



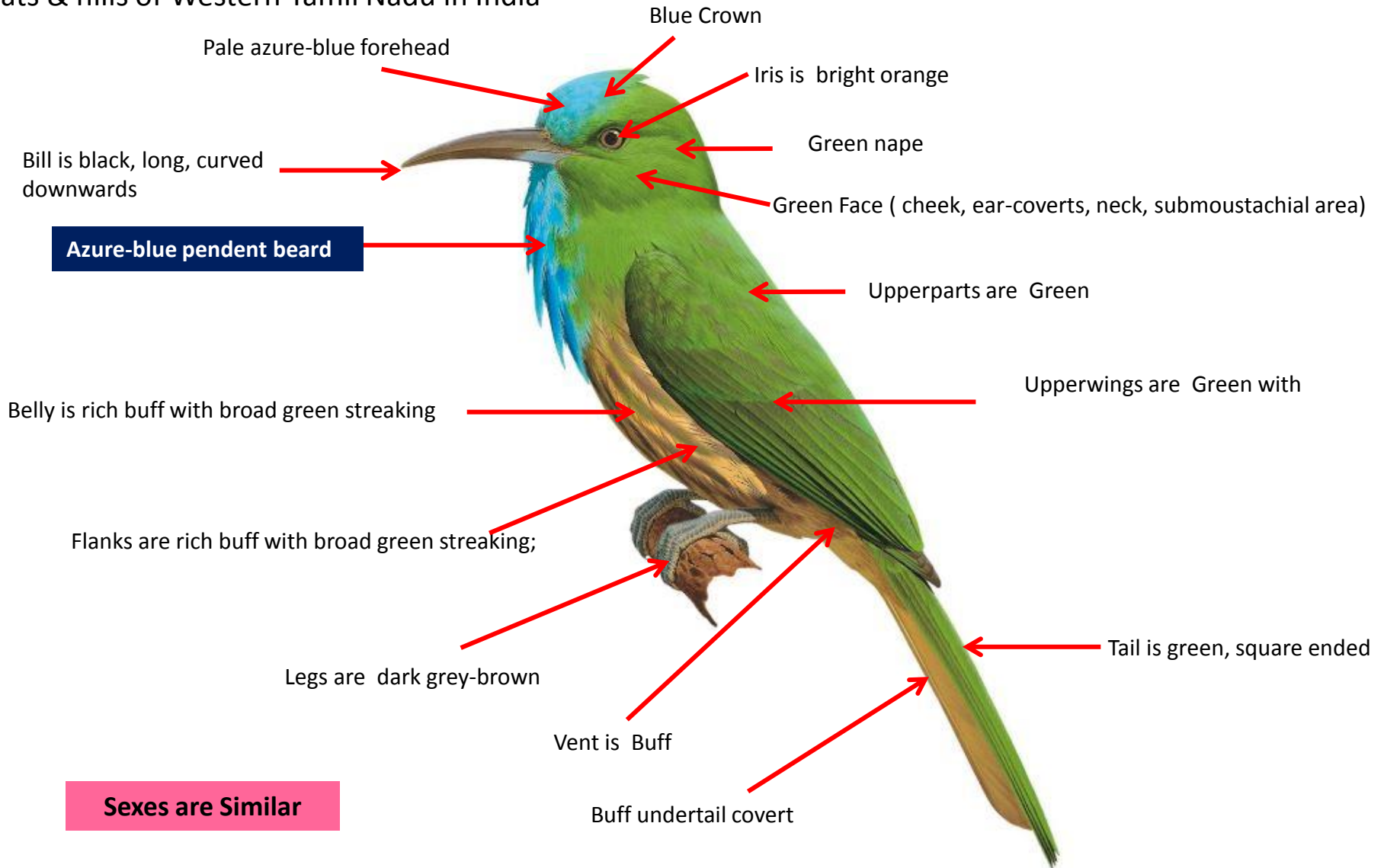
- The following pages have some identification markers for each of the Bee-eaters found in India
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List of Bee-eaters found in India

Sno.	Name	<i>Binomial Name</i>
1	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i>
2	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>
3	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
4	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops Leschenaulti</i>
5	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
6	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>

