



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

Sno.	Name	Binomial Name
1	Beautiful Nuthatch	<i>Sitta formosa.</i>
2	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta cinnamoventris</i>
3	Chestnut-vented Nuthatch	<i>Sitta nagensis</i>
4	Eastern rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta tephronota</i>
5	Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>
6	Kashmir Nuthatch	<i>Sitta cashmirensis</i>
7	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
8	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma Muraria</i>
9	White-cheeked Nuthatch	<i>Sitta leucopsis</i>
10	White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>

Beautiful Nuthatch Identification Tips

Beautiful Nuthatch : *Sitta formosa*: Resident of Eastern Himalayas & hills of North East India

Crown is black with feathers tipped lilac-white to cornflower-blue forming streaks

Iris reddish-brown to dark brown

Off-white supercilium

Ear-coverts & Cheek are off-white

Off-white lores

Mantle is black with feathers tipped white forming streaks

Upper mandible blackish-horn to dark grey, lower mandible greyish or bluish

Sky-blue scapulars

Coverts black with grey base and white fringe

Whitish chin & throat

Tail feathers grey-washed sky-blue with black central stripe, fringed blue

Cinnamon- Orange breast

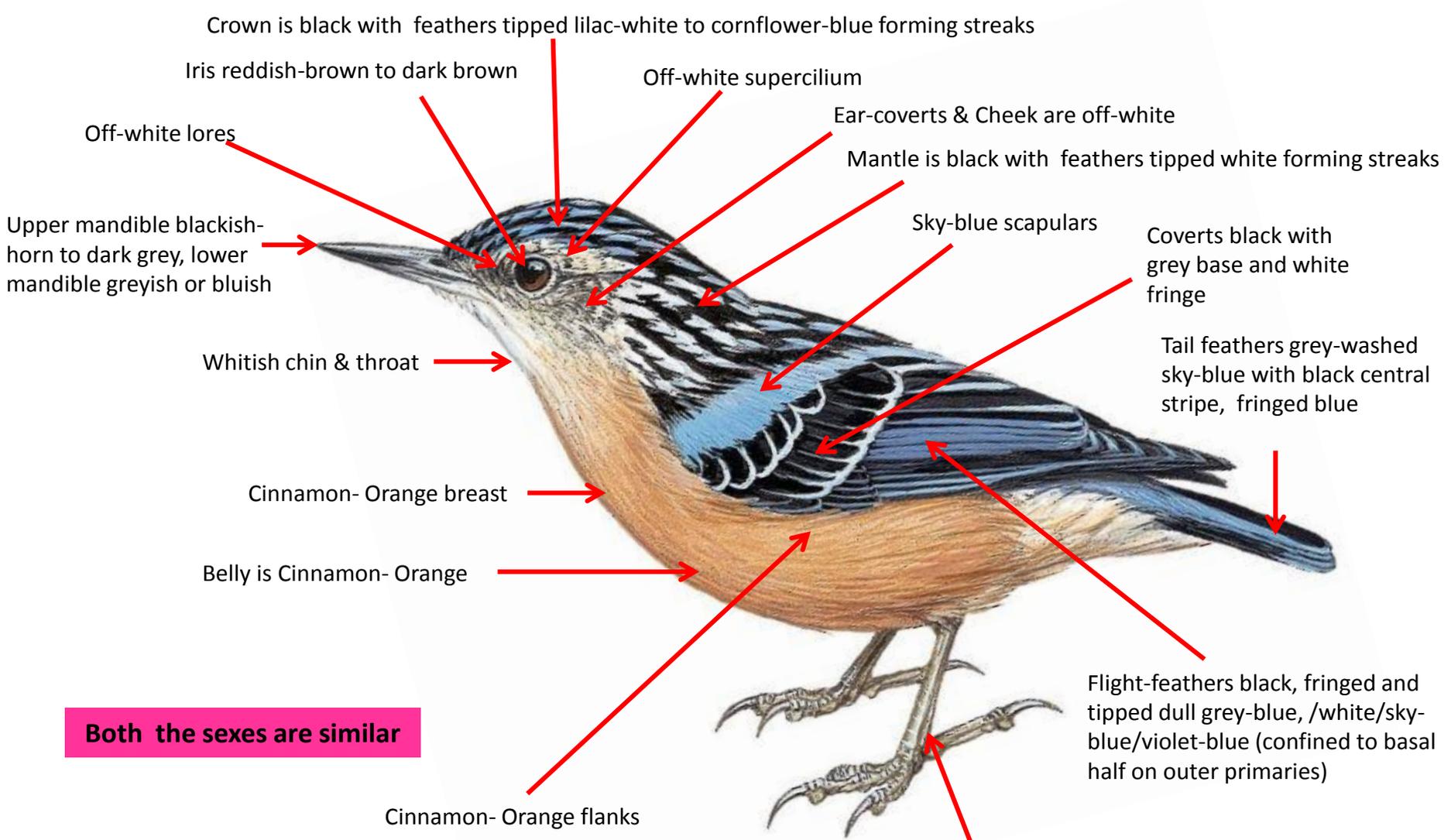
Belly is Cinnamon- Orange

Flight-feathers black, fringed and tipped dull grey-blue, /white/sky-blue/violet-blue (confined to basal half on outer primaries)

