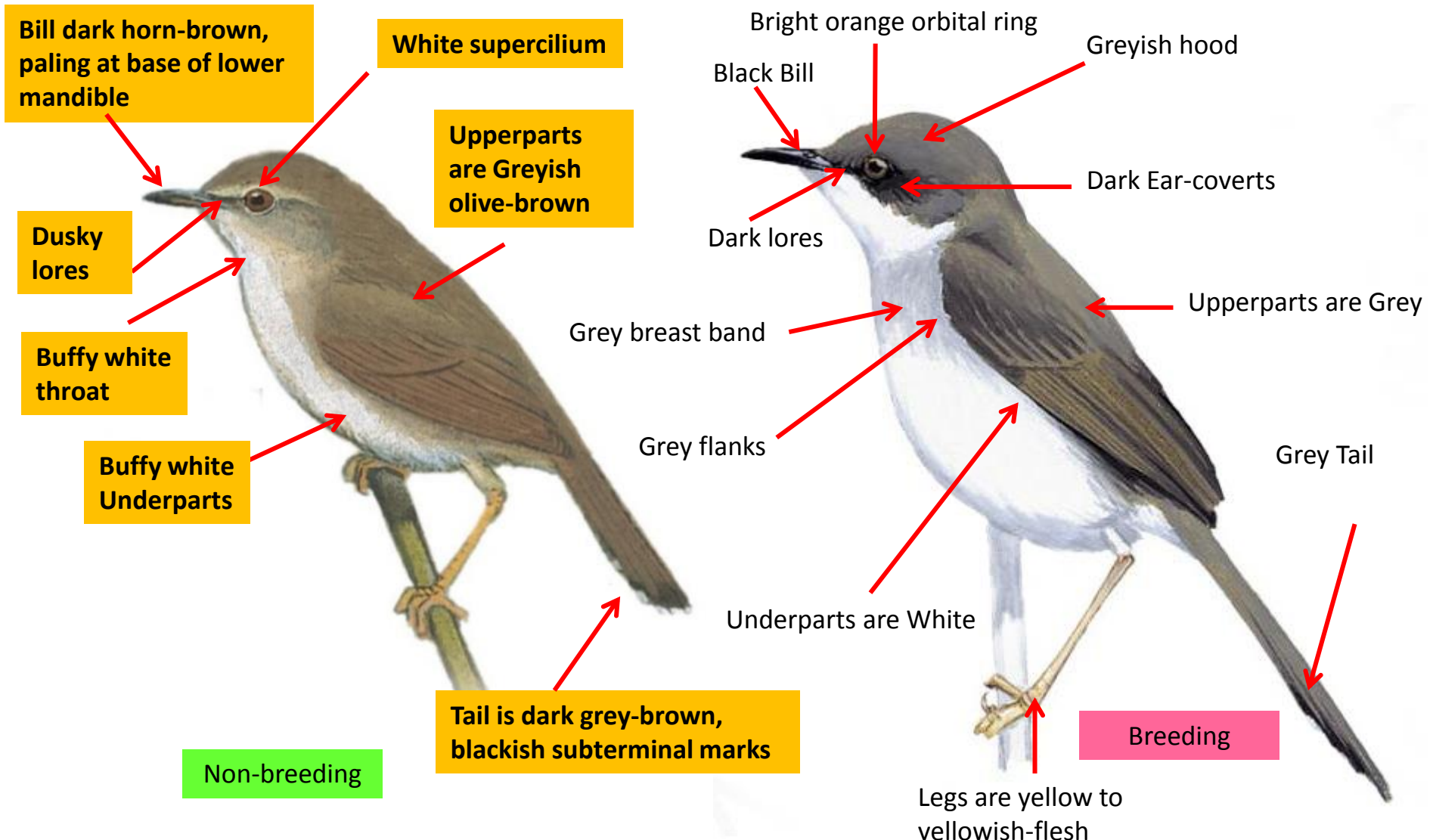
Graceful Prinia Identification Tips

Graceful Prinia: *Prinia gracilis* : Resident of North , Rajasthan & Gujarat in India



Grey-breasted Prinia Identification Tips

Grey-breasted Prinia : *Prinia hodgsonii* : Widespread Resident of India except Rajasthan



