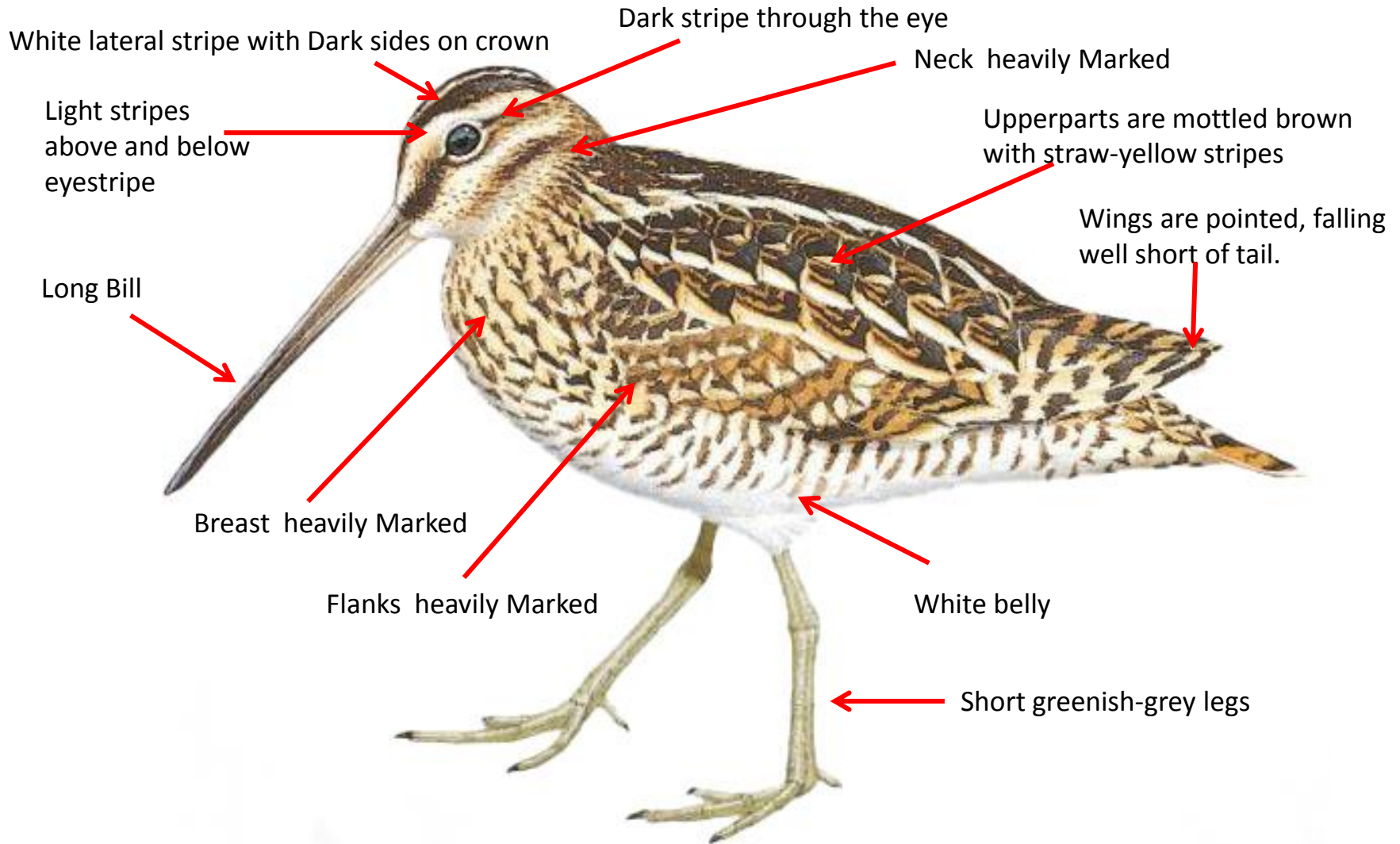




- The following pages have some identification markers for each of the Snipes found in India
- To know more on these birds you can visit <http://ogaclicks.com/snipe/>
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## Common Snipe Identification Tips

**Common Snipe : *Gallinago gallinago*** : Breeds in Himalayas., Widespread Winter visitor in India

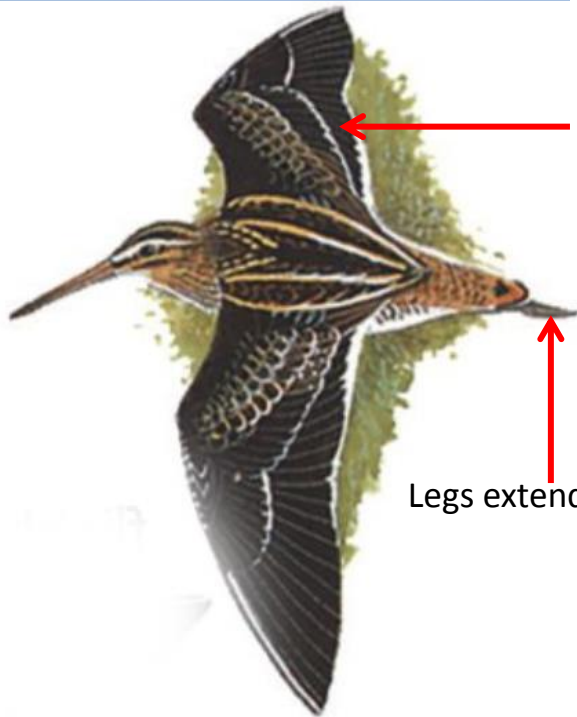
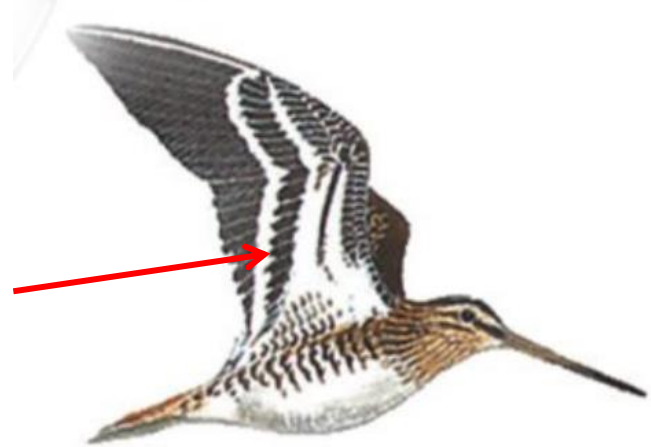


