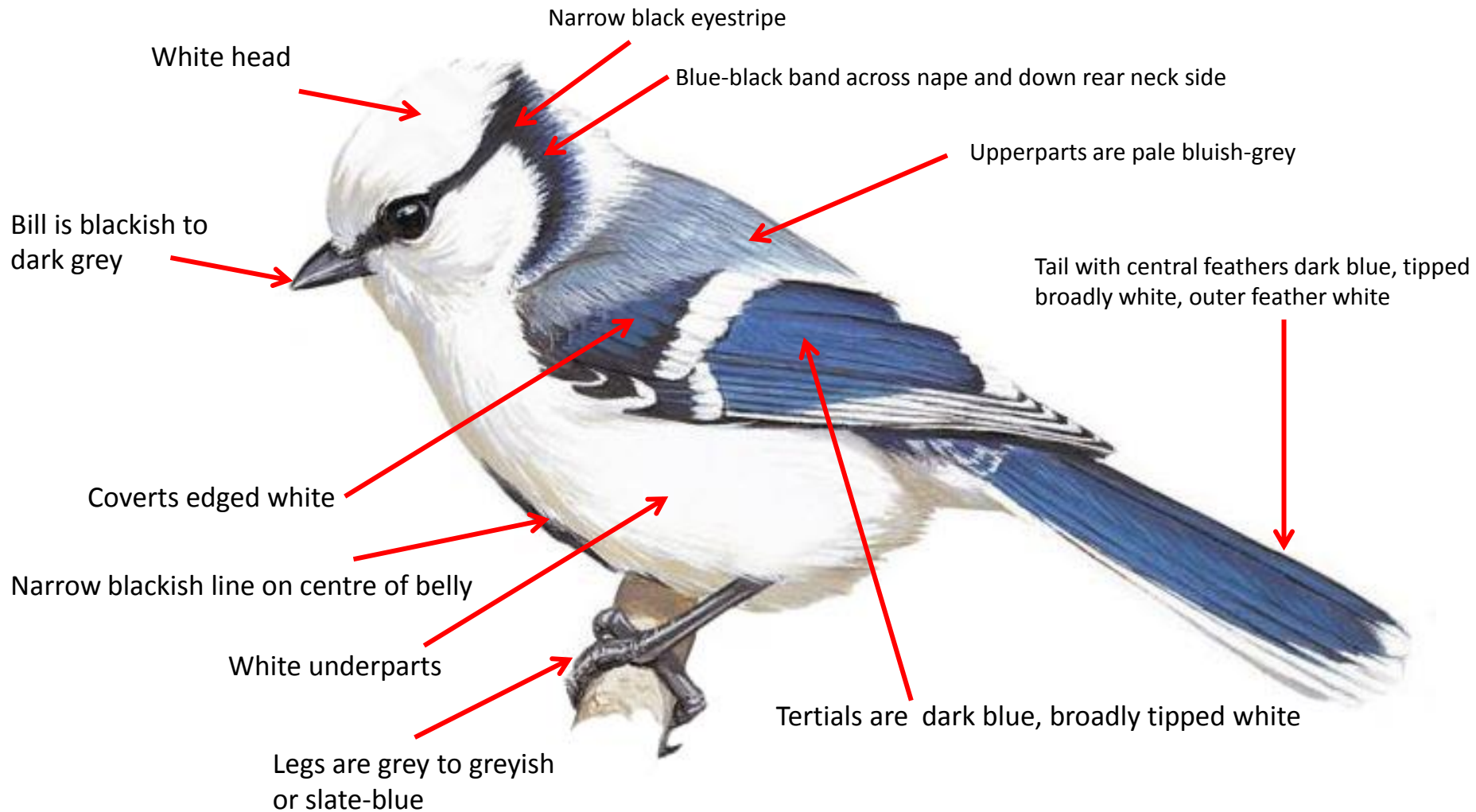




- The following pages have some identification markers for each of the Tits found in India
- To know more on these birds you can visit <http://ogaclicks.com/tit/>
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# Azure Tit Identification Tips

**Azure Tit : *Cyanistes cyanus* : Vagrant in India**



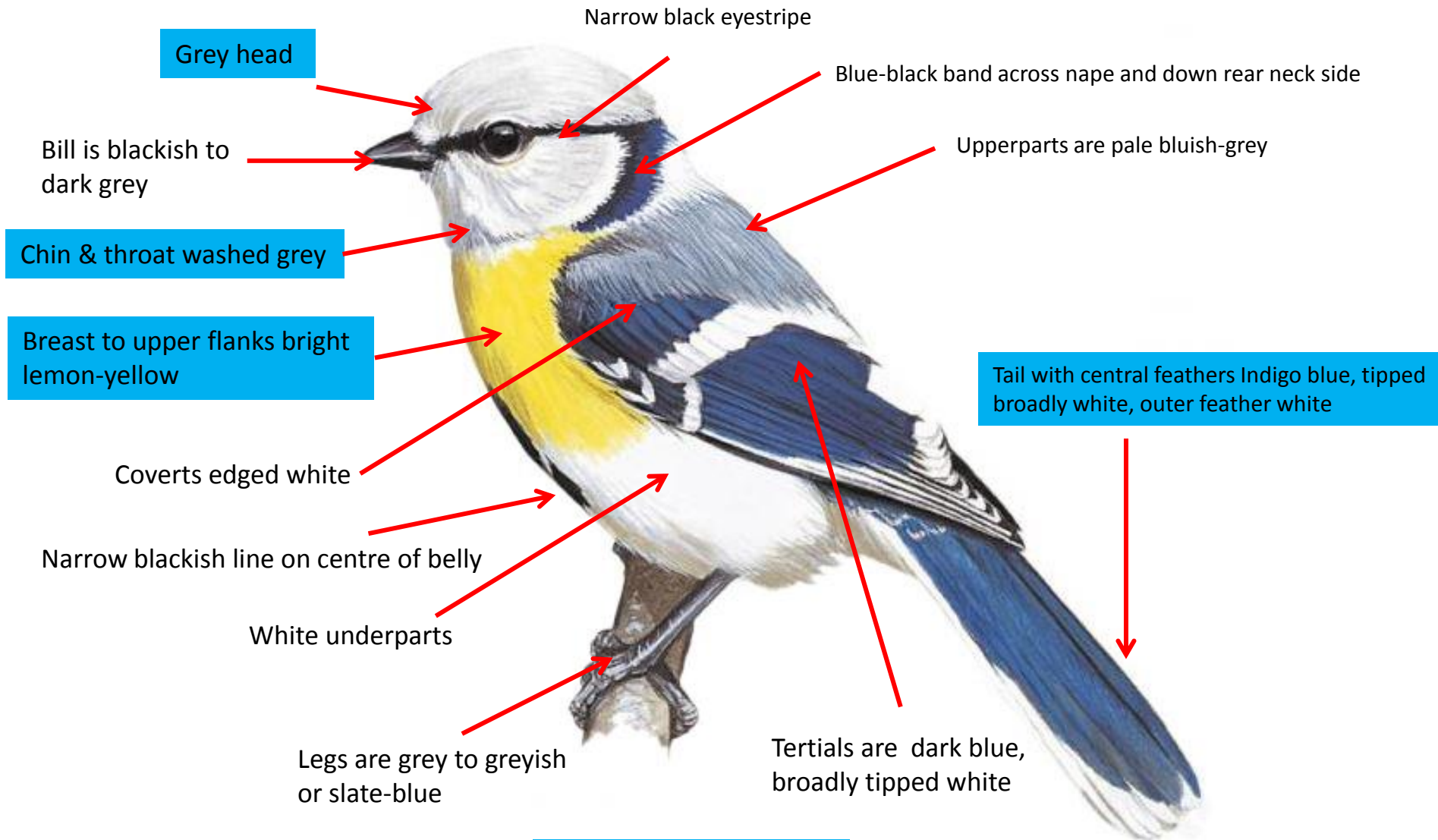
**Difference from Male**

**Difference from Breeding plumage**

**Important id point**

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Yellow-breasted Tit : *Cyanistes cyanus flavipectus*: Vagrant in India