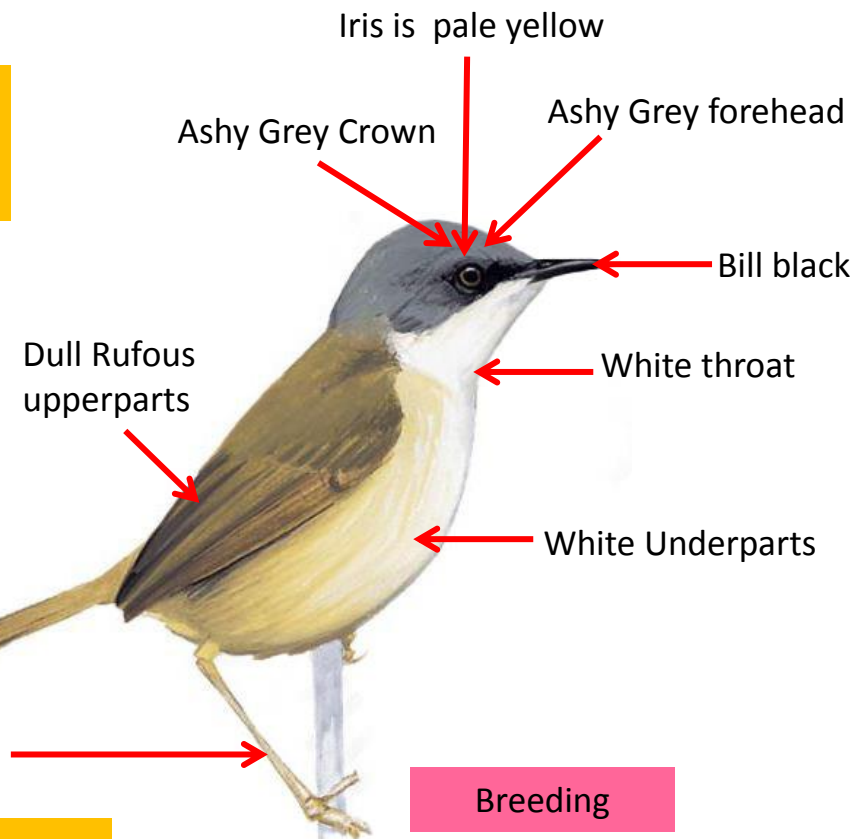
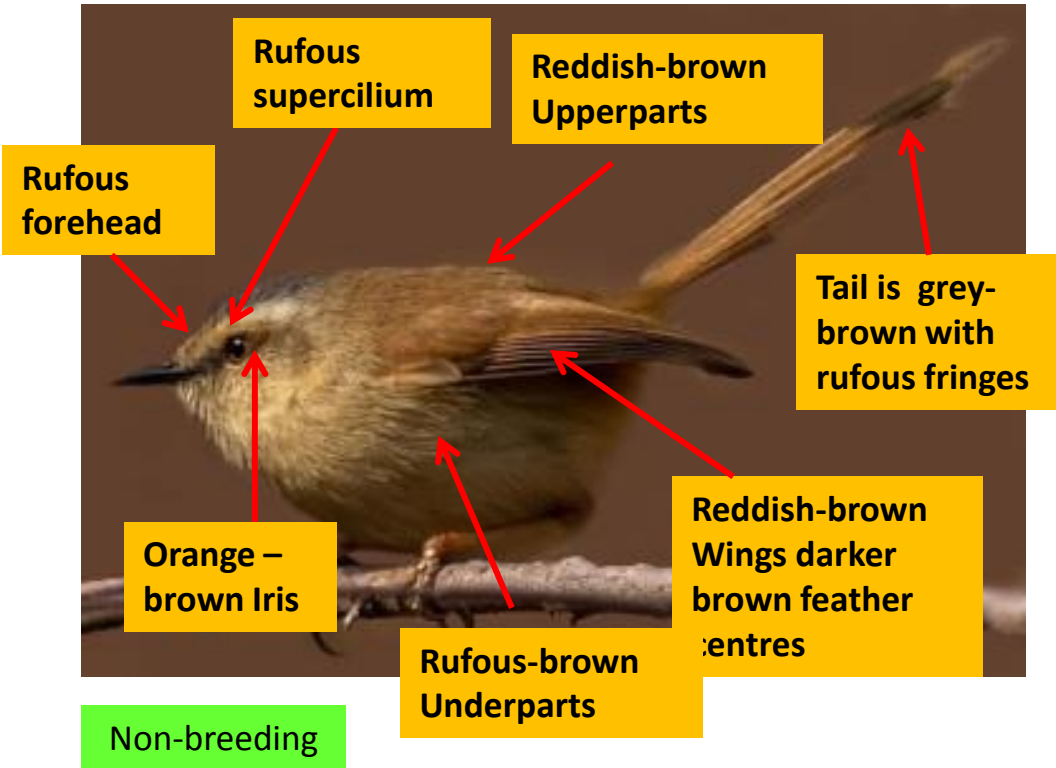
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Grey-crowned Prinia Identification Tips

Grey-crowned Prinia : *Prinia cinereocapilla* : Resident of Himalayan foothills and Assam in India