## Common Snipe Identification Tips

**Common Snipe** : *Gallinago gallinago* : Breeds in Himalayas., Widespread Winter visitor in India



White banding on  
underwing -coverts



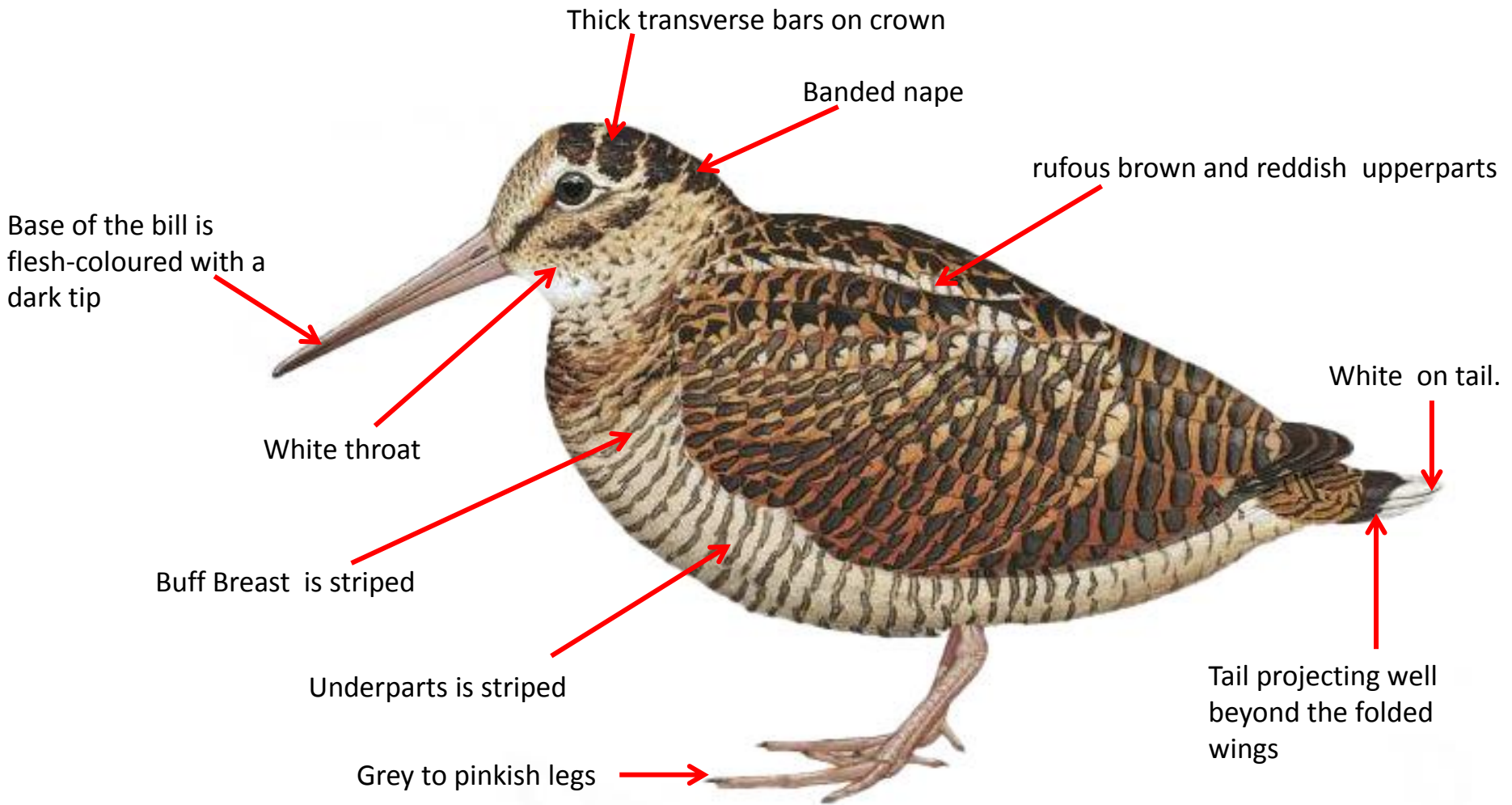
White trailing edges

Legs extending beyond tail



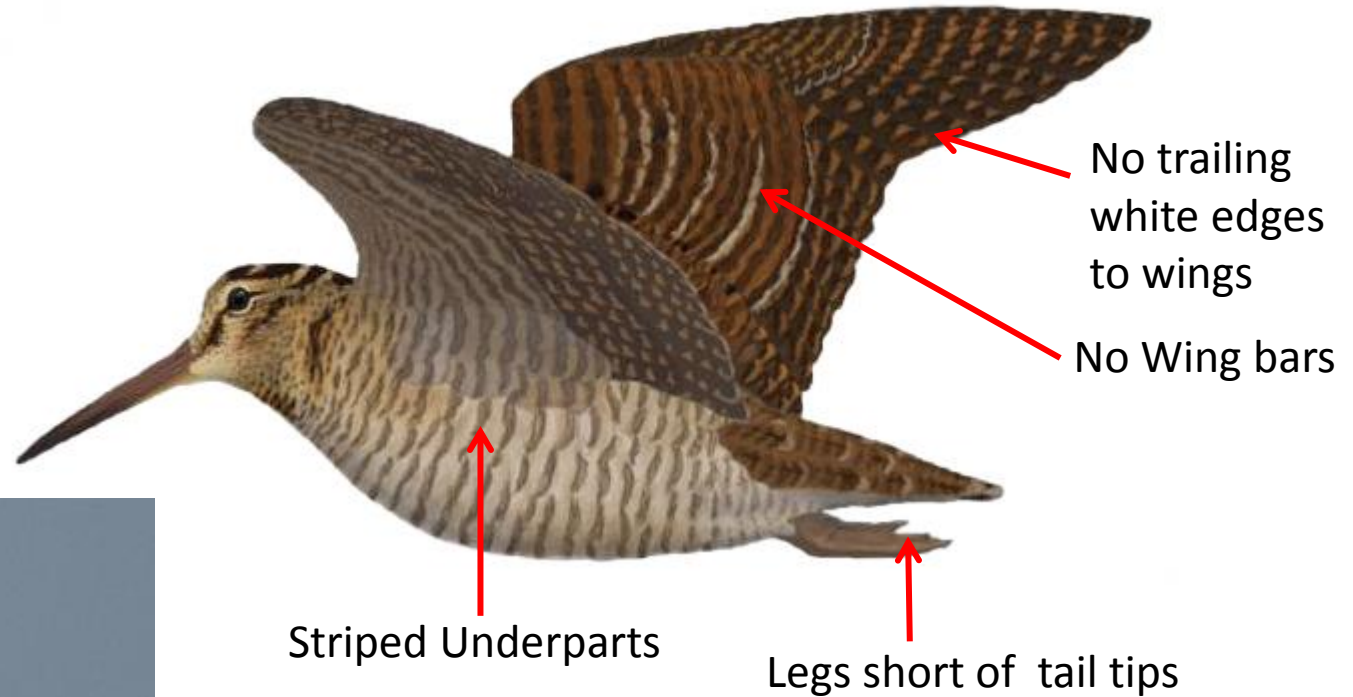
## Eurasian Woodcock Identification Tips

**Eurasian Woodcock : *Scolopax rusticola*:** Breeds in Himalayas, Winter visitor to South Indian hills and Himalayas in India



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# Great Snipe Identification Tips

Great Snipe : *Gallinago media* : Vagrant in India

Black lateral stripe with white sides on crown

Dark stripe through the eye

Distal half of bill has slight droop

Neck heavily Marked

Upperparts are mottled brown with white stripes

Wings are pointed, falling well short of tail.