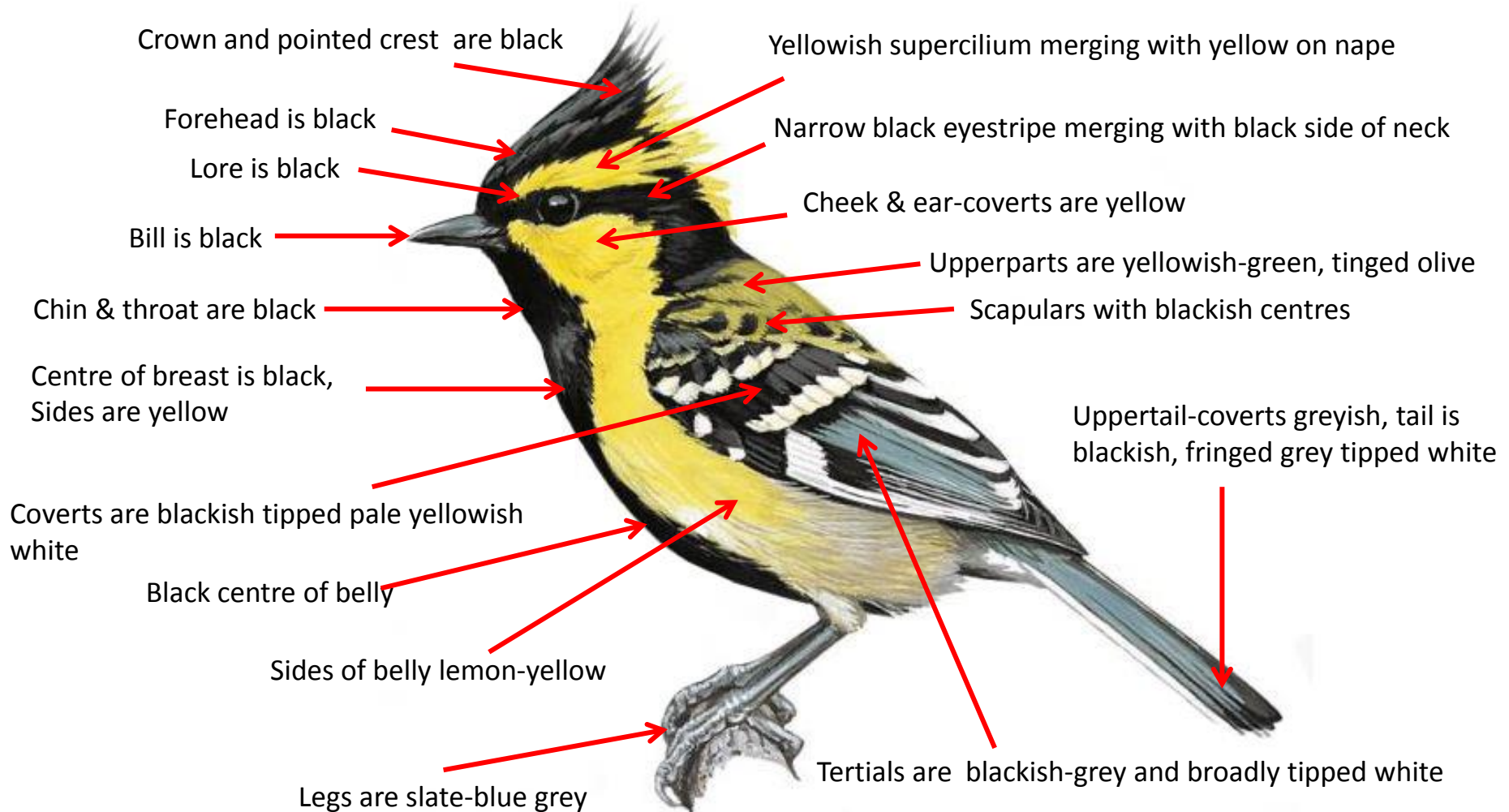


Difference from Nominate

Important id point

# Black-lored Tit Identification Tips

**Black-lored Tit: *Parus xanthogenys*:** Resident in Himalayas in India



**Difference from Male**

**Difference from Breeding plumage**

**Important id point**



## Black-lored Tit Identification Tips – P.x. *travancoreensis*- Male

**Black-lored Tit: *Parus xanthogenys travancoreensis*:** Resident of western Ghats in India

Crown and pointed crest are black

Forehead is black

Lore is black

Bill is black

Whitish Yellow supercilium

Narrow black eyestripe merging with black side of neck

Cheek & ear-coverts are Whitish yellow

Chin & throat are black

Upperparts are Olive grey

Scapulars with blackish centres

Centre of breast is black,  
Sides are paler yellow and  
heavily tinged olive

Coverts are blackish tipped pale  
yellowish white

Black centre of belly

Tertials are blackish-grey and broadly tipped  
white

Sides of belly paler yellow and heavily tinged olive

Legs are slate-blue grey

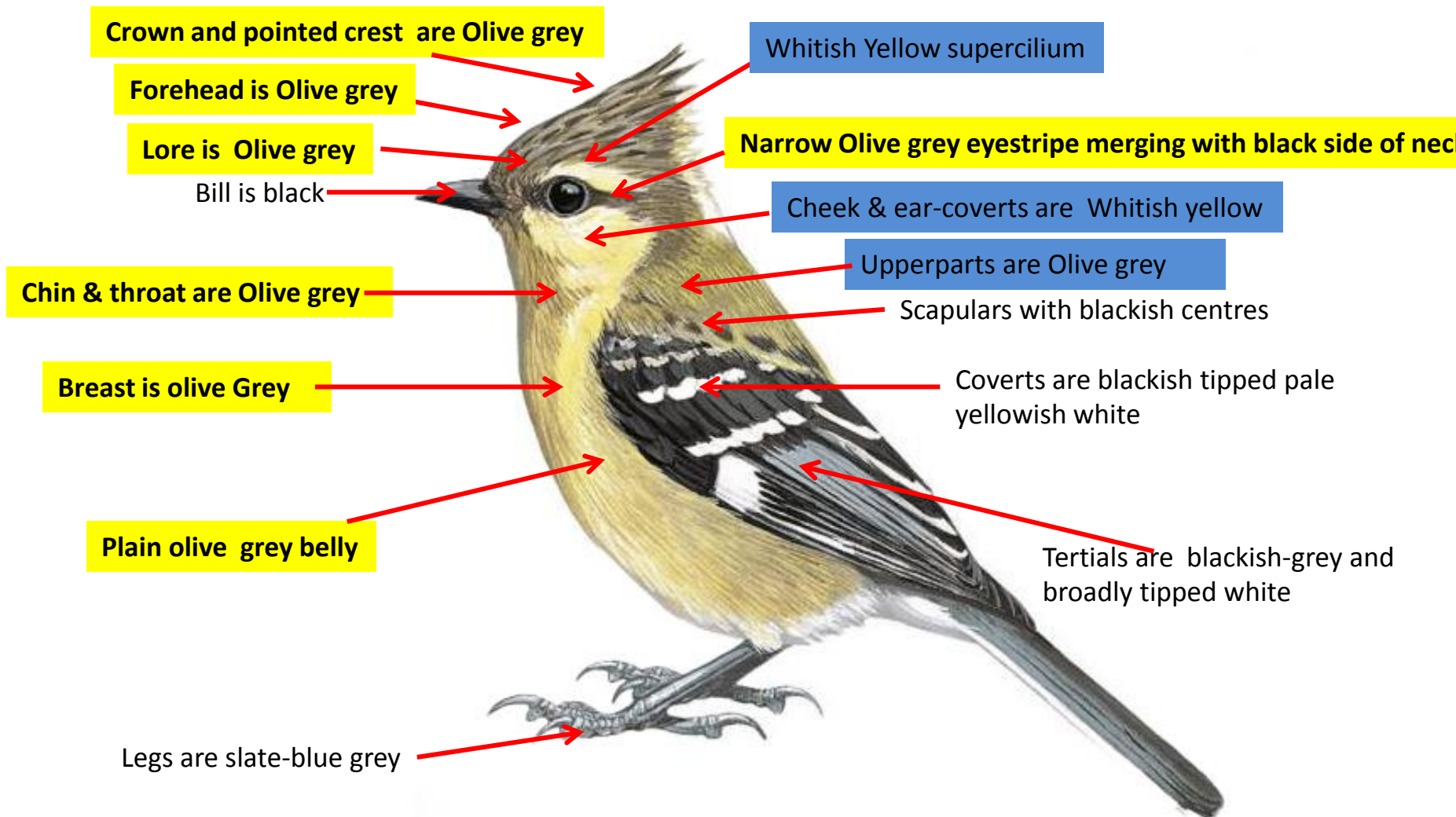
Uppertail-coverts greyish, tail  
is blackish, fringed grey tipped  
white