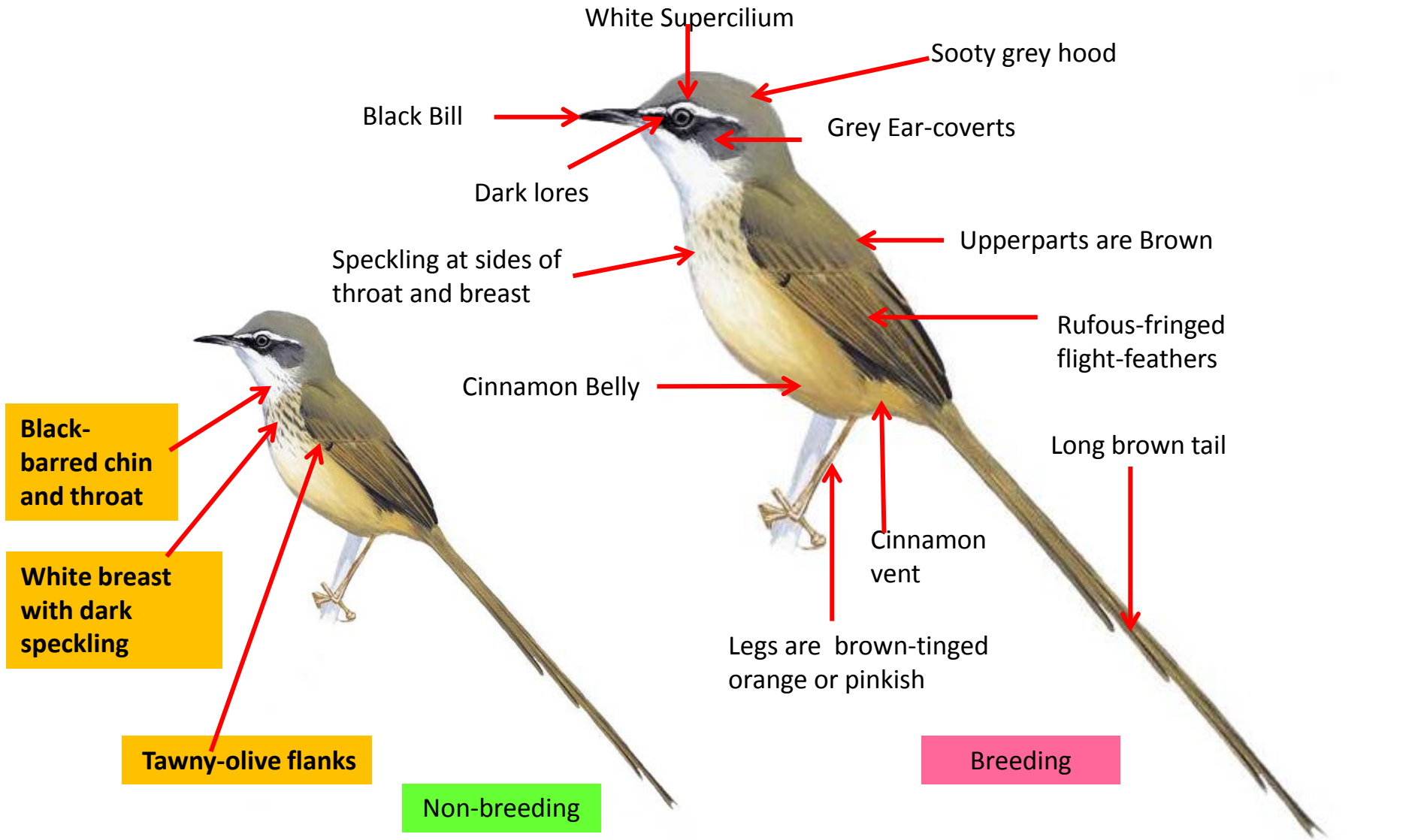
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Hill Prinia Identification Tips

Hill Prinia : *Prinia superciliaris* : Resident of East Arunachal Pradesh



Difference from Breeding plumage

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Jungle Prinia Identification Tips

Jungle Prinia : *Prinia sylvatica*: Widespread Resident of India except Hills and North East