Breast heavily Marked

Bold dark barring on white underparts

Yellow legs

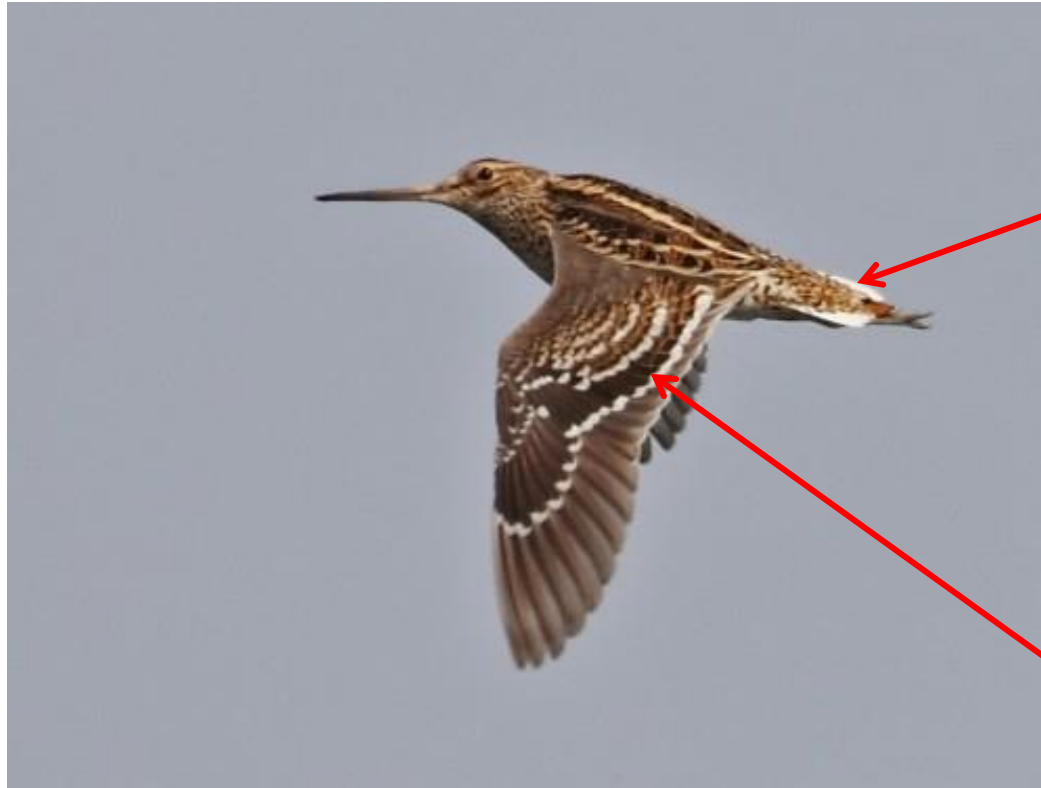
Bold white wingbars



Bold white tips on wing-coverts

## Great Snipe Identification Tips

Great Snipe : *Gallinago media* : Vagrant in India

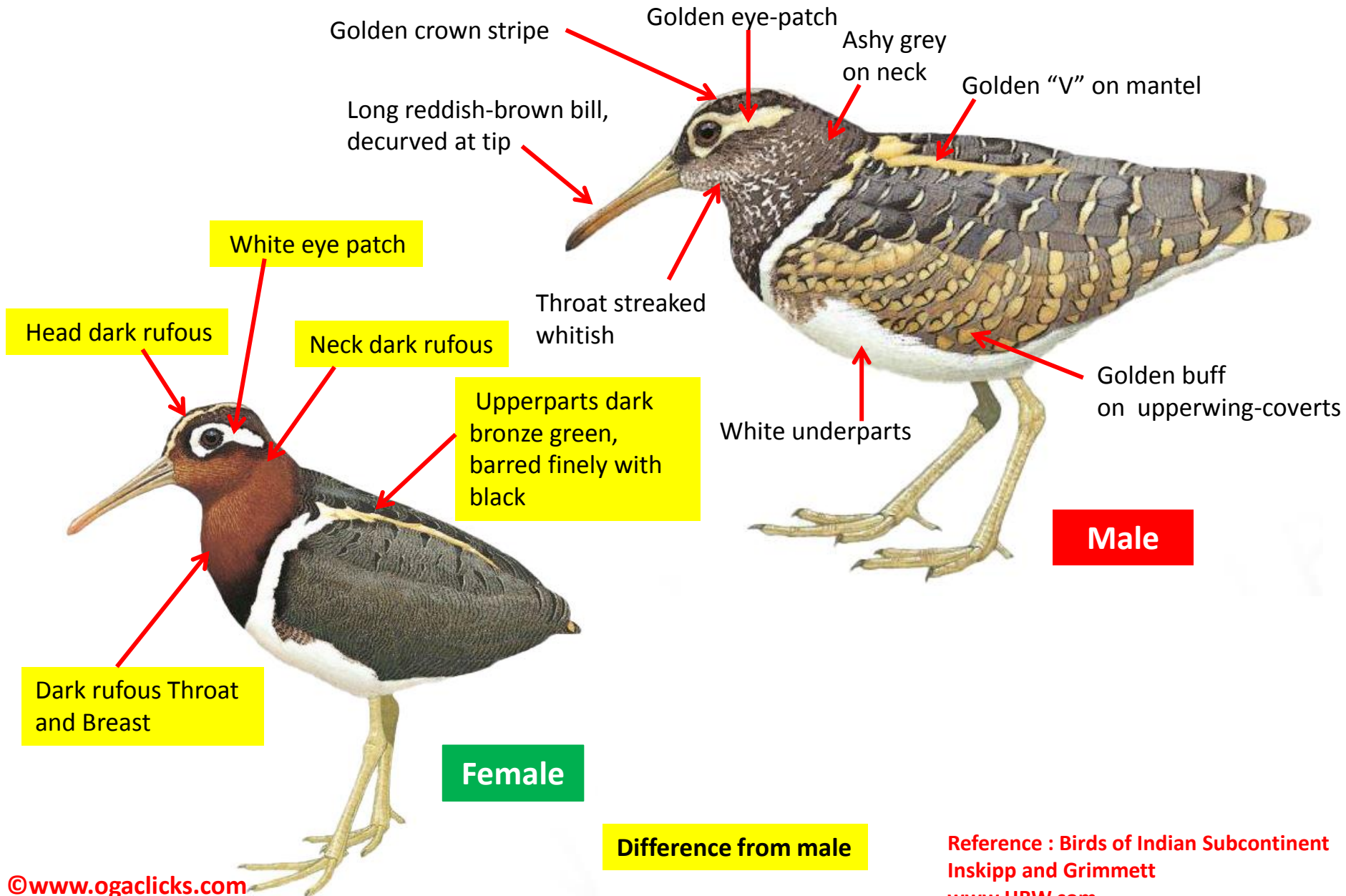


Bold white tips on wing-coverts

Bold white wingbars

# Greater Painted Snipe Identification Tips

Greater Painted Snipe : *Rostratula benghalensis* : Widespread resident in India



Reference : Birds of Indian Subcontinent  
Inskipp and Grimmett  
[www.HBW.com](http://www.HBW.com)