Difference from nominate

Important id point

## Black-lored Tit Identification Tips – P.x. *travancoreensis*- Female

**Black-lored Tit: *Parus xanthogenys travancoreensis*:** Resident of western Ghats in India



**Difference from Male**

**Difference from nominate**

**Important id point**

# Indian Yellow Tit Identification Tips

**Indian Yellow Tit : *Parus xanthogenys aplonotus*** : Resident of Central India, Orissa, and Western Peninsular India

Crown and pointed crest are black

Forehead is black

Lore is black

Bill is black

Whitish Yellow supercilium

Narrow black eyestripe merging with black side of neck

Cheek & ear-coverts are Dull yellow

Chin & throat are Greyish Olive

Upperparts are Olive green

Scapulars with blackish centres

Centre of breast is Greyish olive, Sides are Yellow

Coverts are blackish tipped white

Greyish olive centre of belly

Sides of belly paler yellow and tinged olive

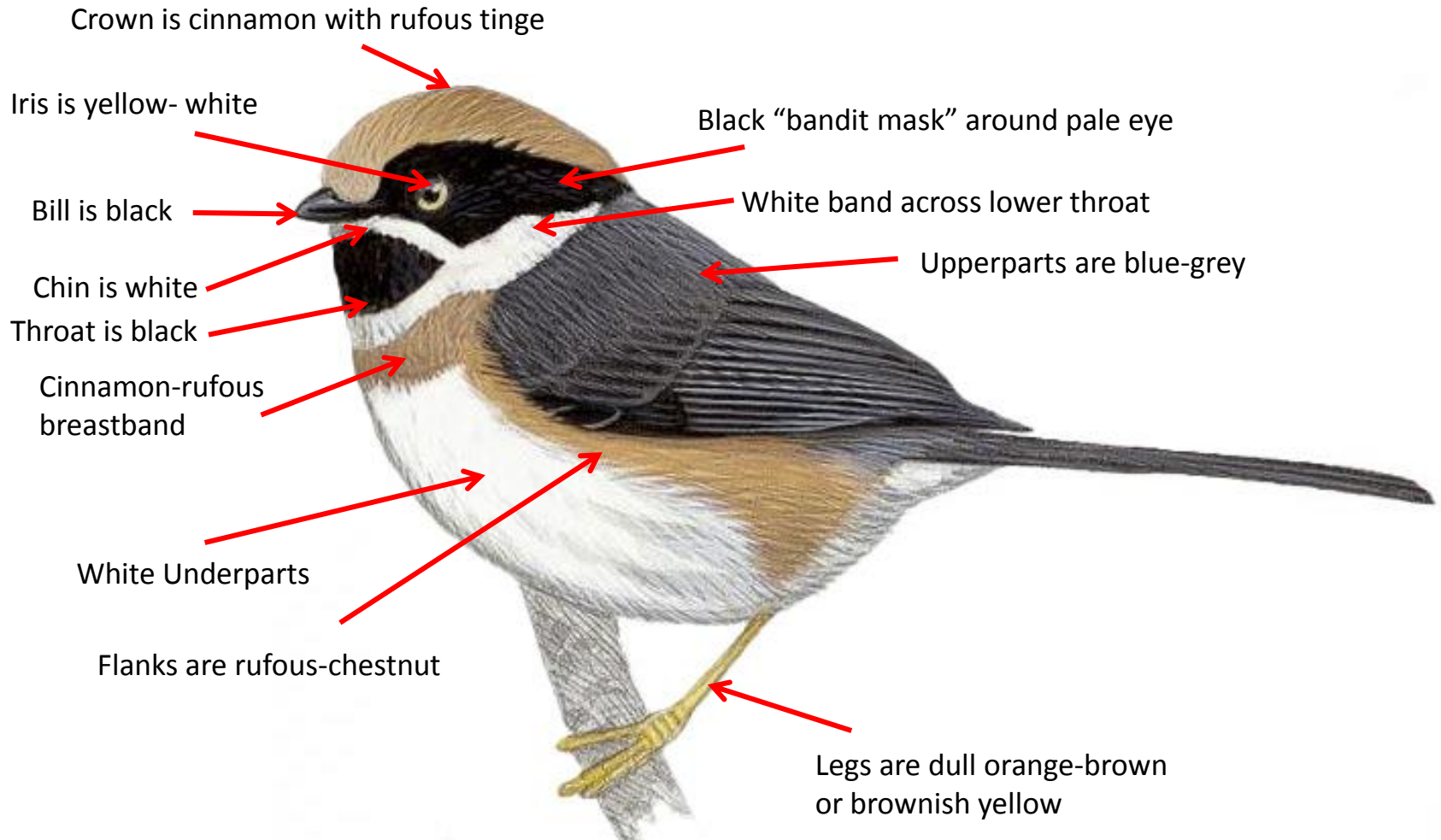
Legs are slate-blue grey

Difference from nominate

Important id point

# Black-throated Tit Identification Tips

**Black-throated Tit : *Aegithalos concinnus*** : Resident in Himalayas & hills of North East in India



Difference from Male

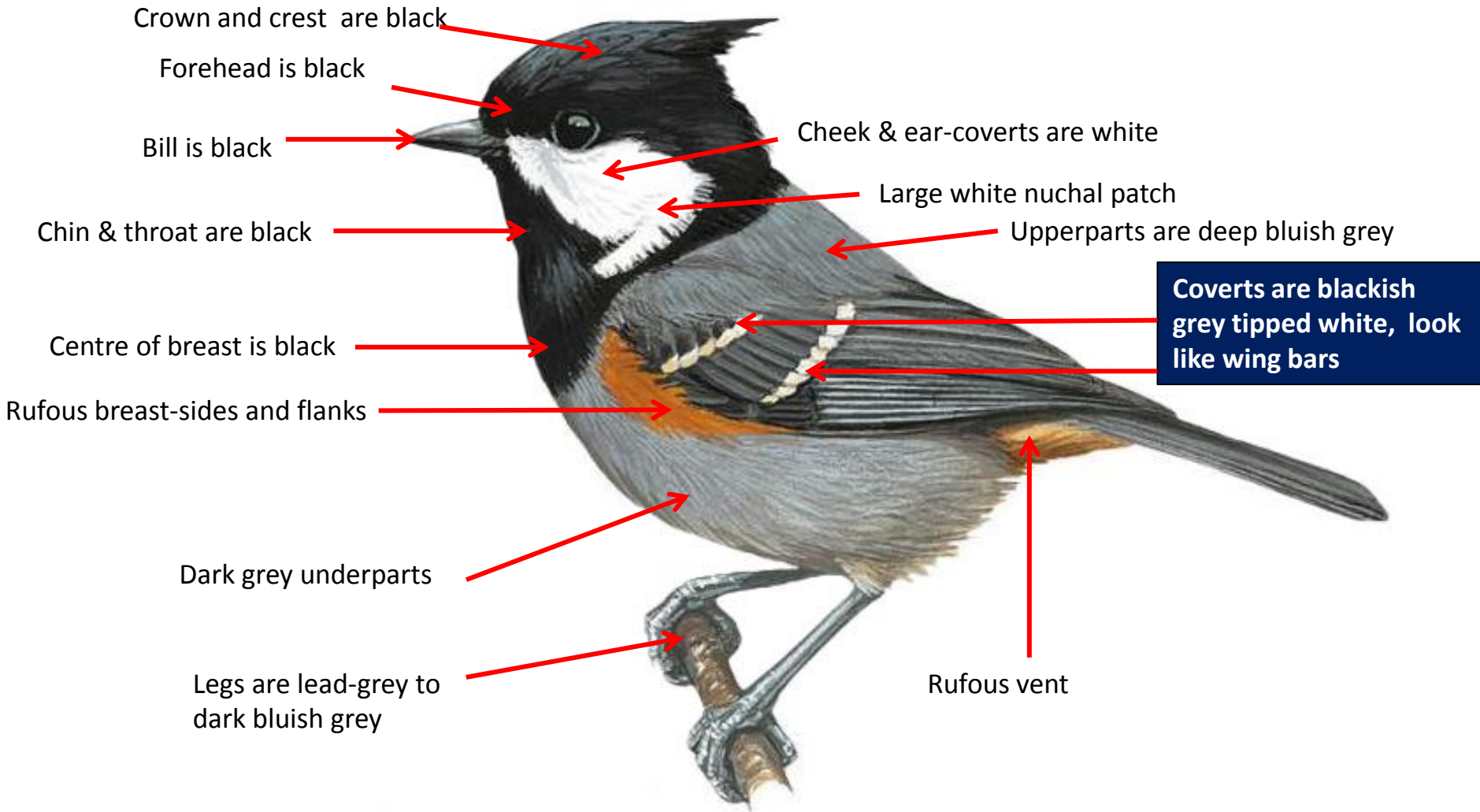
Difference from Breeding plumage

Important id point



# Coal Tit Identification Tips

**Coal Tit : *Periparus ater* : Resident in Himalayas in India**



## Fire-capped Tit Identification Tips

**Fire-capped Tit : *Cephalopyrus flammiceps*:** Breeds in Himalayas, winter visitor to Central and North east in India

Bright orange or red  
on forecrown

Non-breeding male lacks reddish on crown, throat and face  
, white throat

Bill is black

Chin & throat are Bright  
orange or red

Breast is Yellow

Yellow underparts

Legs are dark bluish  
grey

Upperparts are Yellowish olive

Upperwing dark olive-brown,  
feathers edged pale yellowish

Greyish-olive on  
crown, lacks Red  
forecrown

Greyish-white underparts

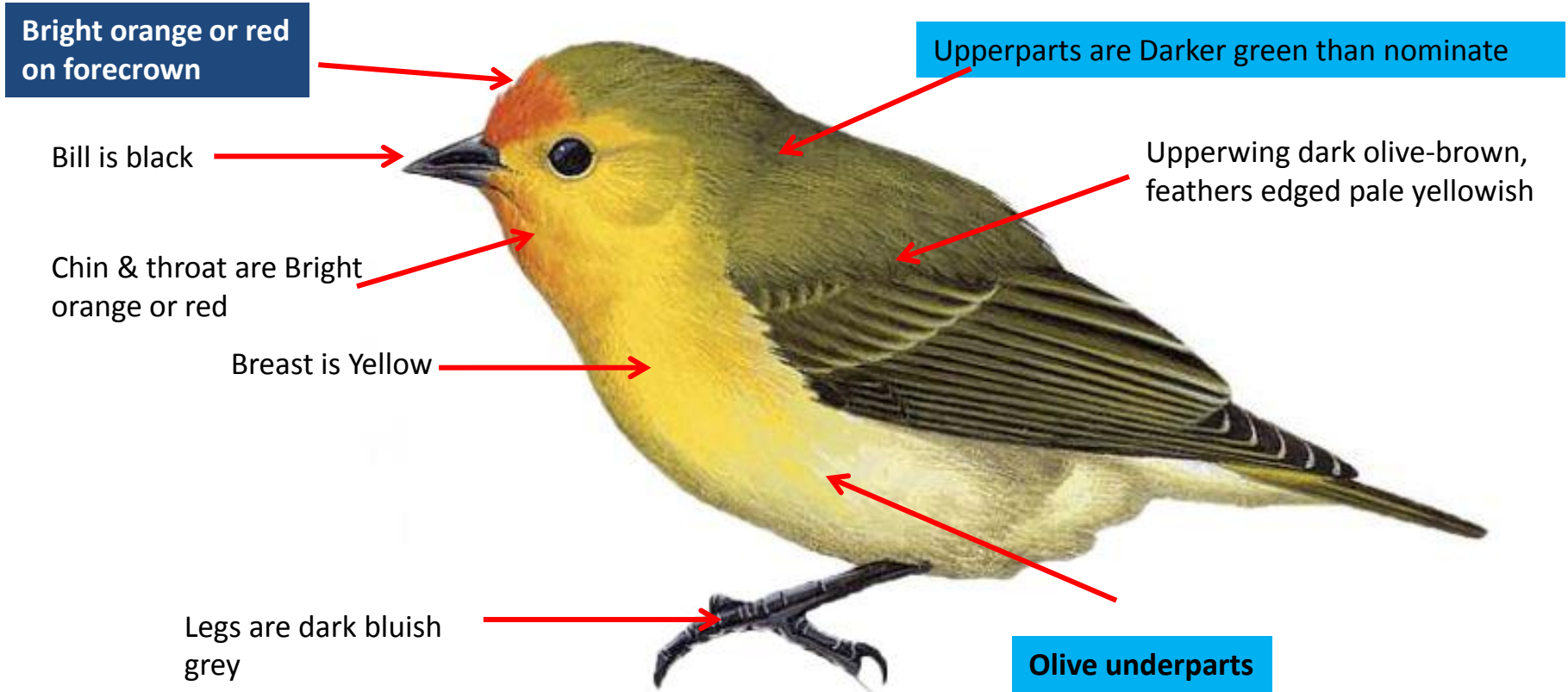
Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

Important id point

## Fire-capped Tit Identification Tips- *C. f. olivaceus*

**Fire-capped Tit : *Cephalopyrus flammiceps olivaceus*** : Resident of North East India (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh)

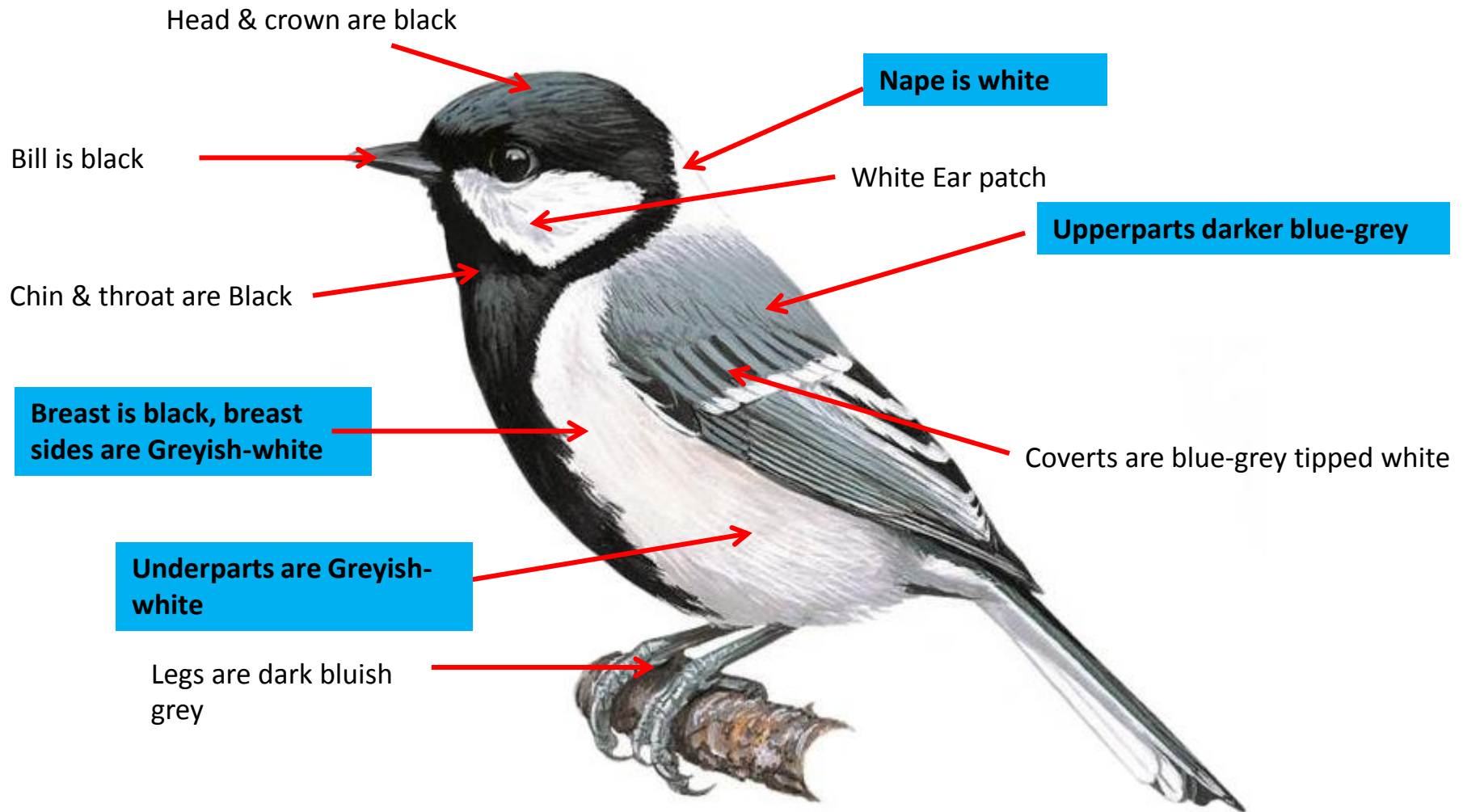


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# Great Tit Identification Tips – *P. m. planorum*