Iris is orange-yellow to reddish-orange

Black Bill

Brownish head

Upper mandible horn-brown, lower mandible flesh-coloured

Greyish head

Upperparts are Rufous-brown

Grey Ear-coverts

Upperparts are greyish olive-brown

Buffy white throat

Underparts are White

Buffy white Underparts

Legs are yellow to yellowish-flesh

Tail is tail dark grey brown

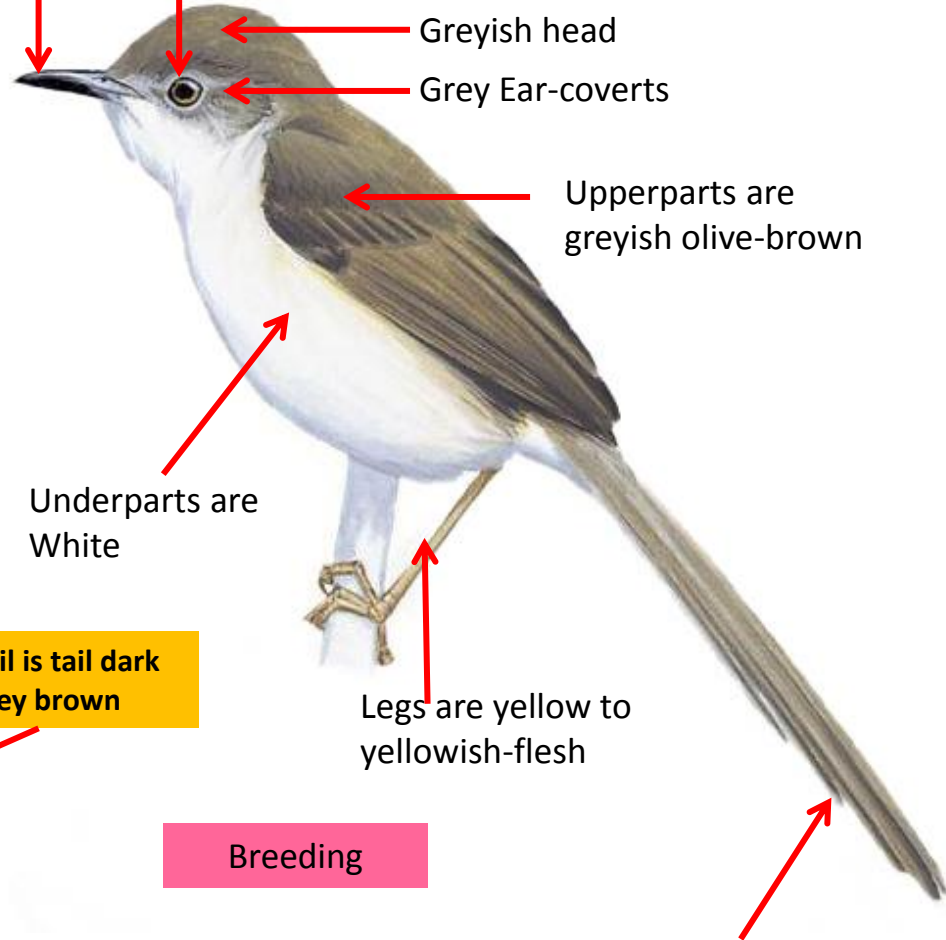
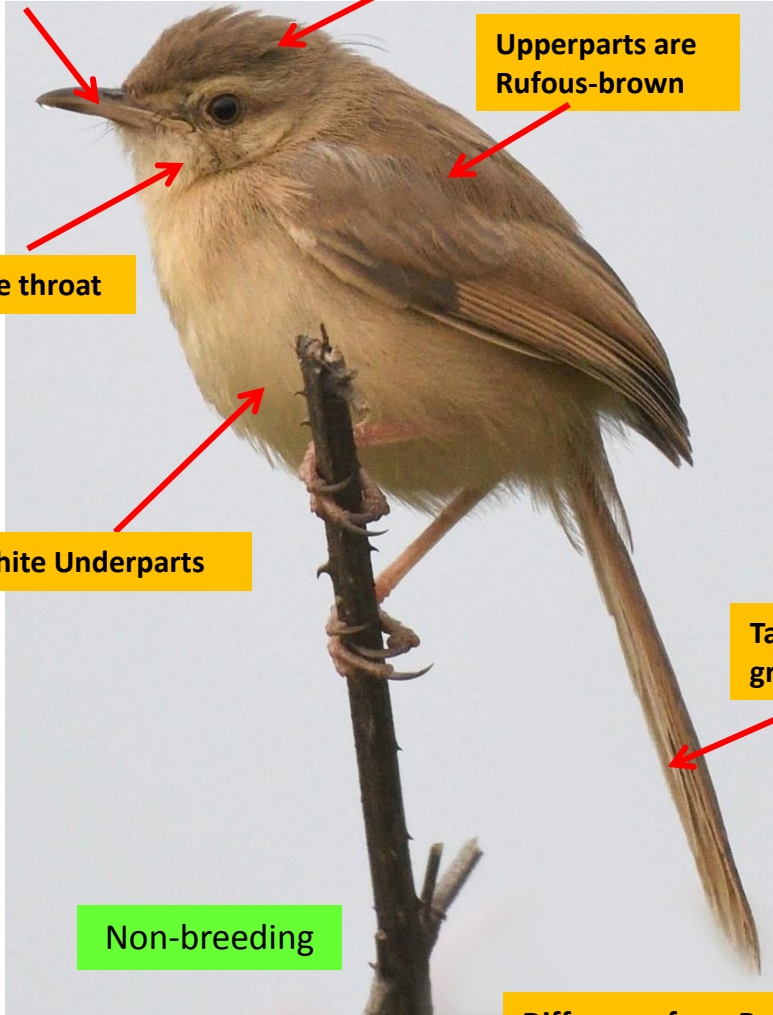
Breeding

Non-breeding

Outer three pairs of tail feathers almost white

Difference from Breeding plumage

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Plain Prinia Identification Tips