## Jack Snipe Identification Tips

**Jack Snipe : *Lymnocryptes minimus*:** Widespread ( Sporadic) Winter Visitor in India

**Two pale lateral crown-stripes, which are separated from the supercilium by an area of dark plumage.**



Dark stripe through the eye

Small Bill

Breast Marked

Yellow legs

Stripes on Mantel  
Prominent

Purple and green gloss on  
black upperparts

Stripes on Scapulars  
Prominent

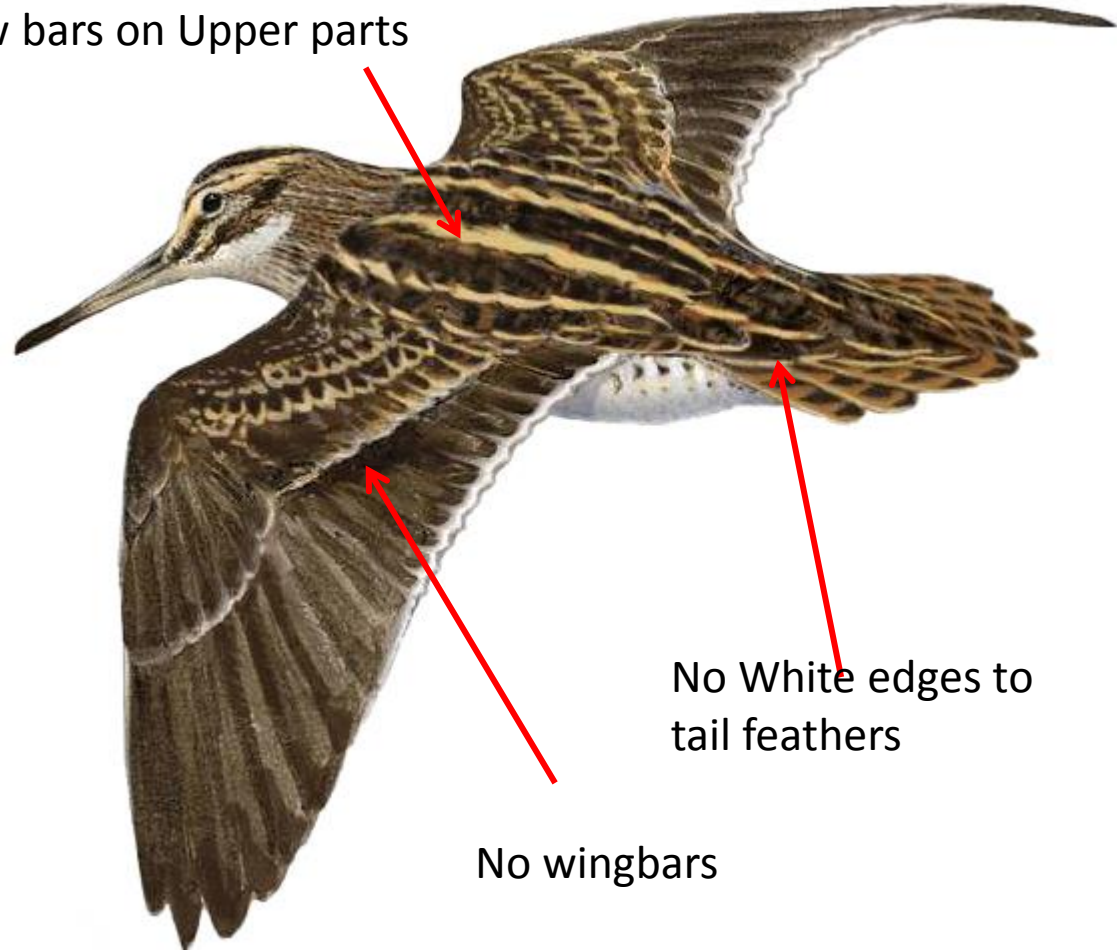
White underparts

Tail longer than  
Rounded Wings

## Jack Snipe Identification Tips

**Jack Snipe** : *Lymnocryptes minimus*: Widespread (Sporadic) Winter Visitor in India

Yellow bars on Upper parts

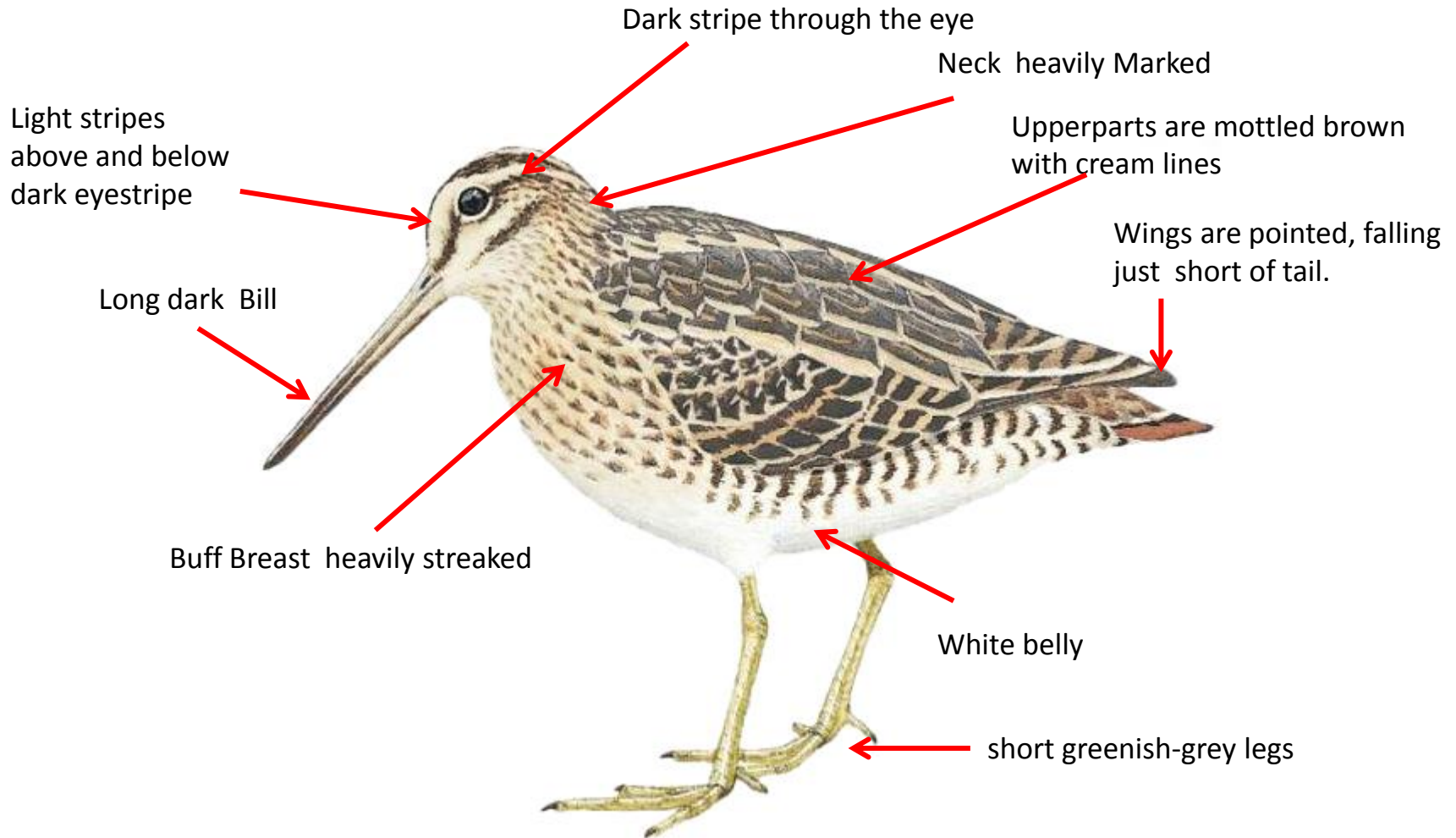


No White edges to  
tail feathers

No wingbars

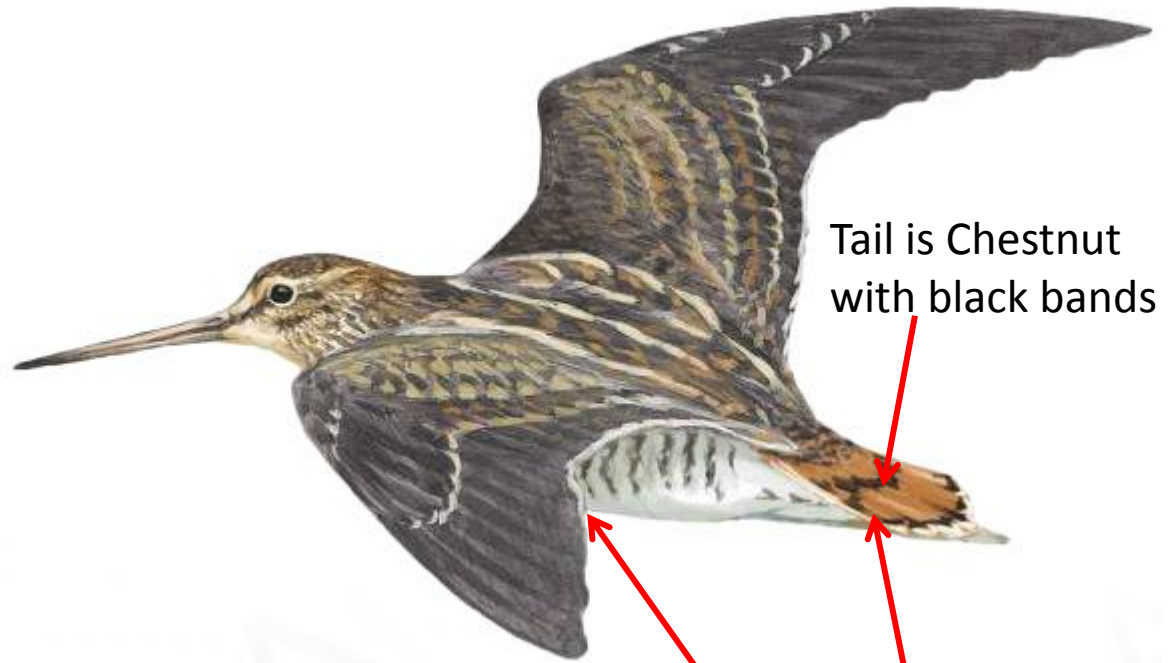
## Pin-tailed Snipe Identification Tips

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## Pin-tailed Snipe Identification Tips