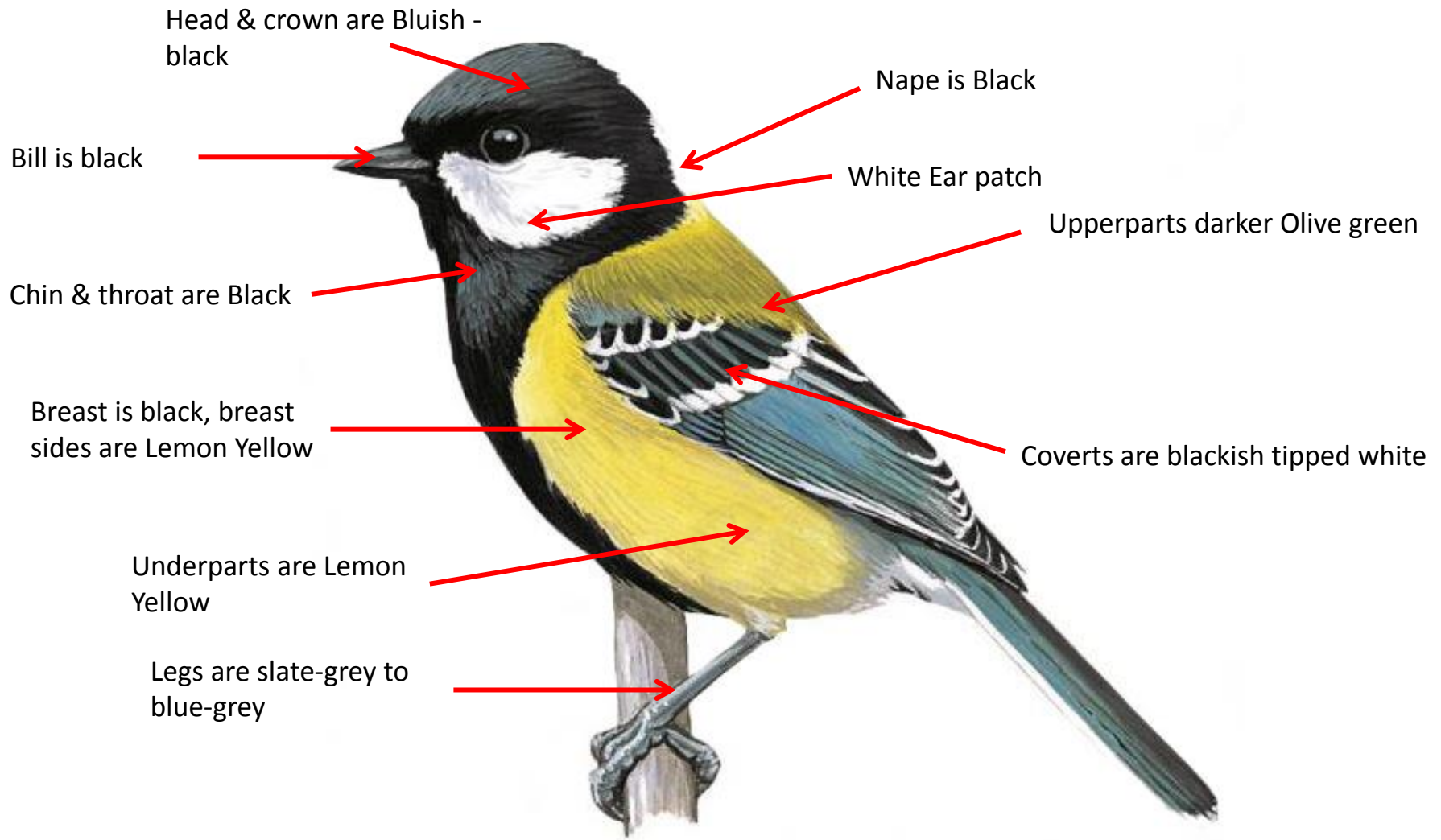
**Great Tit : *Parus major planorum* : Resident of North India**