Grey-breasted Prinia : *Prinia inorata* : Widespread Resident

Iris is orange-yellow to reddish orange

Bill dark horn-brown, lower mandible flesh-coloured

White supercilium

Brown ear-coverts

Upperparts are warm brown

White lores

Buffy white throat

Warm Buff Underparts

Non-breeding

Black Bill

Grey brown head

Brown Ear-coverts

Upperparts are pale grey-brown

White throat

Buffy-yellow wash breast sides

Buffy-yellow wash on flanks

Underparts are White

Legs are brownish yellow

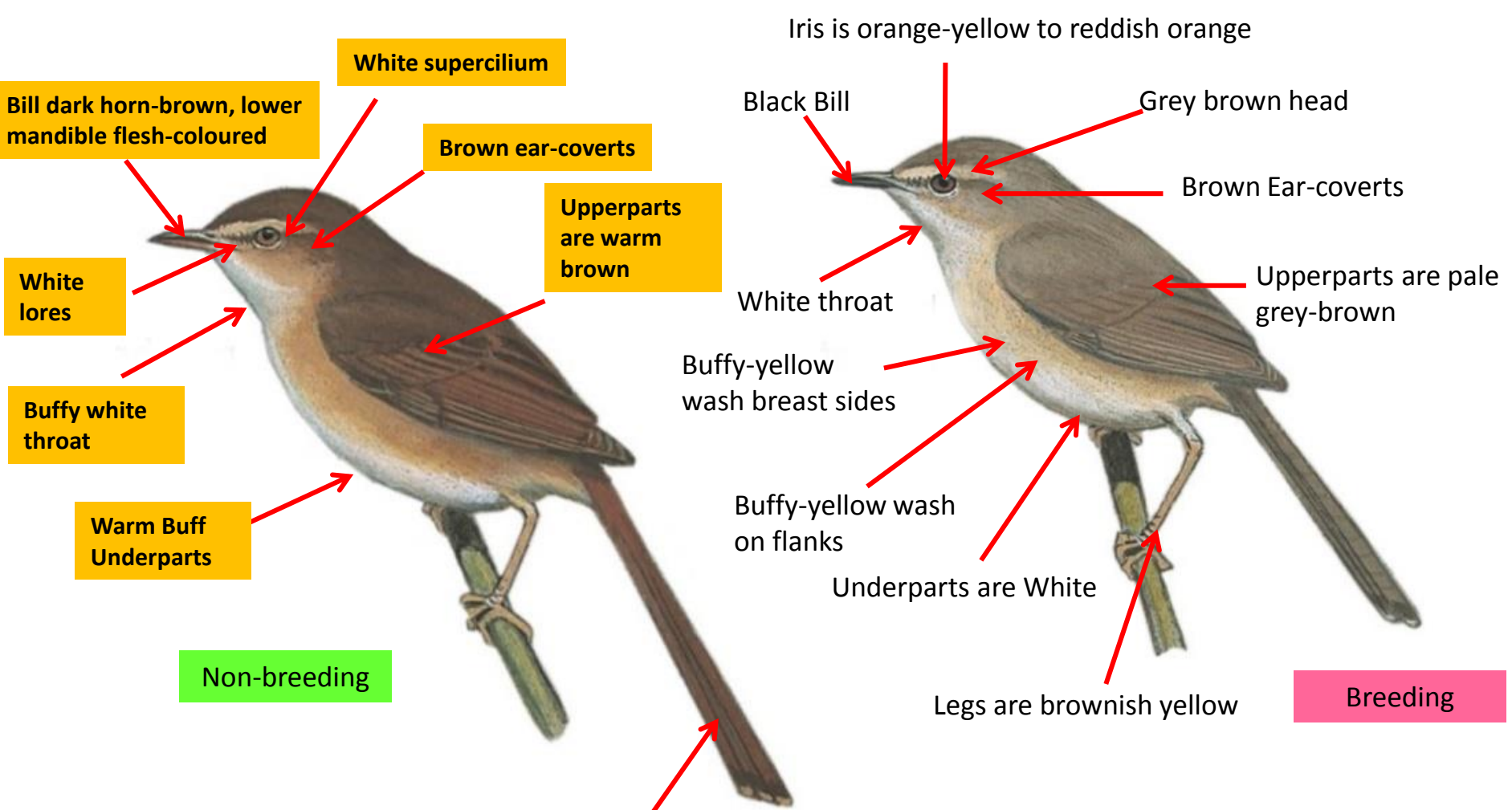
Breeding

Tail is dark brown, outer feathers with distinct dark subterminal mark and buff tip

Difference from Breeding plumage

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Rufescent Prinia Identification Tips

Rufescent Prinia : *Prinia rufescens* : Resident of East Himalayas , hills of North East and East India

Iris is orange-yellow to reddish orange

Black Bill with pale base to lower mandible

Grey head & nape

Grey Ear-coverts

Upperparts are pale grey-brown

White throat

White breast

Underparts are White

Breeding

Legs are flesh-coloured or orange-flesh

Tail dull bright rufous

White supercilium

Upperparts are olive-brown with rufous wash

Tail bright rufous-brown

Difference from Breeding plumage

Important id point

Bill dark horn-brown, lower mandible flesh-coloured

White lores

Buffy white throat

Warm buff on breast

Warm buff on flanks

Upperwing bright rufous, with dark brown feather centres

Non-breeding

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Rufous-fronted Prinia Identification Tips

Rufous-fronted Prinia : *Prinia buchanani* : Resident of North west and central India