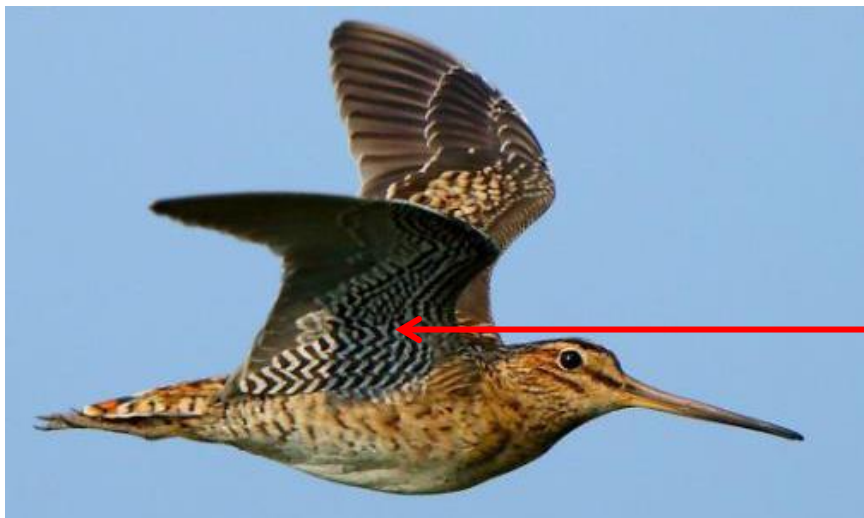
**Pin-tailed Snipe** : *Gallinago stenura* : Widespread Winter visitor in India ( Except North and West )