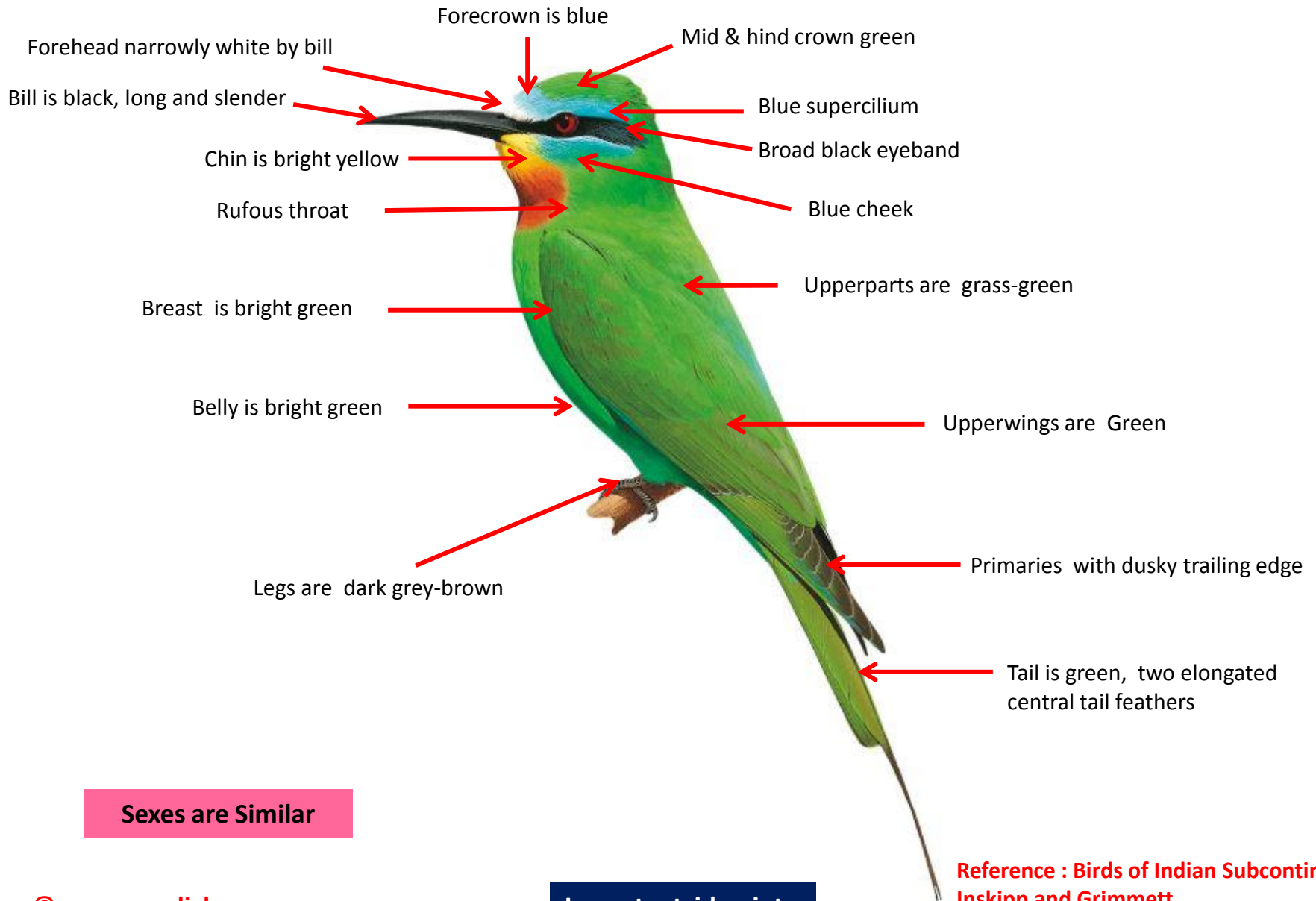
Blue-bearded Bee-eater Identification Tips

Blue-bearded Bee-eater : *Nyctyornis athertoni*: Resident of Himalayan foothills , East , North East , Western Ghats & hills of Western Tamil Nadu in India