Forehead and forecrown rufous

White lores

Iris yellowish-brown

White supercilium

Upper mandible
brownish-horn,
lower mandible
flesh-coloured

Grey Ear-coverts

Upperparts pale brown to grey-brown

Whitish throat

Wing feathers edged grey

White Breast

Underparts are Buffy White

Tail is dark brown

Legs are pale flesh-coloured

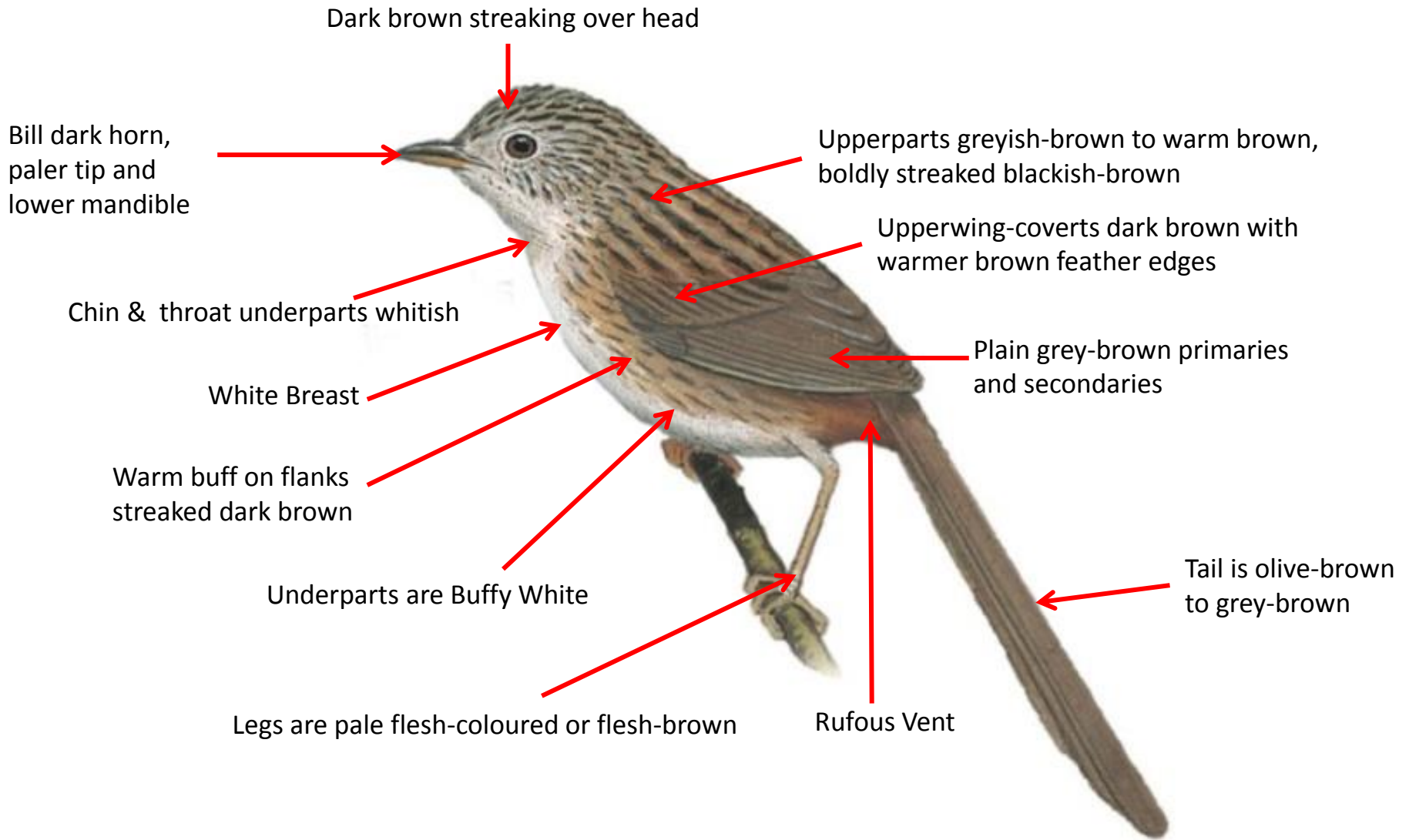
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Rufous-vented Prinia Identification Tips

Rufous-vented Prinia: *Prinia burnesii* : Resident of plains of Indus river in North India



Difference from Breeding plumage

Important id point

Striated Prinia Identification Tips

Striated Prinia: *Prinia crinigera* : Resident of Himalayas & North East India

Iris is orange-yellow to reddish orange

Upper mandible brown with darker tip, lower mandible fleshy-yellow

Crown streaked blackish-brown

Black Bill

Grey head & nape

White lores

Upperparts are dark reddish-brown with grey tones

Upperparts are dark dull grey-brown

Buffy white throat

Blackish feather bases, exposed forming patches on breast, that look like mottling