Tail is Chestnut  
with black bands

No trailing  
white edges to  
wings

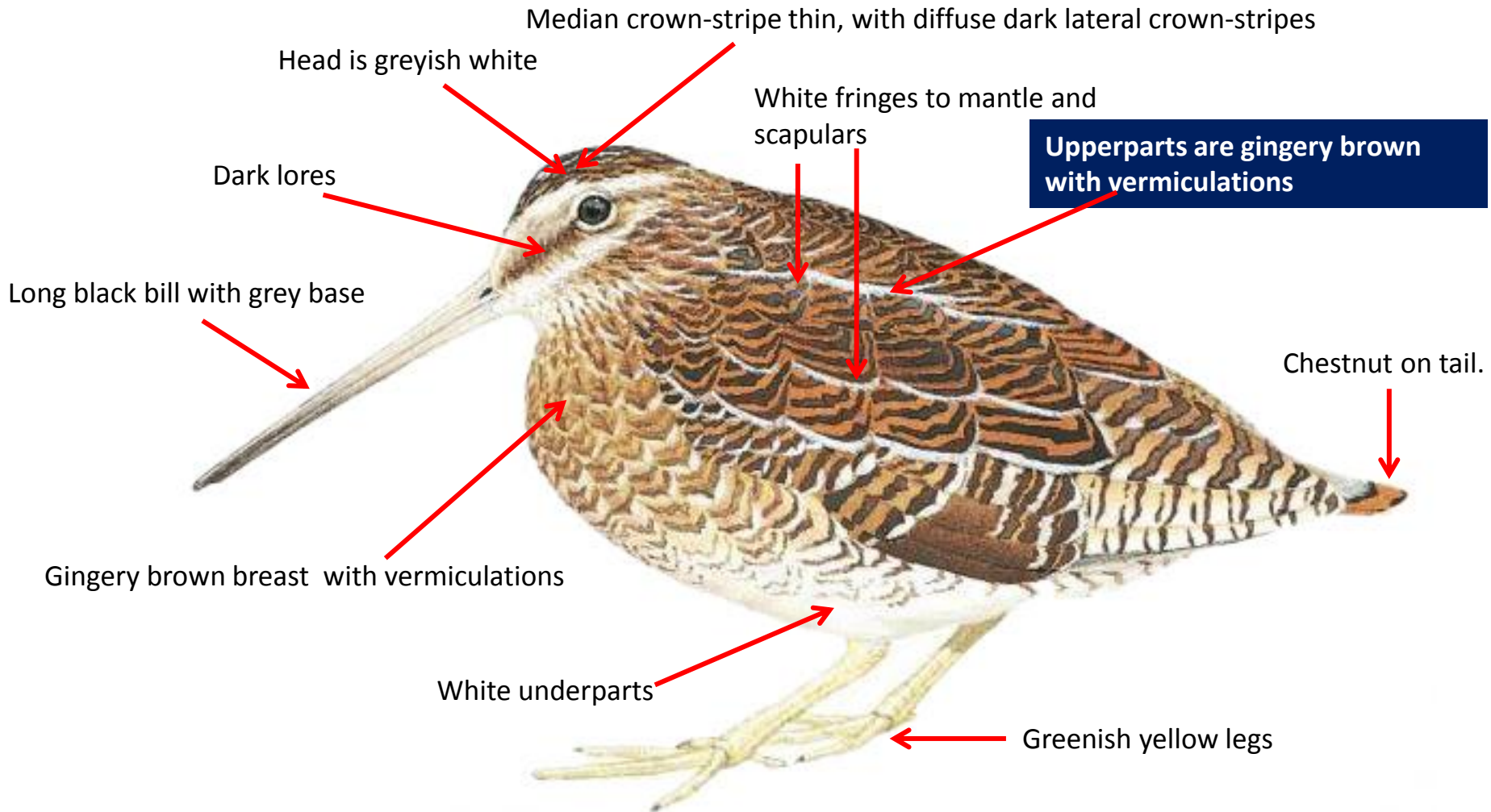
No White edges to  
tail feathers



Densely Barred  
underwing coverts

## Solitary Snipe Identification Tips

**Solitary Snipe : *Gallinago solitaria*** : Winter visitor in Himalayas and North east India



## Solitary Snipe Identification Tips

**Solitary Snipe : *Gallinago solitaria*** : Winter visitor in Himalayas and North east India

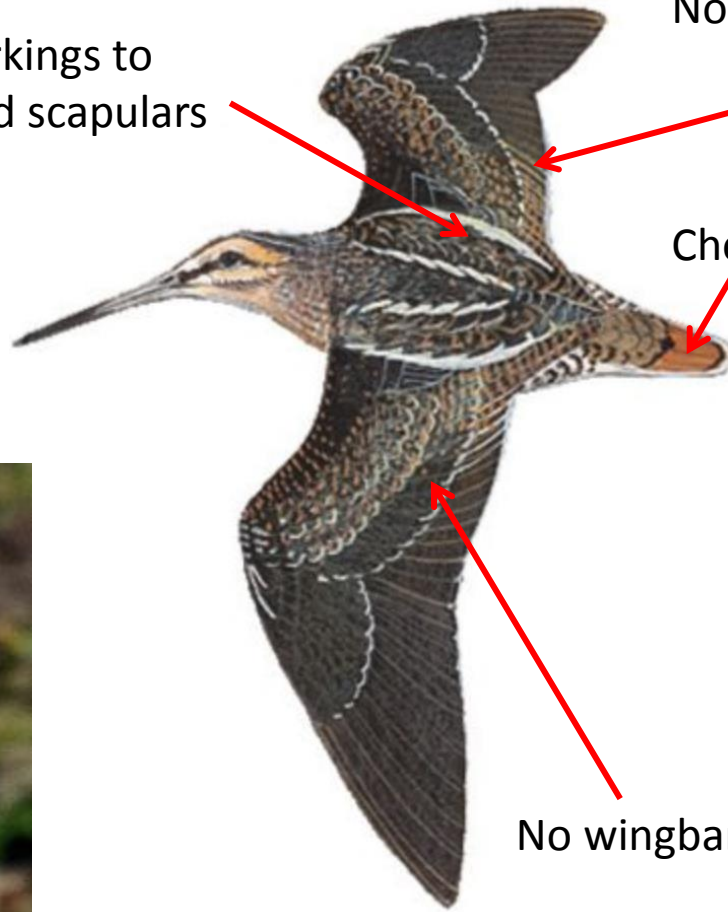


White markings to  
mantle and scapulars

No trailing white edges

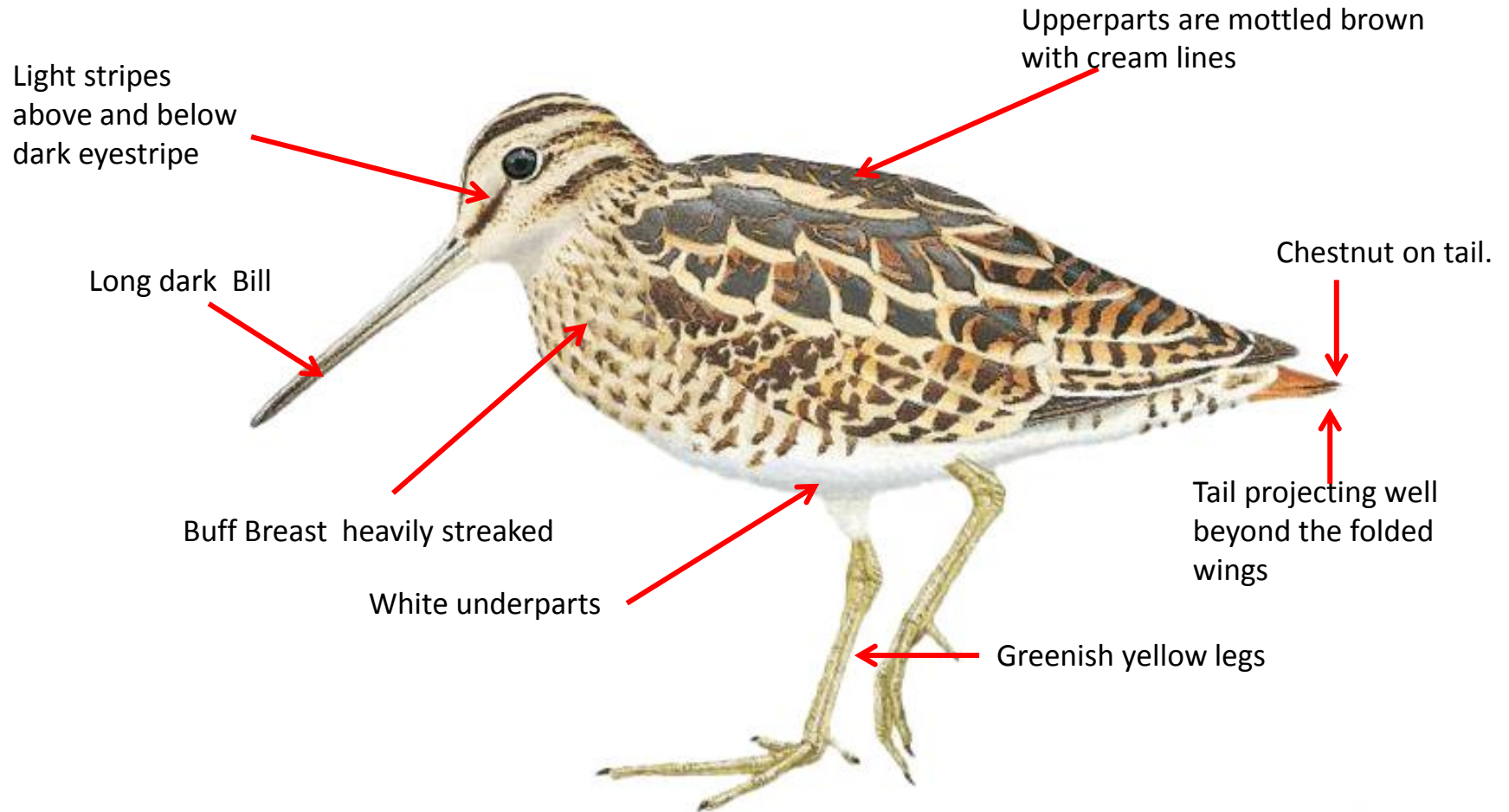
Chestnut tail

No wingbars



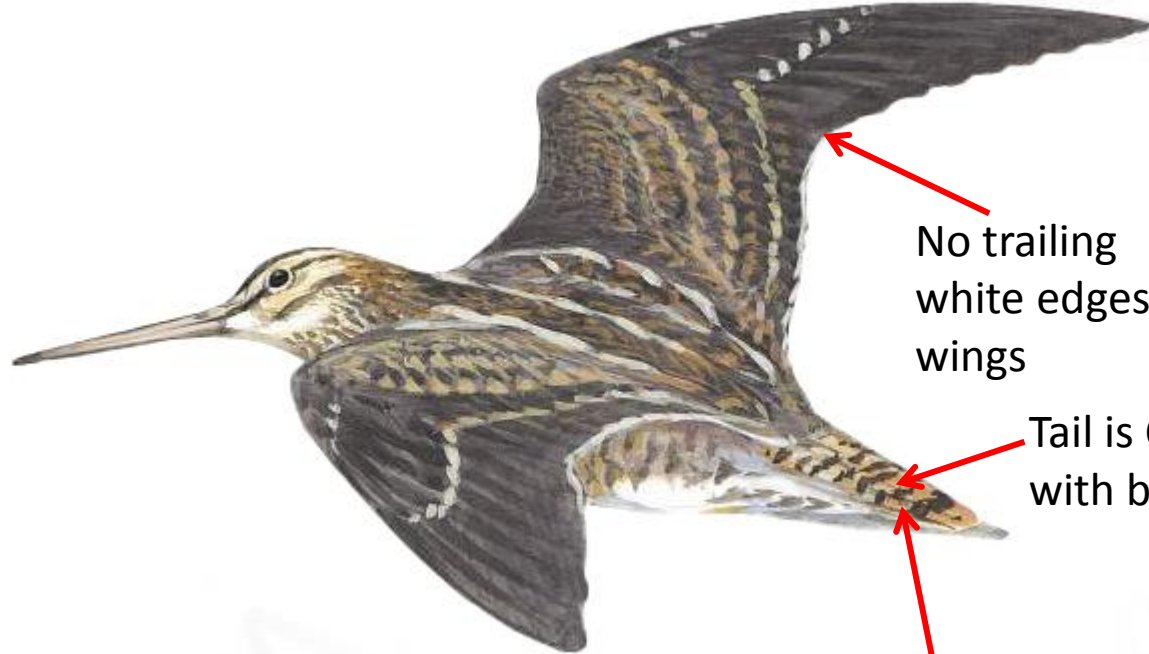
## Swinhoe's Snipe Identification Tips

**Swinhoe's Snipe : *Gallinago megala*** : Winter visitor in South and North east India



## Swinhoe's Snipe Identification Tips

Swinhoe's Snipe : *Gallinago megala* : Winter visitor in South and North east India