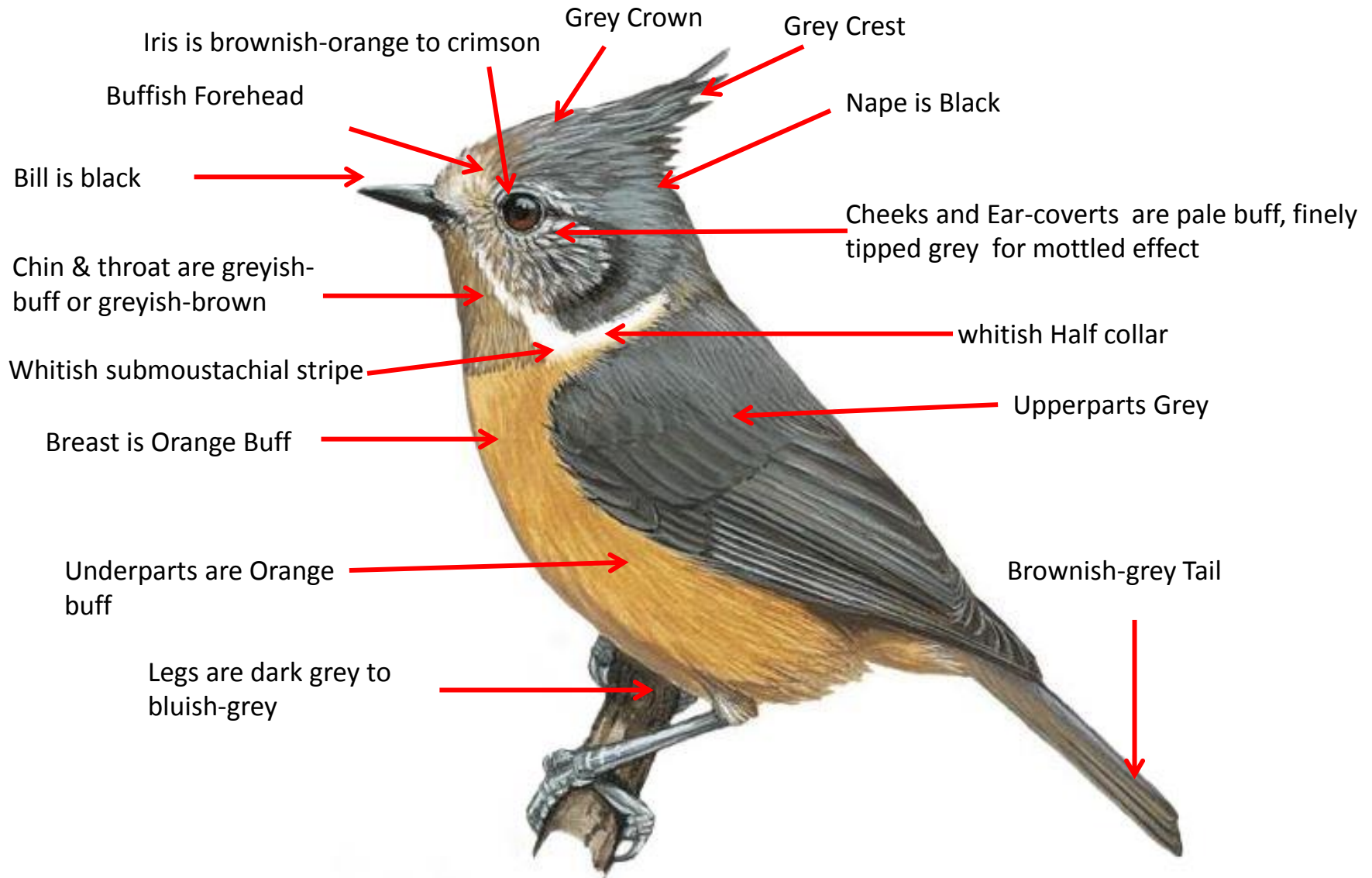
# Green-backed Tit Identification Tips

**Green-backed Tit : *Parus monticolus*** : Resident of Himalayas and Hills of North East India



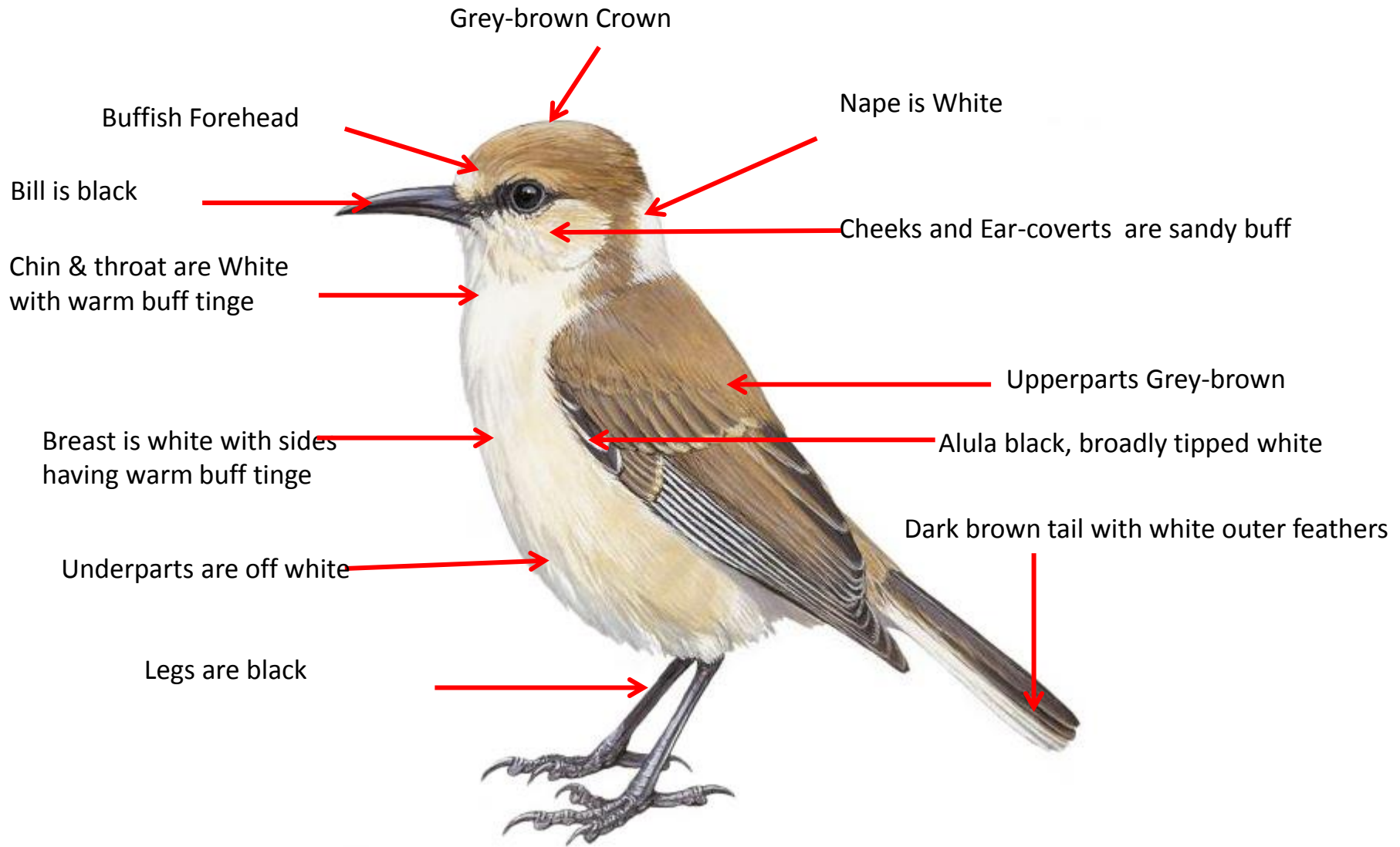
# Grey-crested Tit Identification Tips

**Grey-crested Tit : *Lophophanes dichrous* : Resident of Himalayas in India**



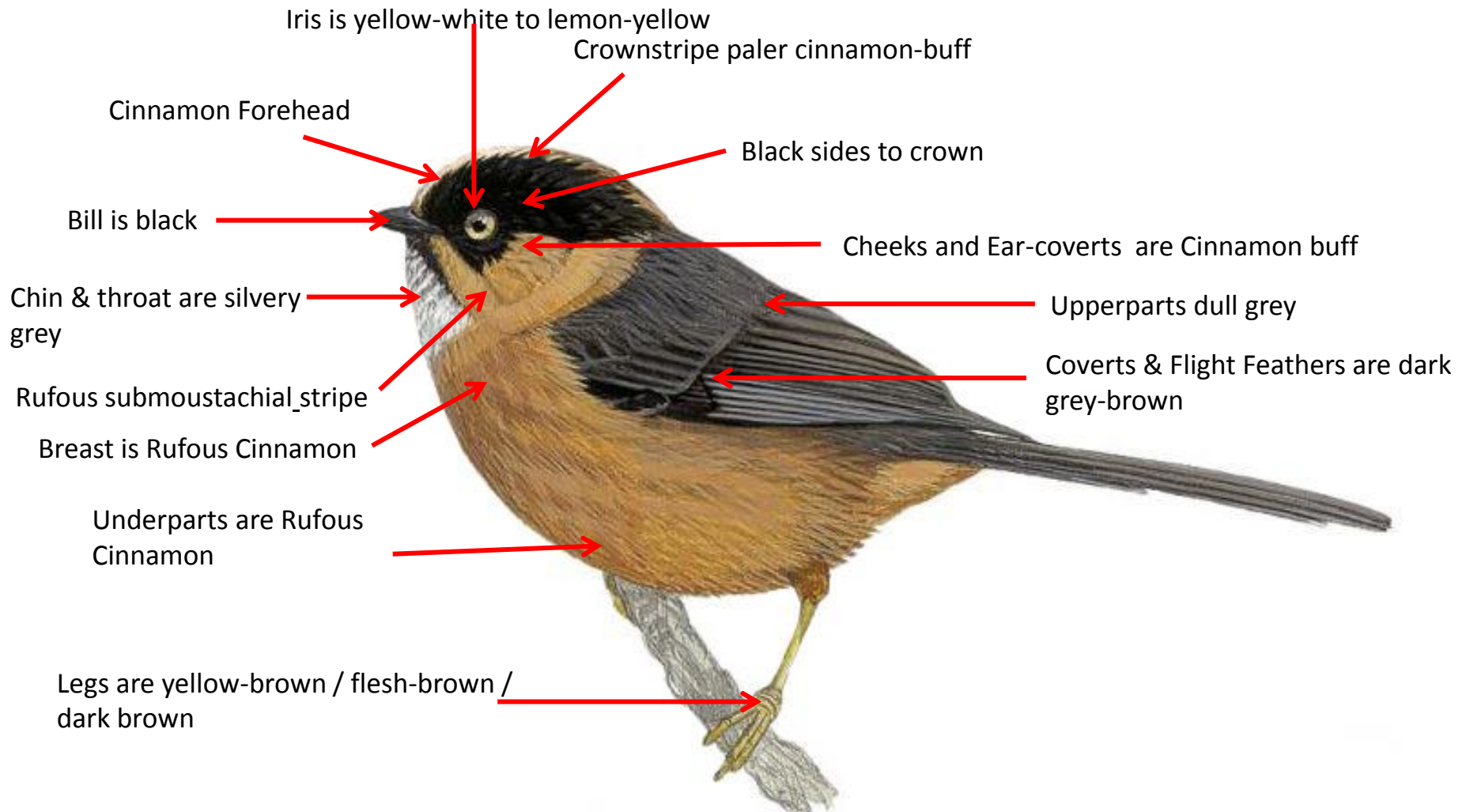
## Groundpecker ( Ground Tit) Identification Tips

**Groundpecker (Ground Tit) : *Pseudopodoces humilis*** : Resident of Himalayas in Extreme North India ( Ladhak)



## Rufous-fronted Tit Identification Tips

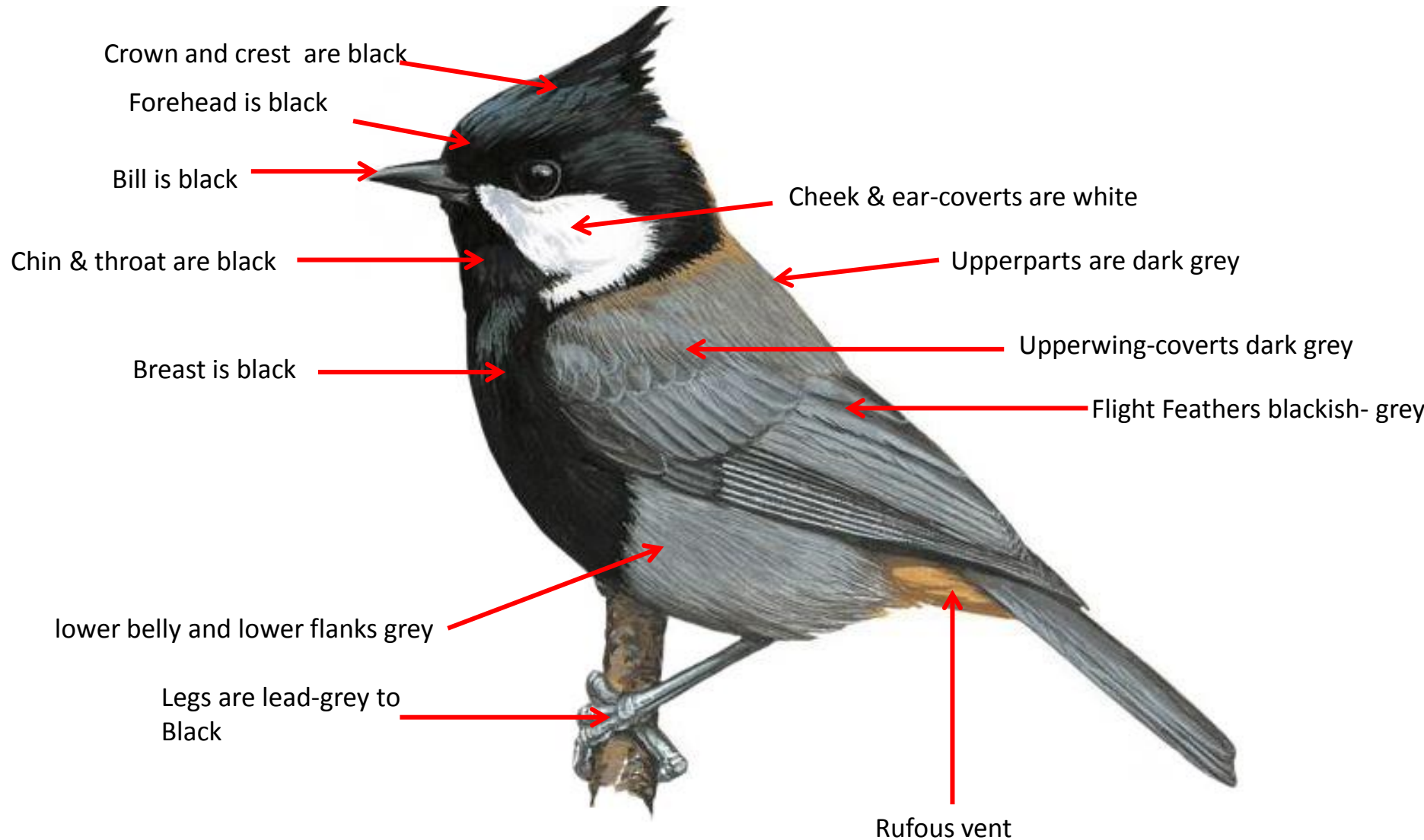
**Rufous-fronted Tit: *Aegithalos iouschistos*:** Resident of Central & Eastern Himalayas in India