Warm buff on breast, sides mottled and streaked dark brown

Warm buff on flanks

Underparts are White

Non-breeding

Underparts washed warm buff

Breeding

Legs are flesh-coloured or brownish-flesh

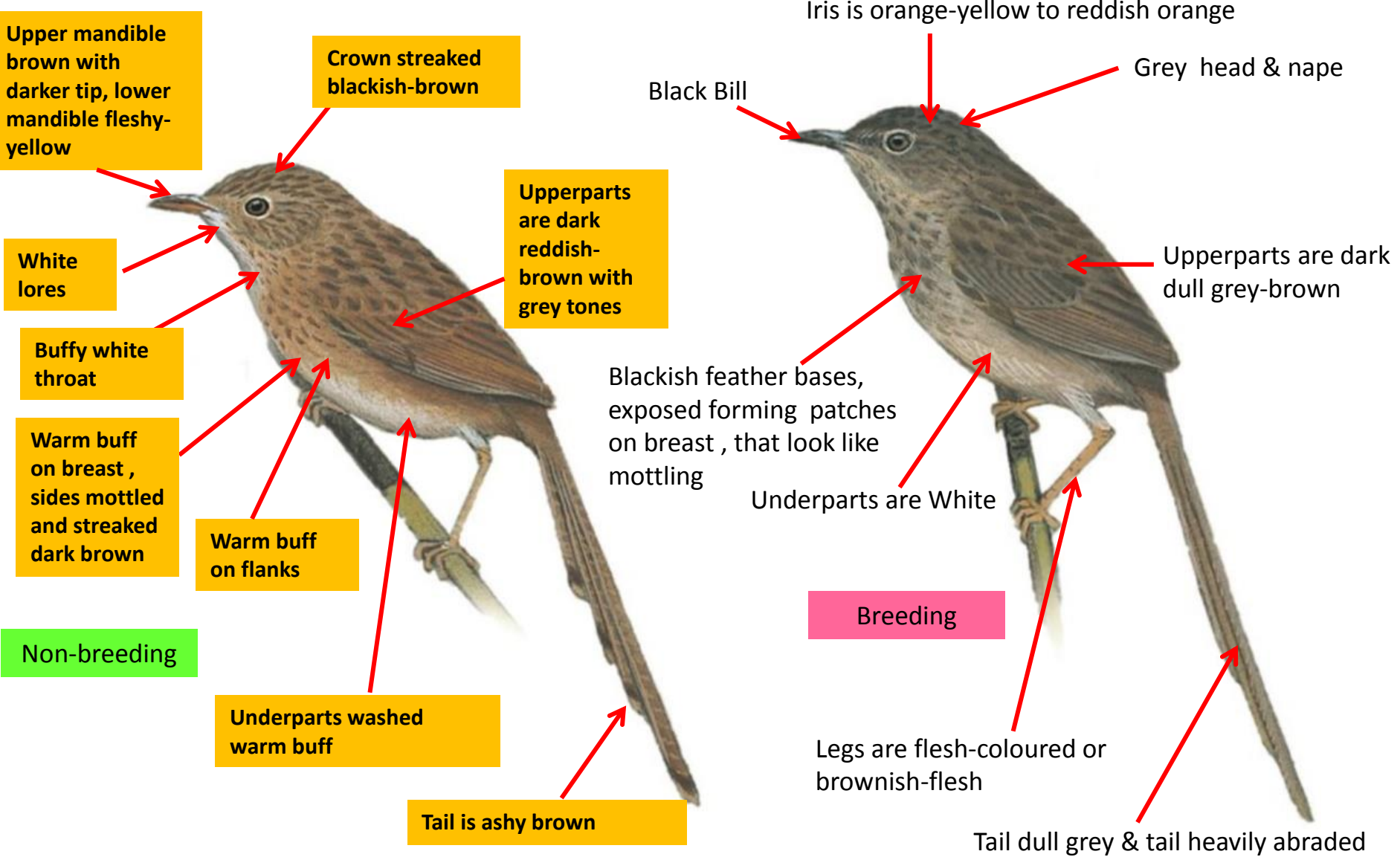
Tail is ashy brown

Tail dull grey & tail heavily abraded

Difference from Breeding plumage

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Swamp Prinia Identification Tips

Swamp Prinia : *Prinia cinerascens* : Resident of Brahmaputra plains in North East India