No trailing  
white edges to  
wings

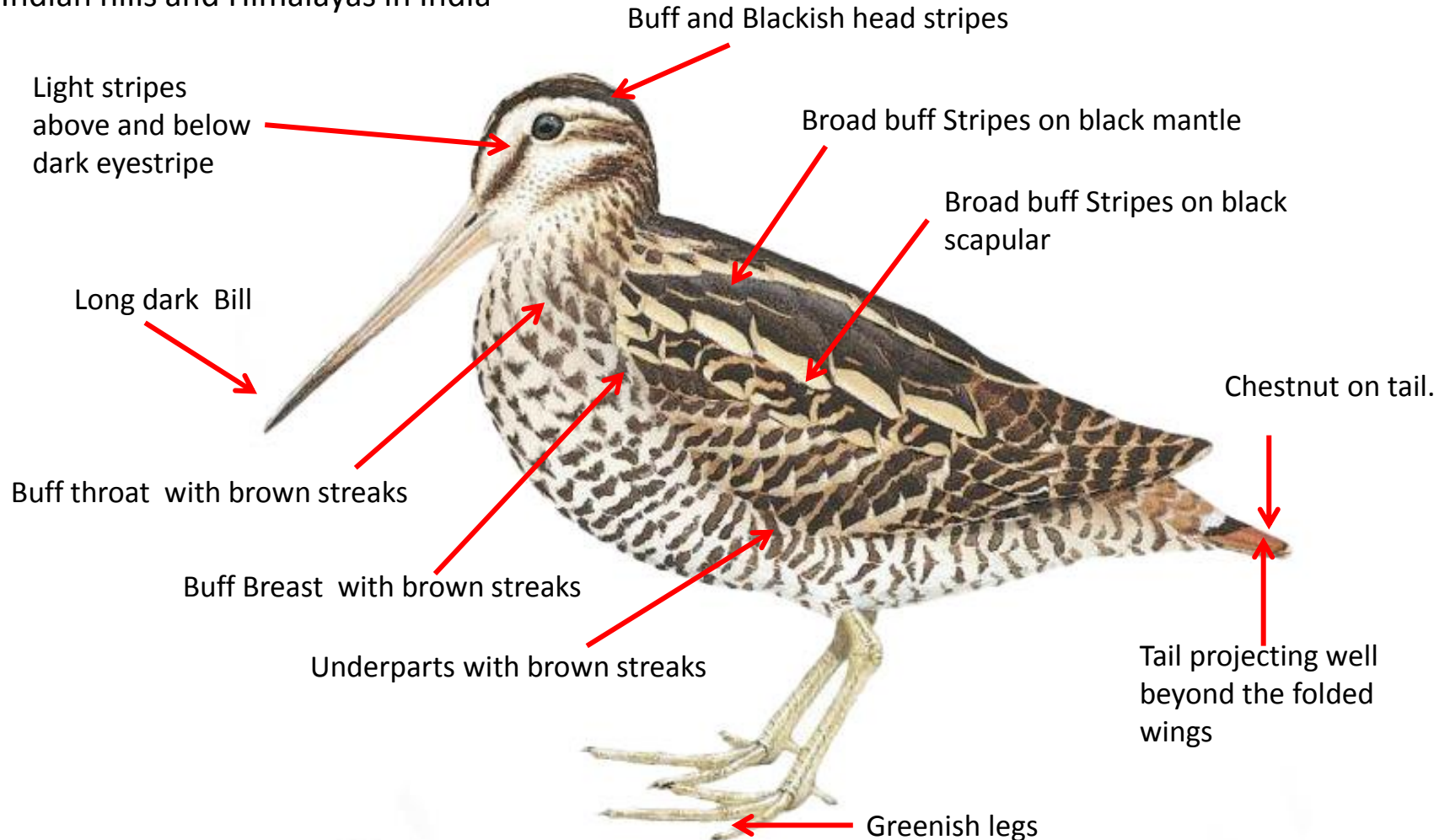
Tail is Chestnut  
with black marking

No White edges to  
tail feathers



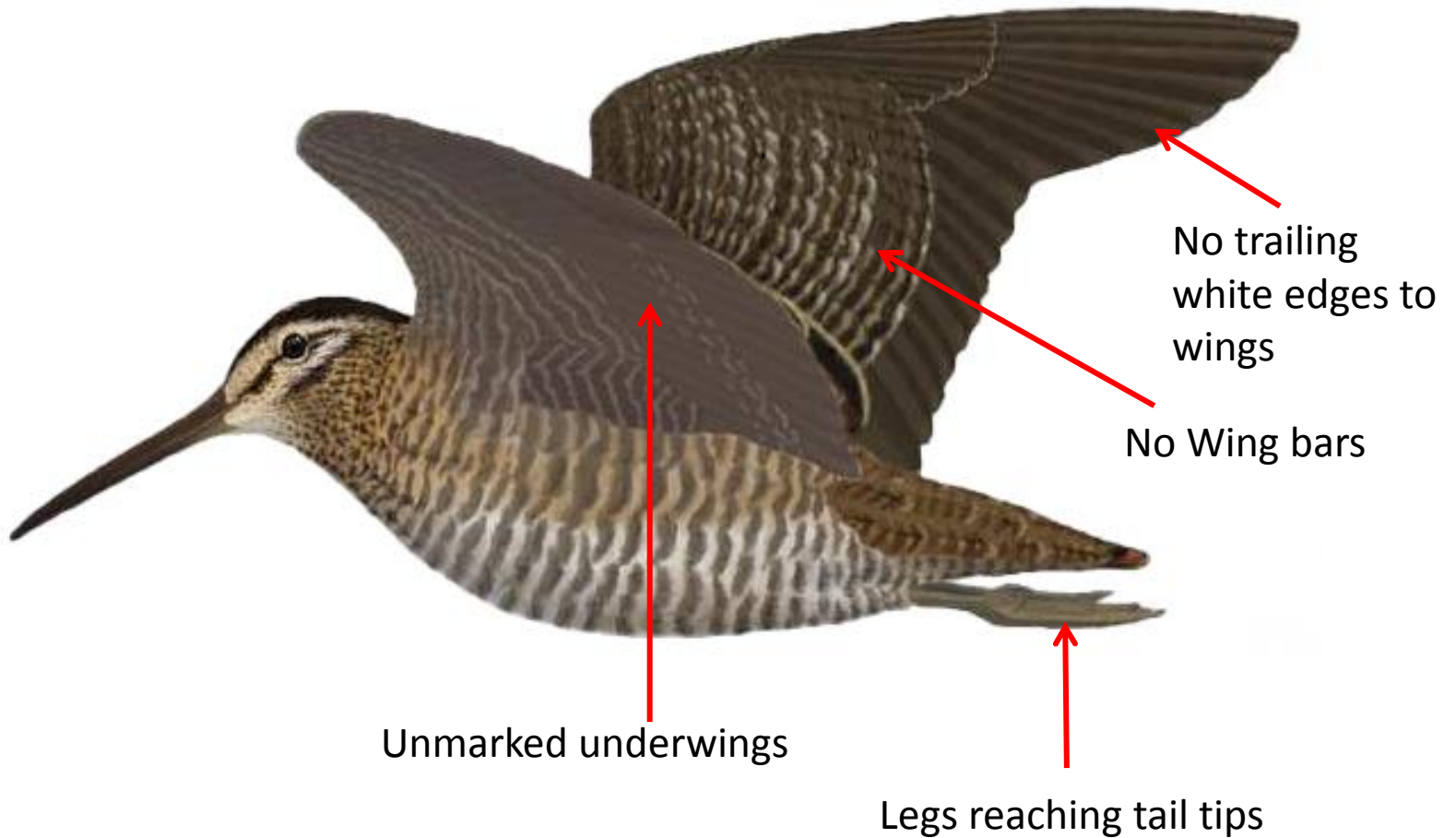
## Wood Snipe Identification Tips

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## Wood Snipe Identification Tips

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## Common Snipe Vs Pin-tailed Snipe