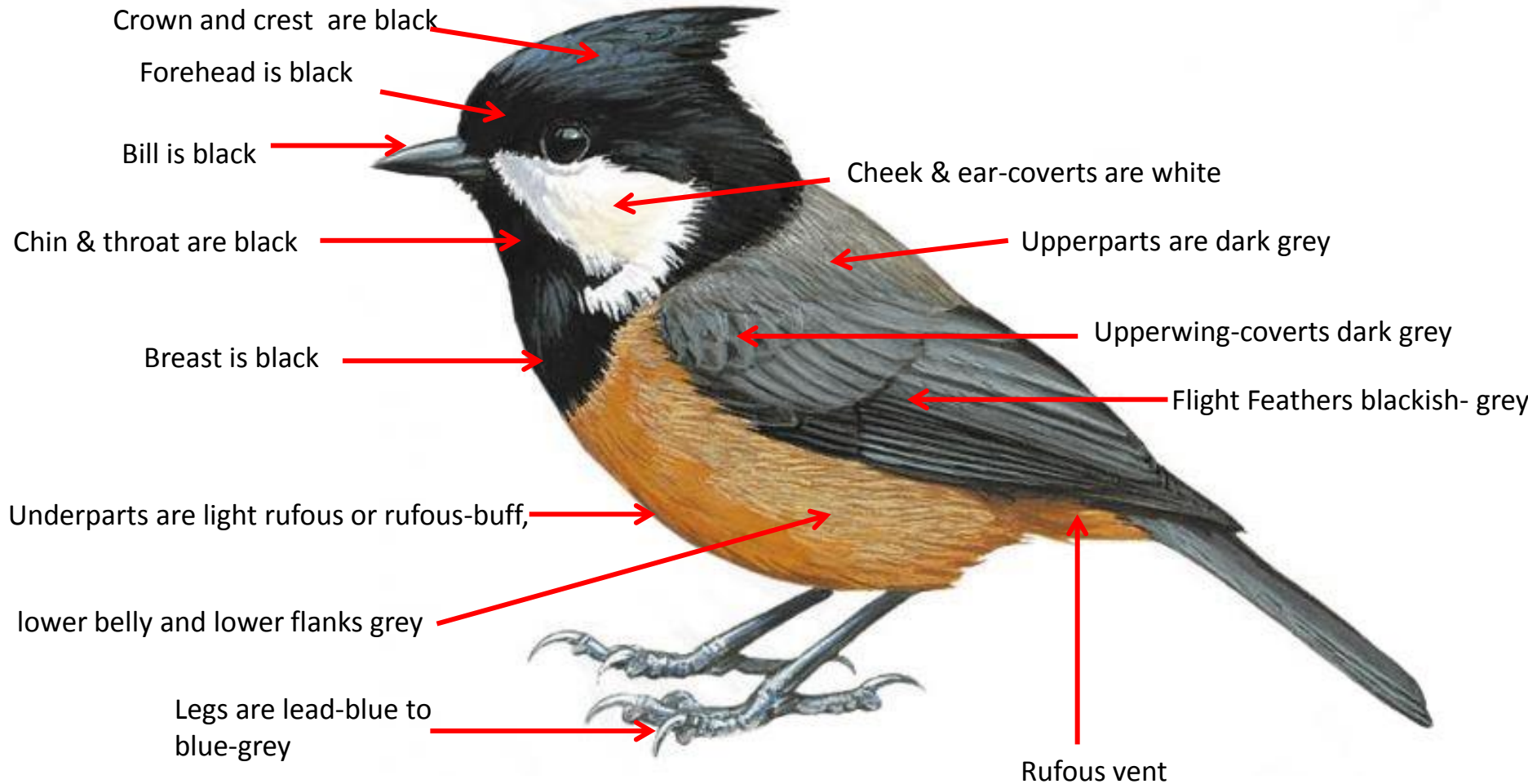
## Rufous-naped Tit Identification Tips

**Rufous-naped Tit: *Periparus rufonuchalis*** : Resident of Western Himalayas in India



## Rufous-vented Tit Identification Tips

**Rufous-vented Tit: *Periparus rubidiventris*** : Resident of West & Central Himalayas from Kashmir Eastwards to North East India



## Sultan Tit Identification Tips

**Sultan Tit: *Melanochlora sultanea*:** Resident of East Himalayas to North East India (Arunachal Pradesh Southwards to Manipur and Mizoram)

Crown is Sulphur yellow  
Crest is Sulphur yellow  
Forehead is Sulphur Yellow

Bill is black/ bluish slate-grey

Chin & throat are  
Greenish- black

Breast is Greenish-  
black

Upperparts are glossy  
greenish black

Underparts are bright yellow

All yellow are  
duller than Male

Chin ,throat  
& breast  
olive-green

Yellow vent

Legs are blue-grey,  
tinged greenish

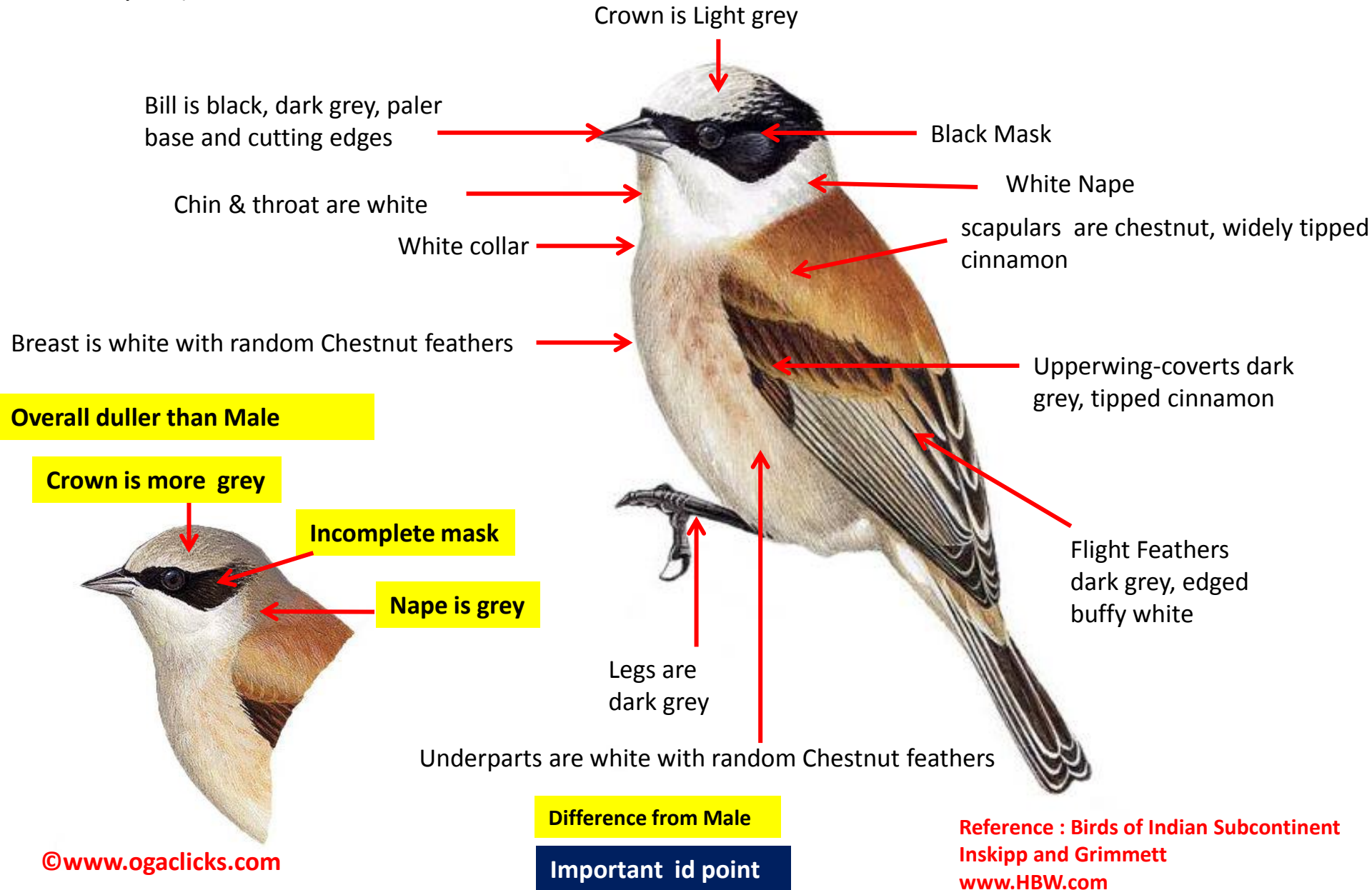
Difference from Male

Important id point

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# White-crown Penduline Tit Identification Tips

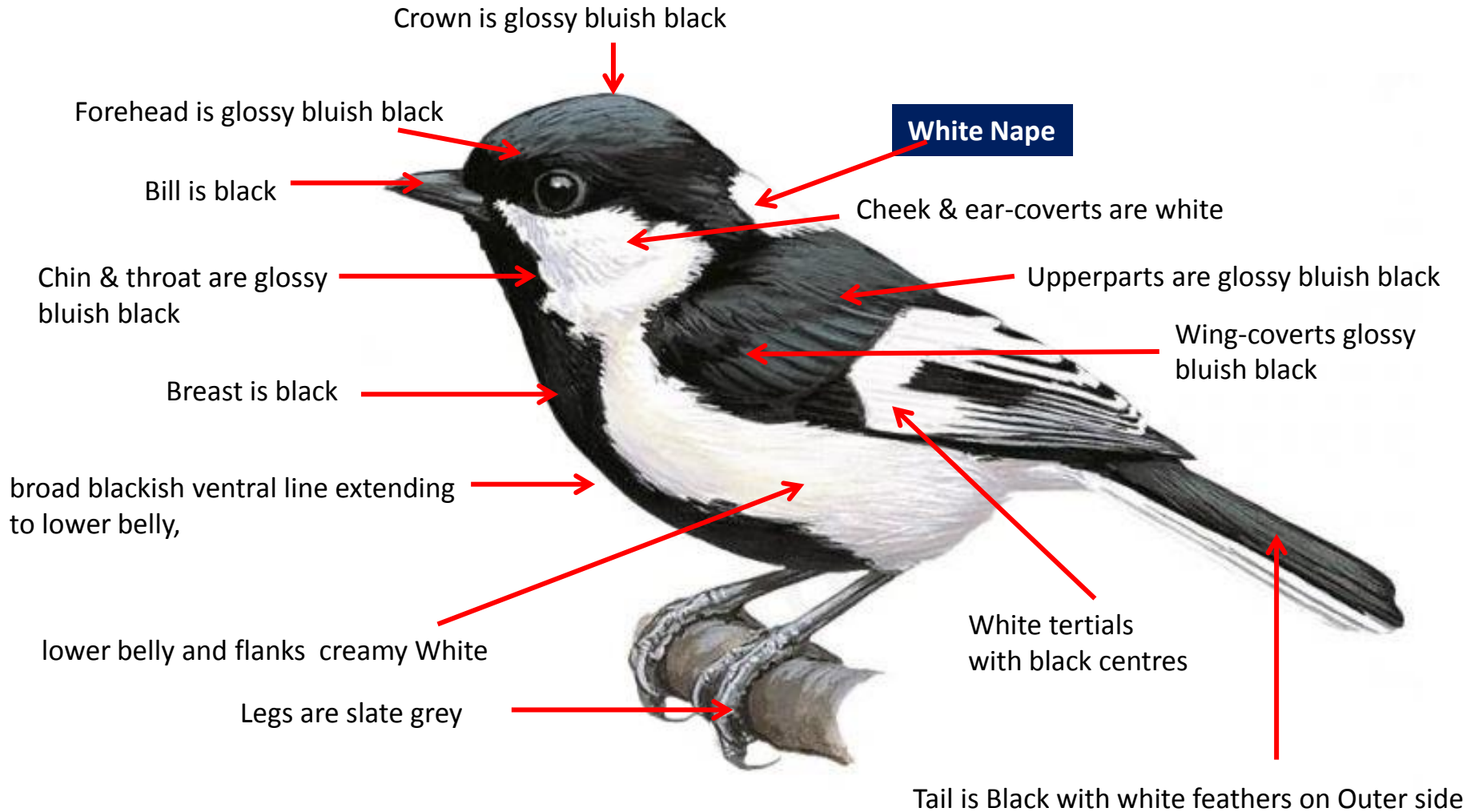
**White-crown Penduline Tit : *Remiz coronatus*:** Winter visitor to North West India (Punjab Eastwards to Haryana)