Blue-cheeked Bee-eater Identification Tips

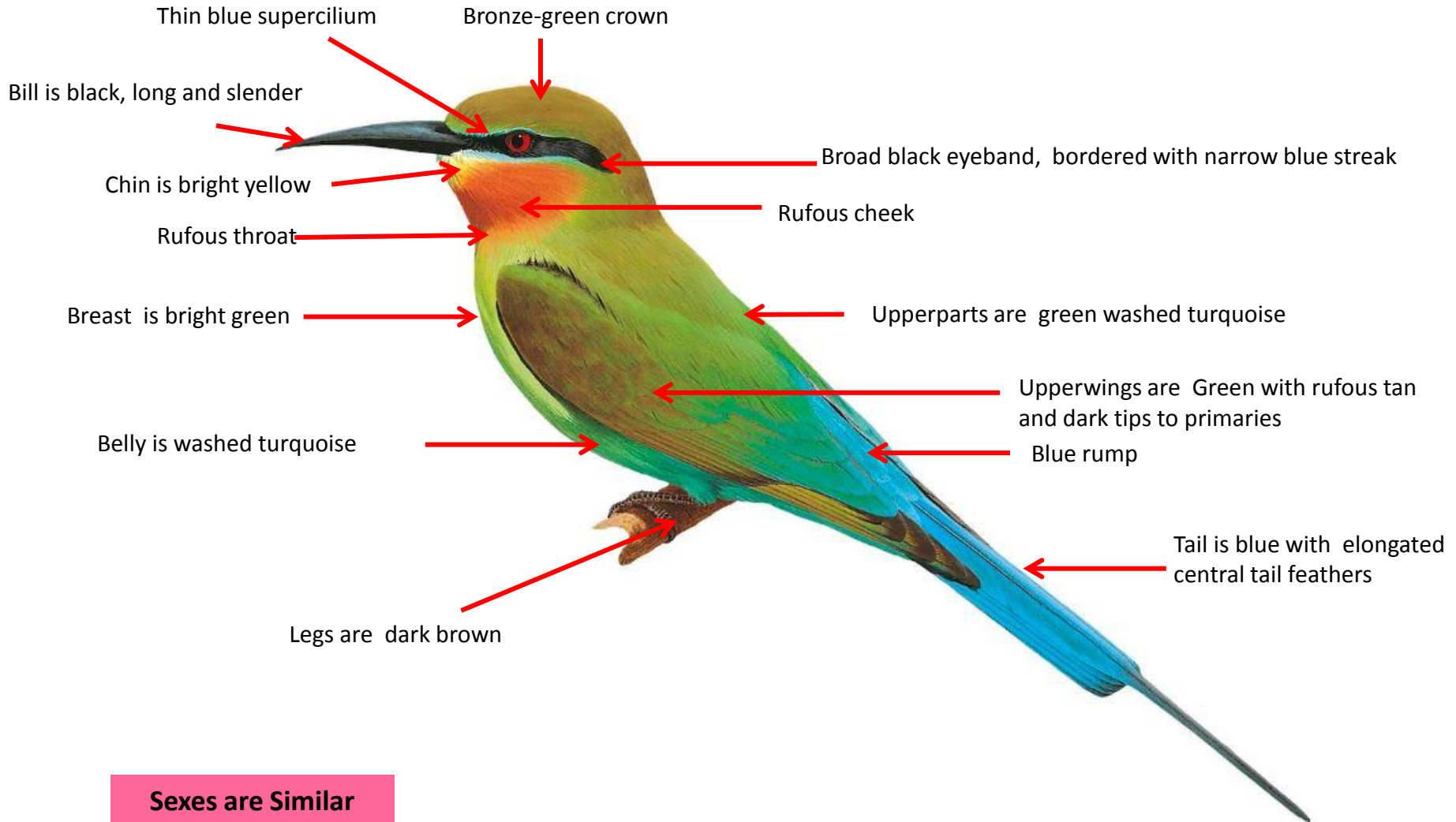
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater: *Merops persicus*: Passage migrant in North West India



Sexes are Similar

Blue-tailed Bee-eater Identification Tips

Blue-tailed Bee-eater : *Merops philippinus* : Breeds in North, Central ,North West , East & North East;
Passage Migrants in lower Central India & Winters in South India



Chestnut-headed Bee-eater Identification Tips

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater : *Merops Leschenaulti*: Breeds in Himalayas, resident of East , North East & Western Ghats and Andaman islands ; Passage Migrants in Tamil Nadu & Andhra Pradesh in India