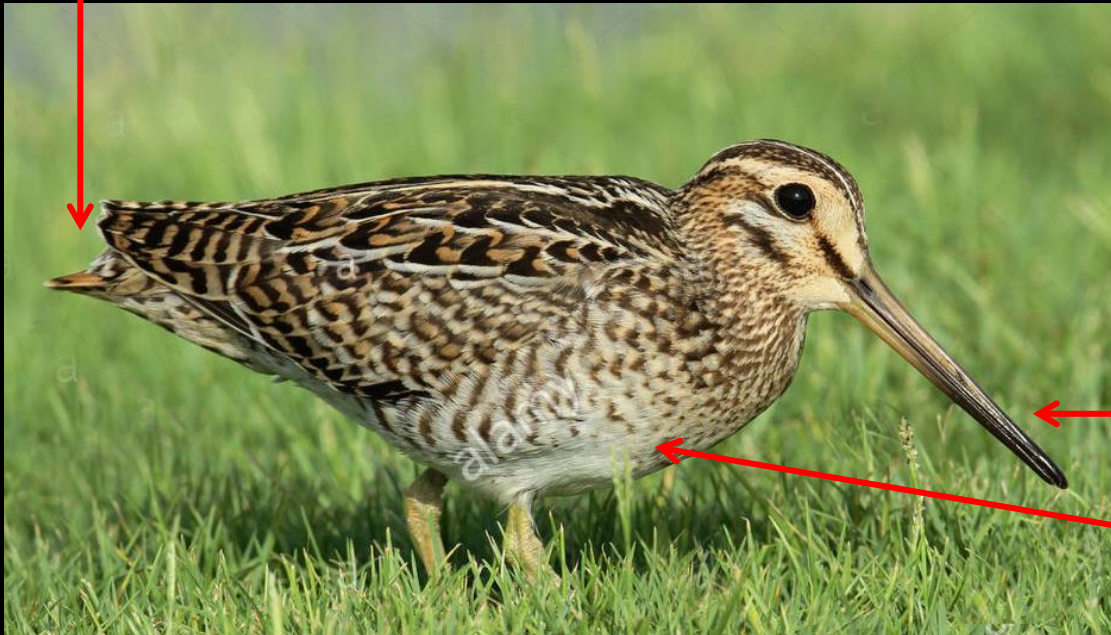
Common Snipe

Streaks only on upper breast



Longer Tail

Smaller Tail



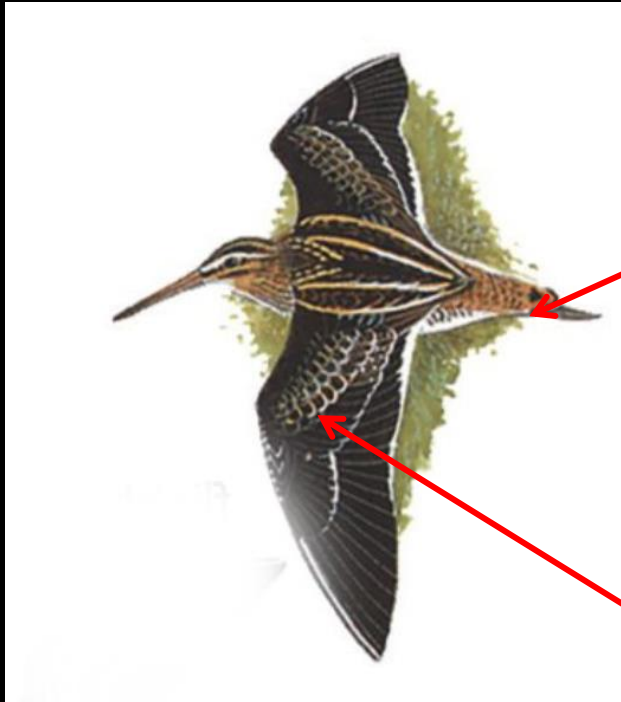
Pin-tailed Snipe

Smaller Bill

Streaks Reaching belly

## Common Snipe Vs Pin-tailed Snipe

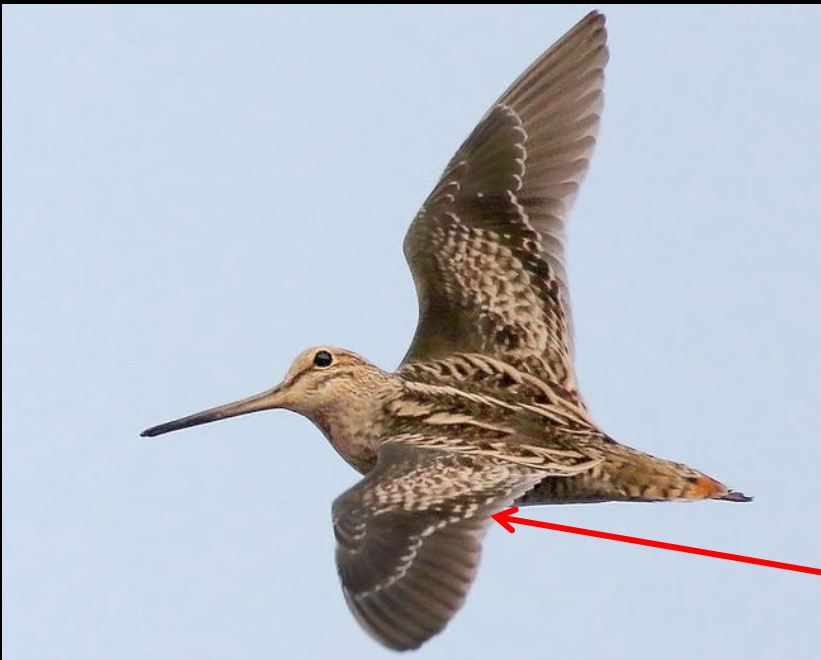
Common Snipe



Legs well  
beyond tail

White trailing  
edges to wings

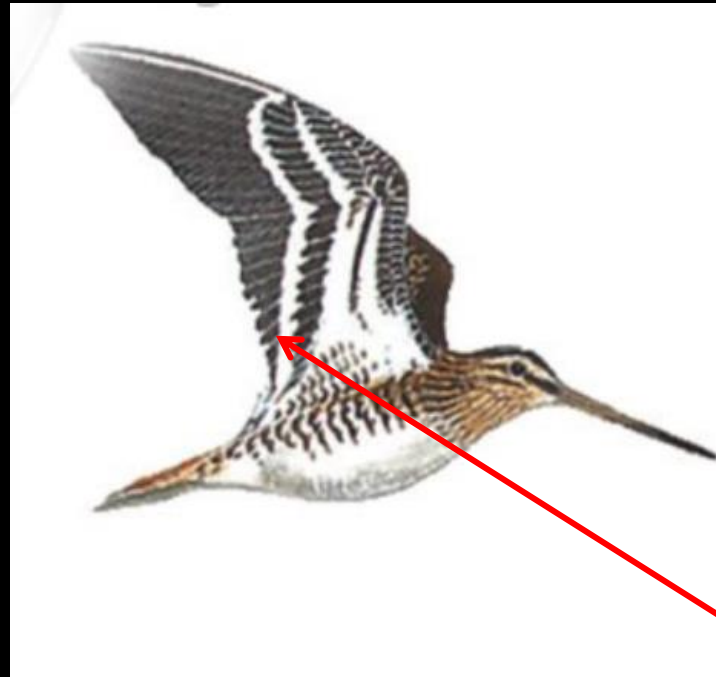
Pin-tailed Snipe



No white trailing edges

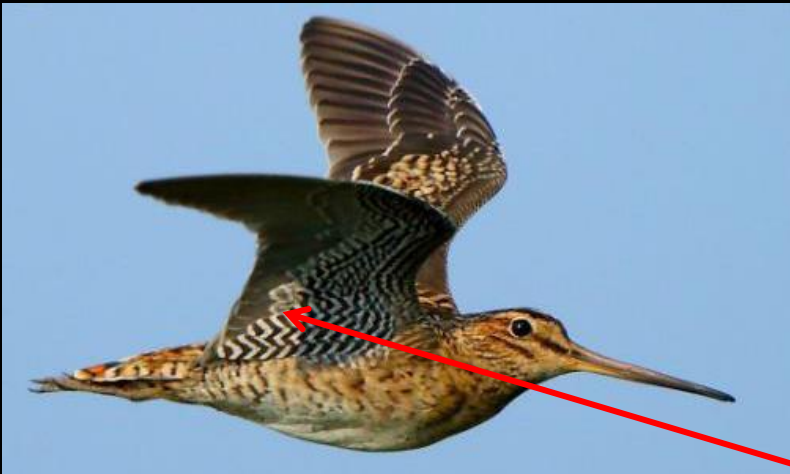
## Common Snipe Vs Pin-tailed Snipe

Common Snipe



White bars on  
Under wing-covert

Pin-tailed Snipe



Marked Under wing-coverts