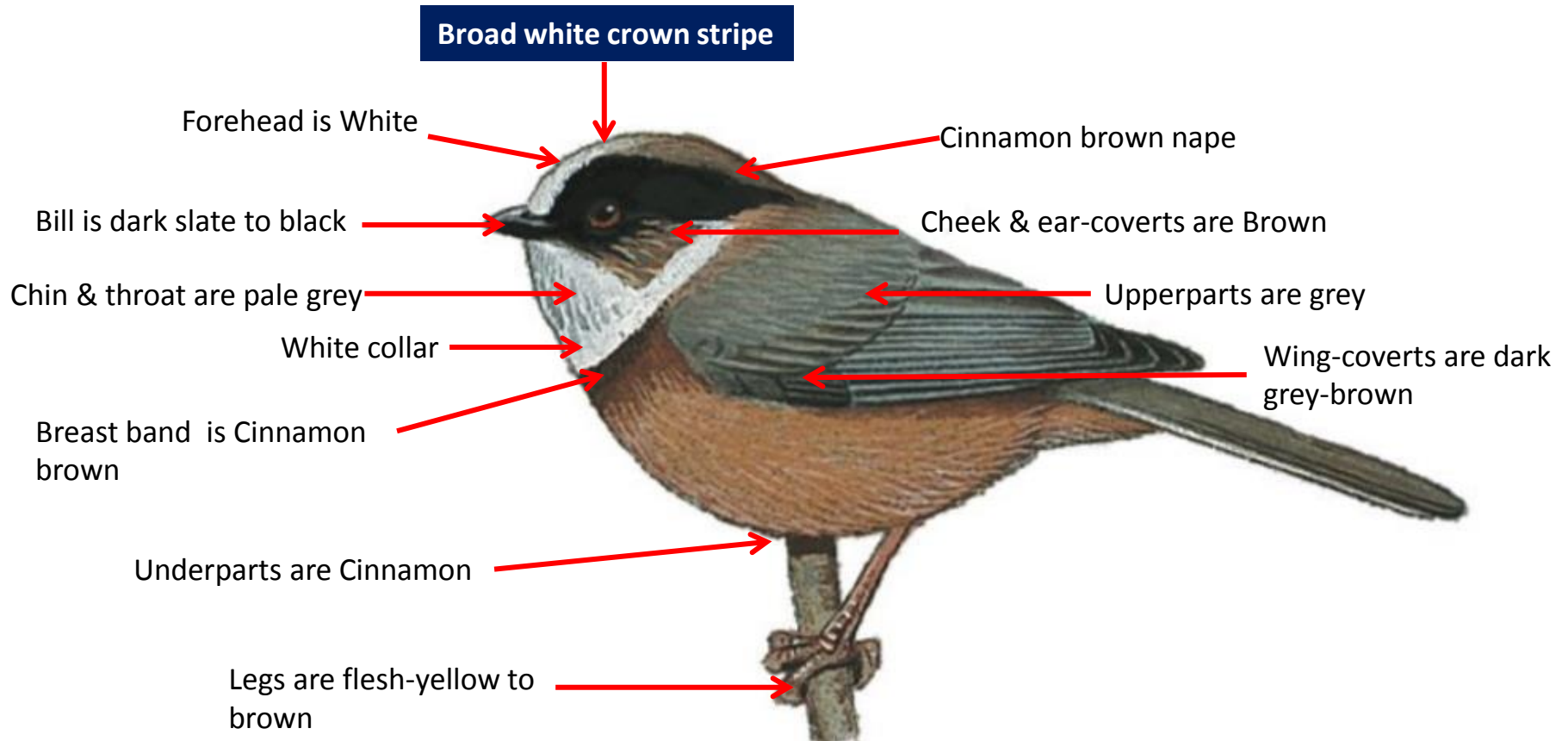
# White-naped Tit Identification Tips

**White-naped Tit : *Parus nuchalis*:** Resident of North West & South peninsular India



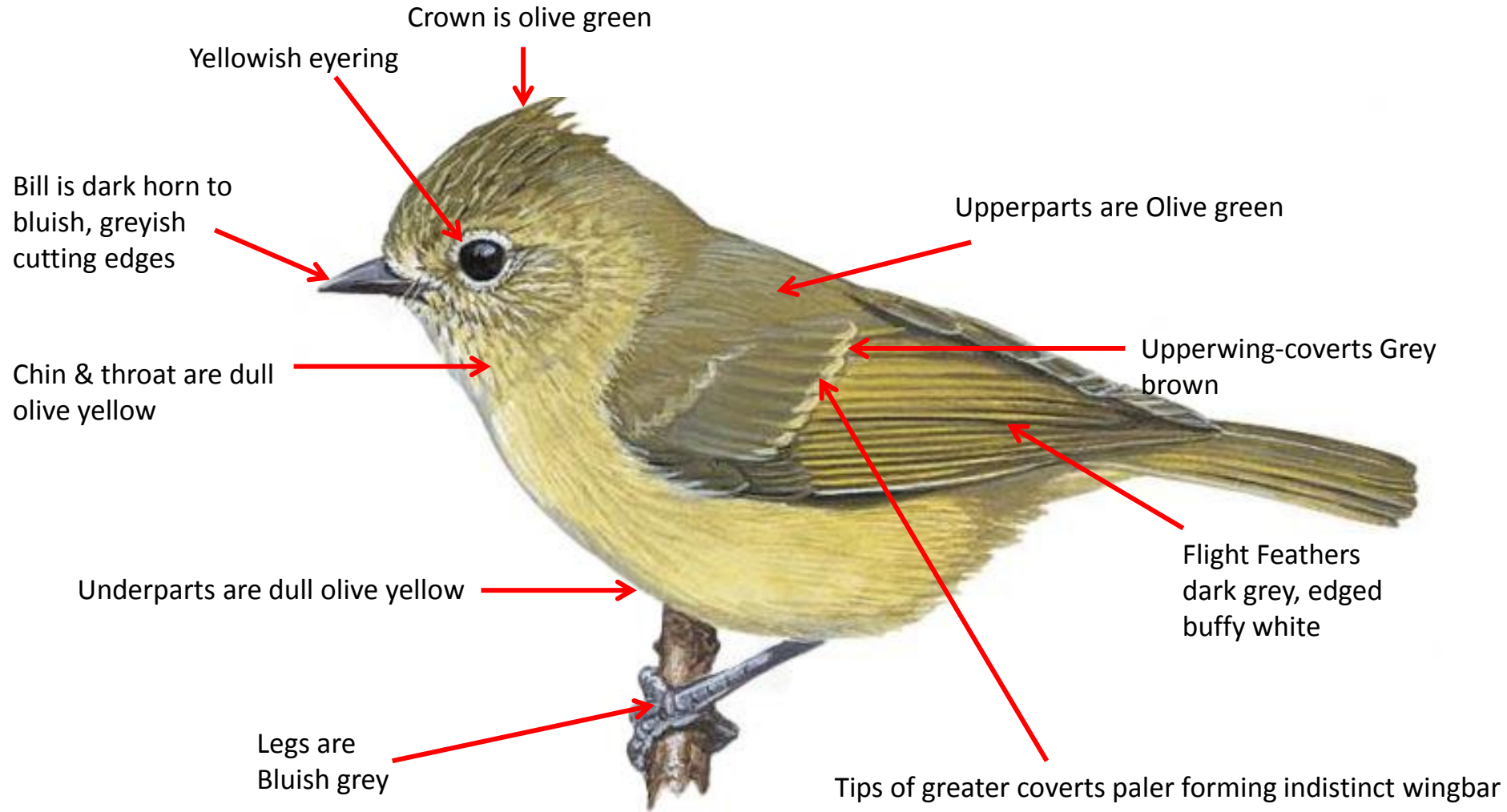
# White-throated Tit Identification Tips

**White-throated Tit : *Aegithalos niveogularis*** : Resident of Kashmir Eastwards to North India (Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand)



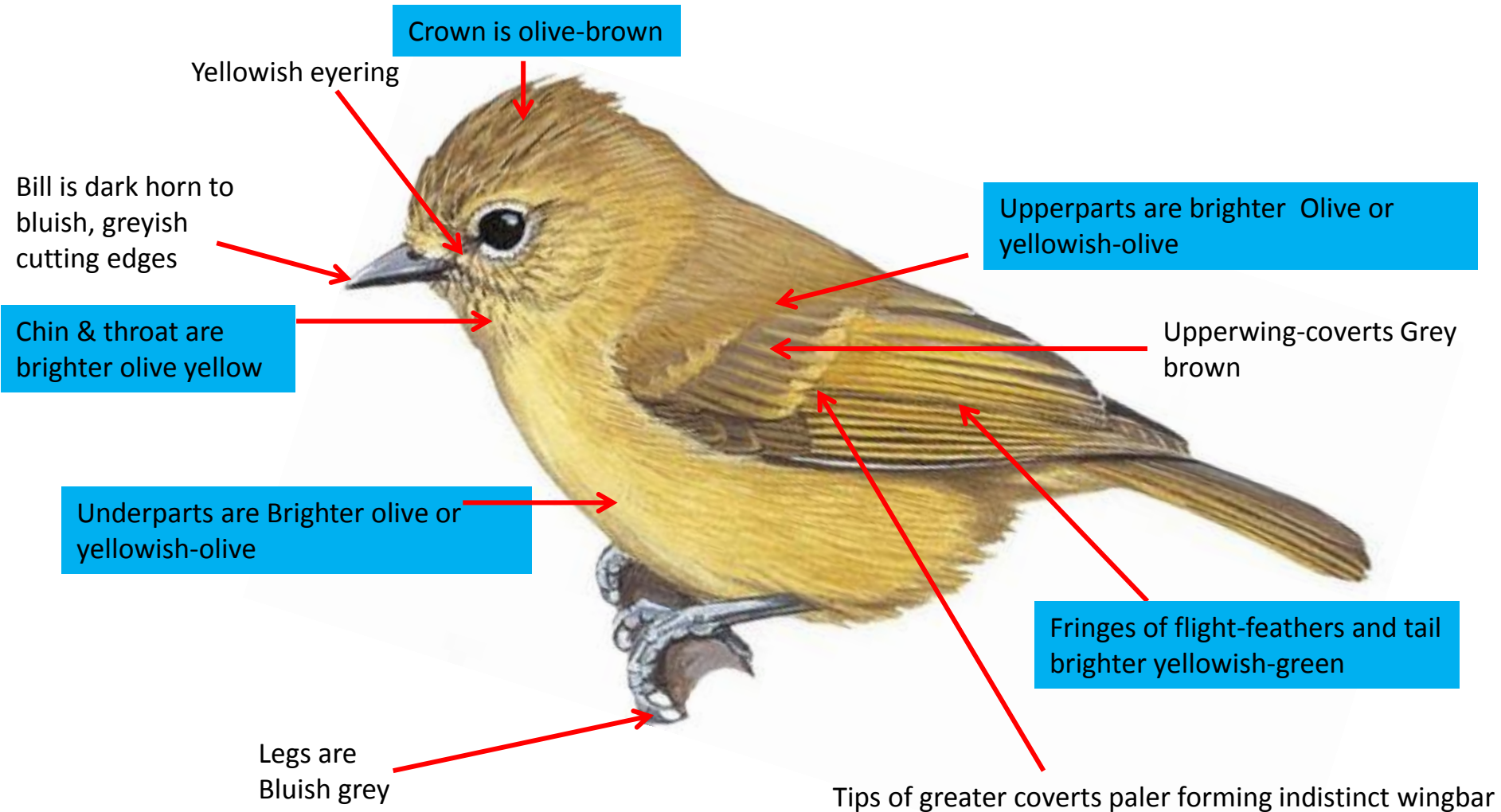
## Yellow-browed Tit Identification Tips

**Yellow-browed Tit : *Sylviparus modestus*:** Resident of Central & East Himalayas, North East India (hills of South Assam to Nagaland and Manipur)



## Yellow-browed Tit Identification Tips - *S. m. simlaensis*

**Yellow-browed Tit : *Sylviparus modestus simlaensis*** : Resident of Resident of North West Himalayas from Kashmir Eastwards to North Central India (Kumaon)