Head is olive-grey, diffusely and inconspicuously streaked darker

whitish spot on lores

White eyering

Bill is blackish-horn,
bluish tinge on lower
mandible

Upperparts are olive-grey, diffusely and
inconspicuously streaked darker

Chin & throat are dull greyish-white

Plain grey-brown primaries
and secondaries

White Breast

Flanks streaked dark brown

Underparts are Buffy White

Tail is olive-brown

Legs are brownish to grey or slate-brown

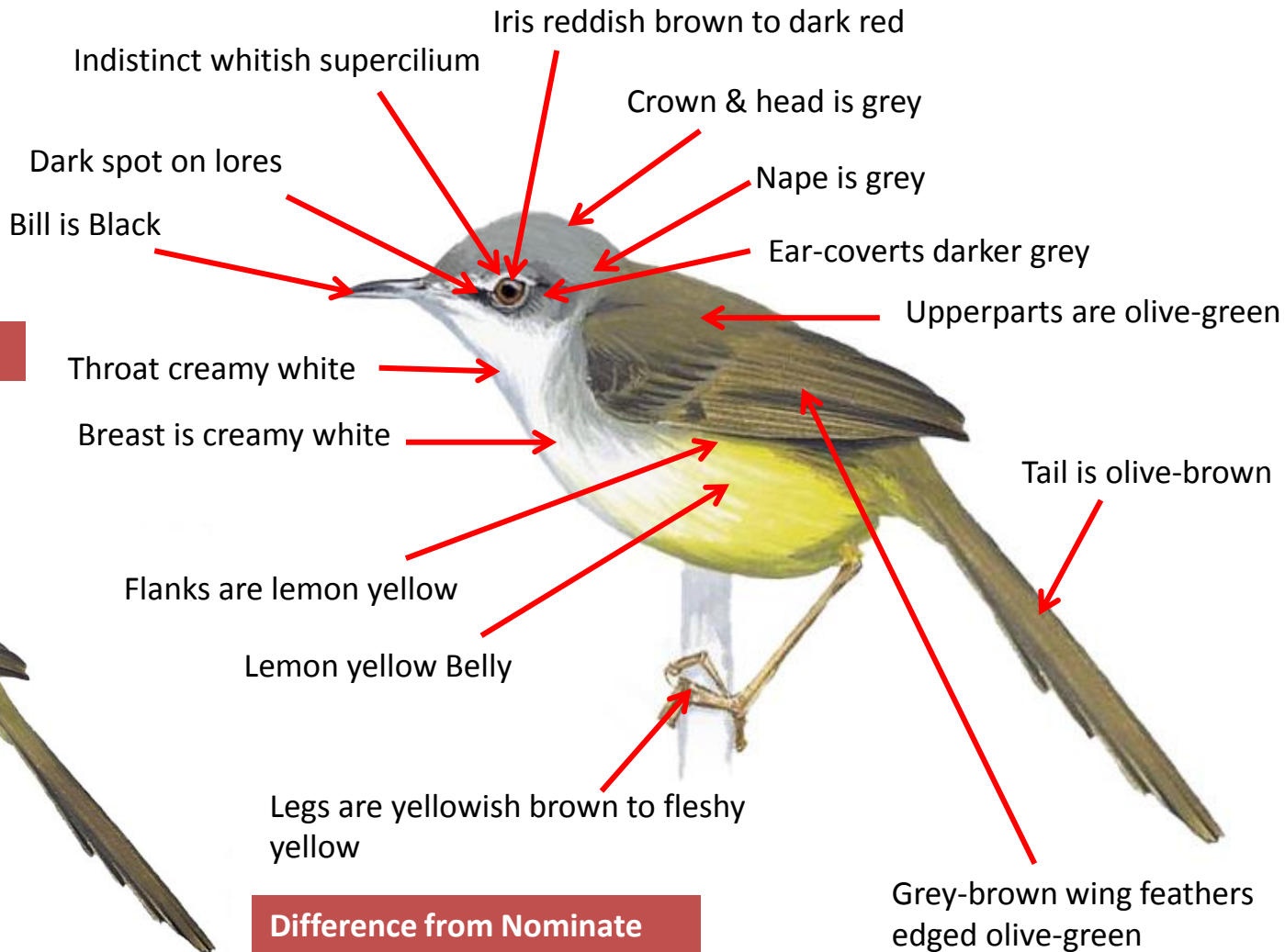
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Yellow-bellied Prinia Identification Tips

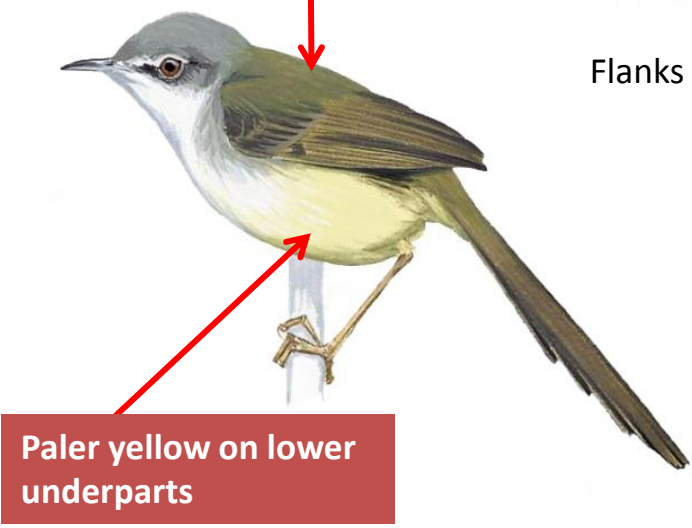
Yellow-bellied Prinia: *Prinia flaviventris* : Resident of North India (Uttarakhand) East to Arunachal Pradesh
Prinia flaviventris sindiana : North West India (Punjab, Delhi and Haryana)



Maxilla pale horn-brown, mandible flesh-coloured

Prinia flaviventris sindiana

Upperparts are Dull Green



Difference from Nominate

Difference from Breeding plumage

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