Bill is black, long and slender & downward curved

Bay-brown crown

Chin is bright yellow

Broad black eyeband

Rufous lower throat

Yellow cheek

Thin black gorget

Bay-brown Mantel

Breast is green

Upperparts are green washed turquoise

Belly is blue-green

Blue rump

Tail is green

***M. l. andamanensis*: Resident of Andaman**

Broad rufous eyeband

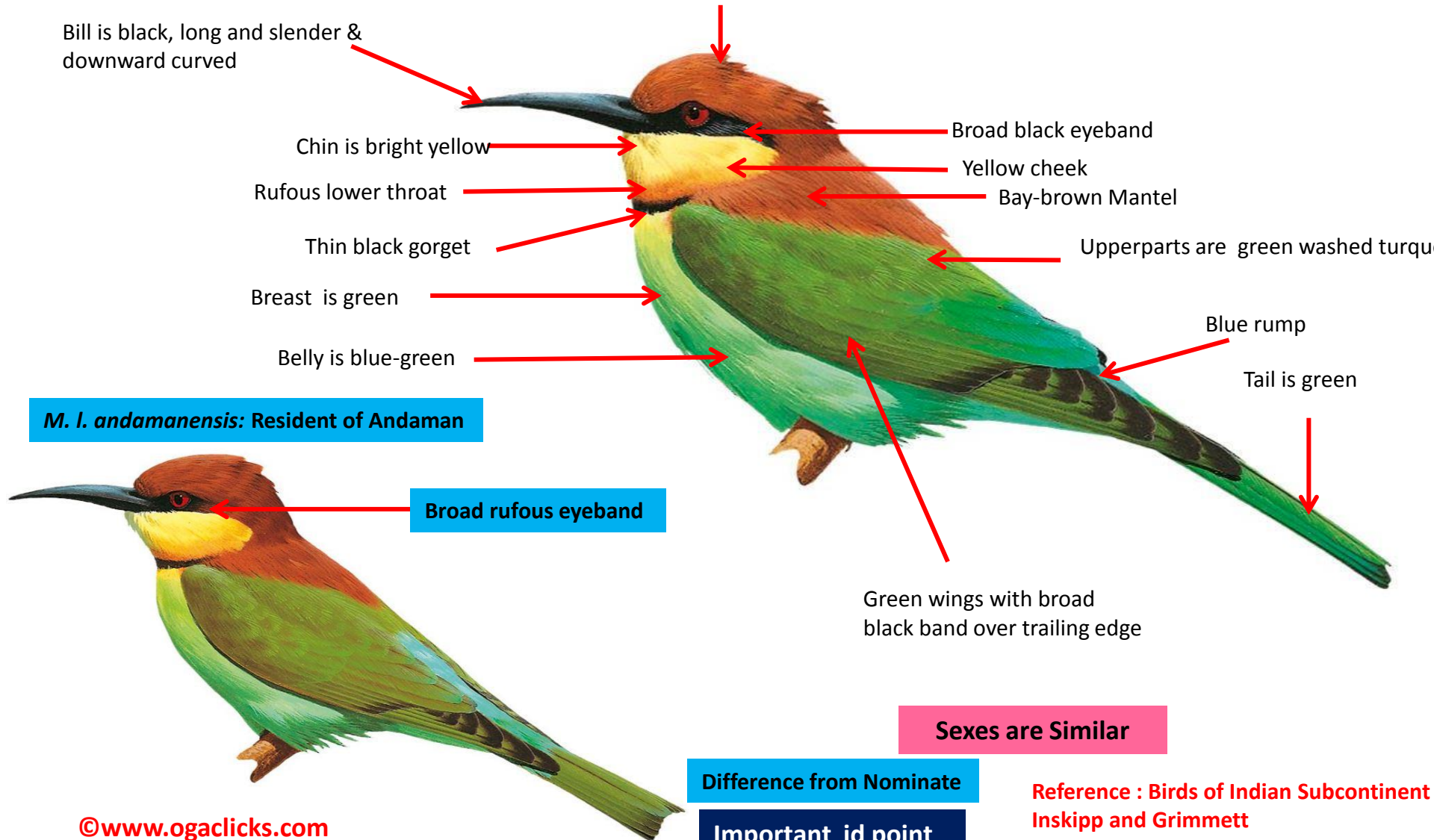
Green wings with broad black band over trailing edge