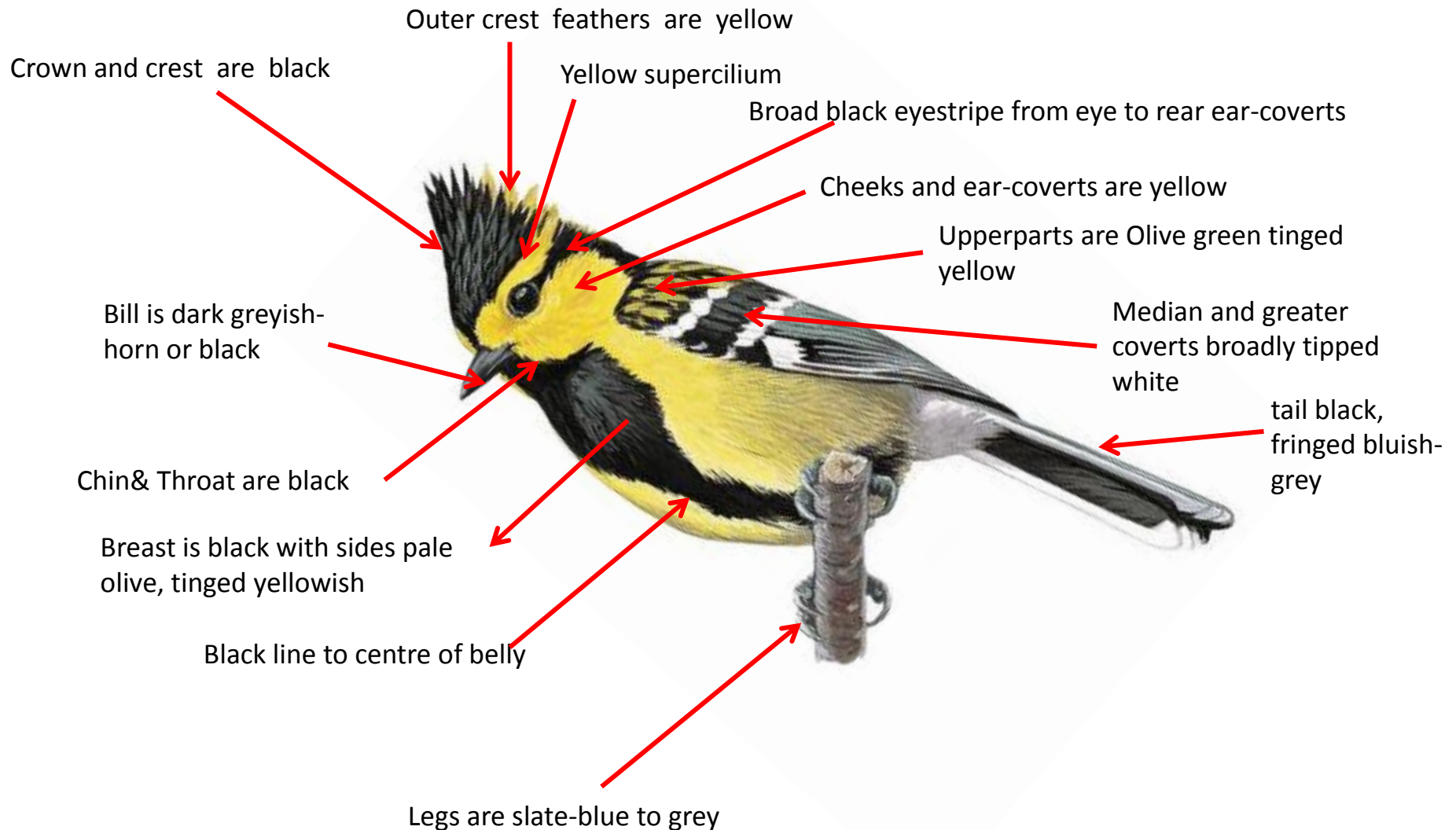
**Difference from Nominate**

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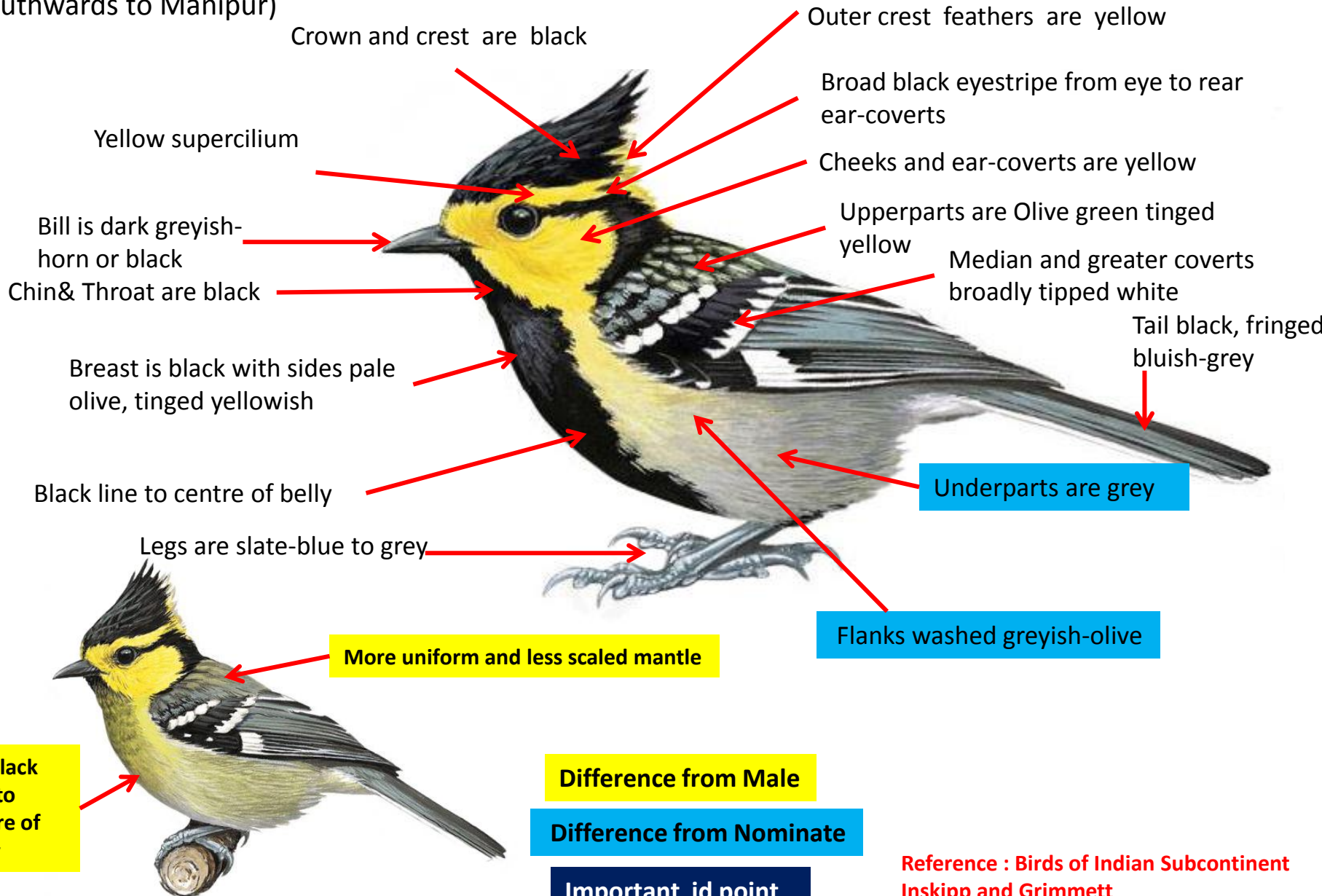
## Yellow-cheeked Tit Identification Tips

**Yellow-cheeked Tit: *Machlolophus spilonotus*:** Resident of East Himalayas to North East India (Arunachal Pradesh and North Assam)



## Yellow-cheeked Tit Identification Tips- *M. s. subviridis*

**Yellow-cheeked Tit: *Machlolophus spilonotus subviridis*** : Resident of North East India (South Assam Southwards to Manipur)



**Difference from Male**

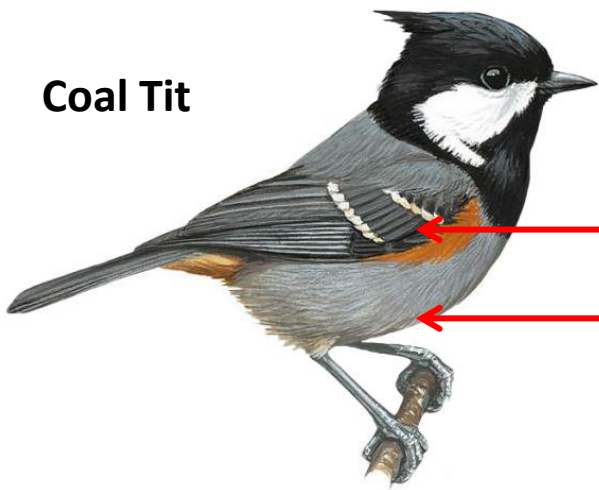
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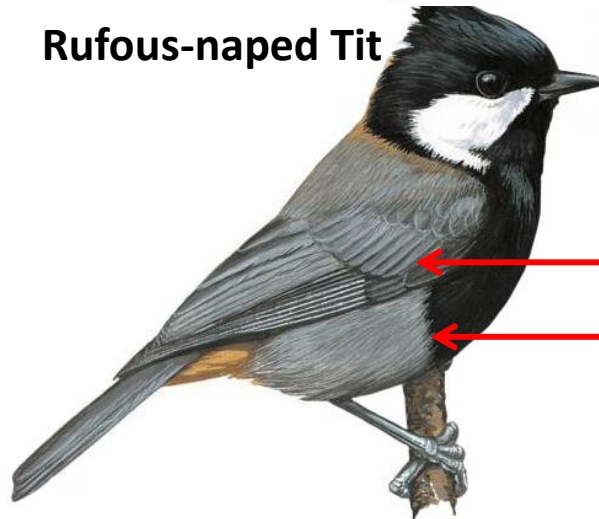
**Coal Tit**



White spots on Coverts

Grey Belly

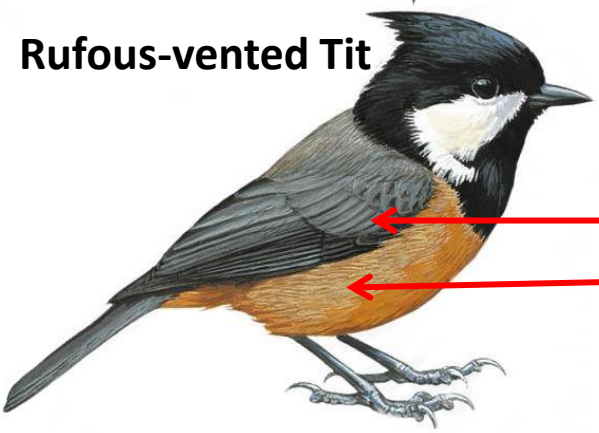
**Rufous-naped Tit**



No Spots on Coverts

Black Belly

**Rufous-vented Tit**



No Spots on Coverts

Cinnamon Belly