Sexes are Similar

Difference from Nominate

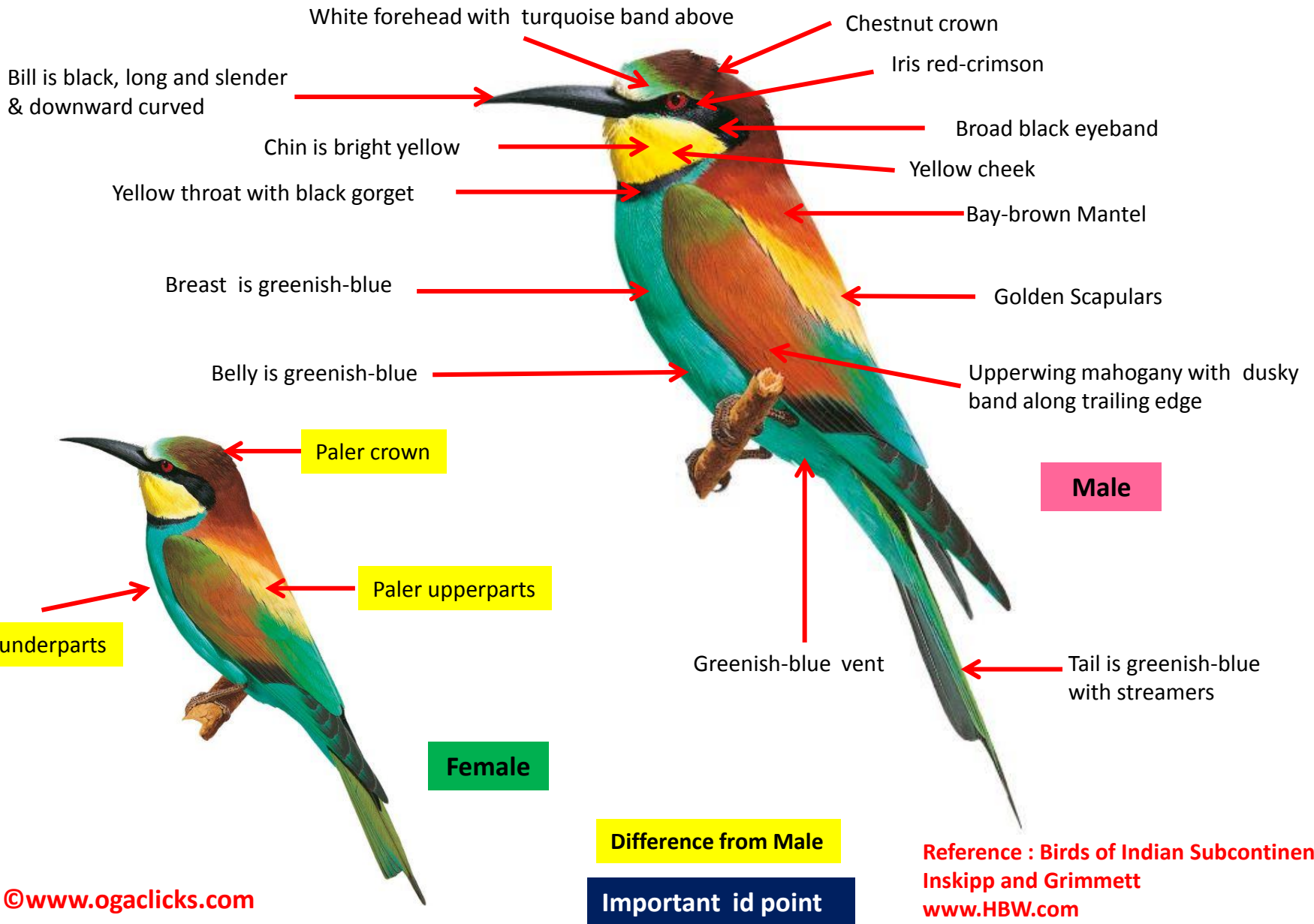
Important id point

**Reference : Birds of Indian Subcontinent
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European Bee-eater Identification Tips

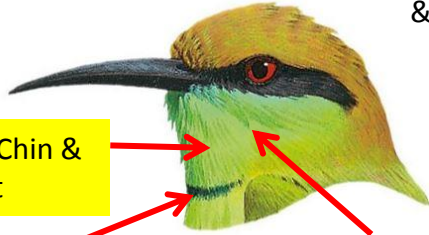
European Bee-eater: *Merops apiaster*: Vagrant as a Passage migrant in India



Green Bee-eater Identification Tips

Green Bee-eater: *Merops orientalis*: Widespread resident in India

Female



Paler Chin & throat

Thinner gorget

Green cheek

Bill is black, long and slender & downward curved

Chin is bluish-green

Bluish-green throat with black gorget

Breast is green

Belly is green

Golden green crown

Iris red-crimson

Broad black eyeband

Blue cheek

Green Upperparts

Upperwing green with black trailing edge

Tail is green with long streamer

M. o. ferrugiceps : Resident of Assam in India

Rufous crown

Rufous Nape

Male

Difference from Male

Difference from Nominat

Important id point