Both the sexes are similar

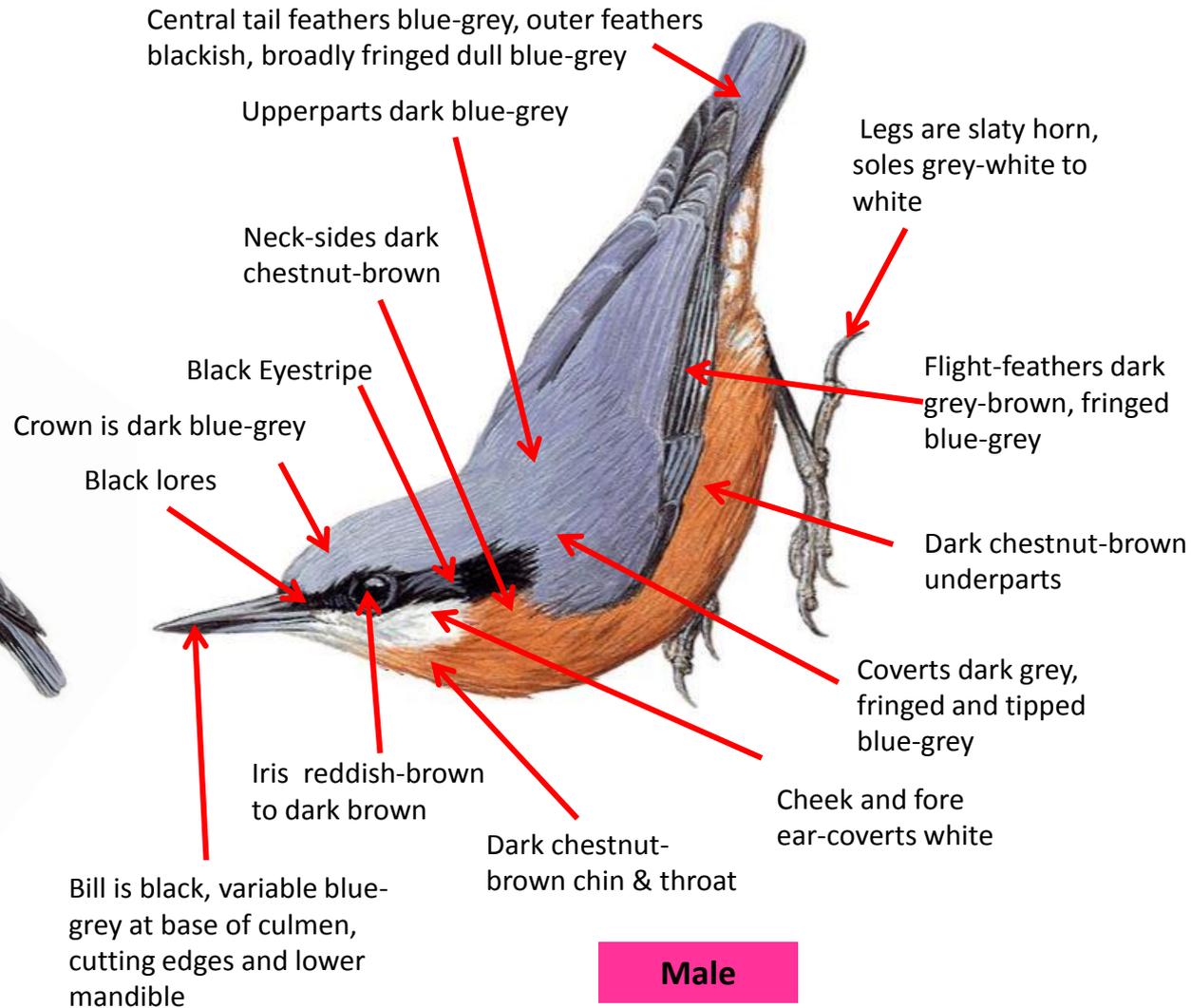
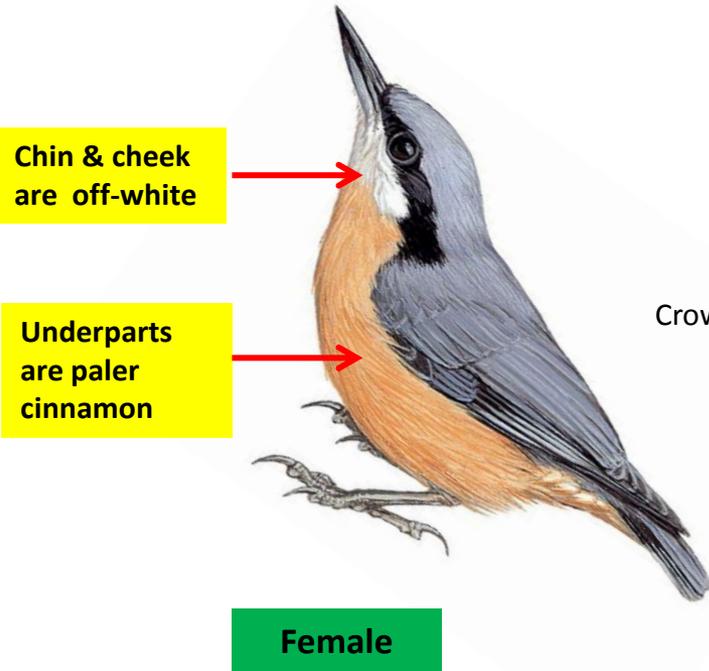
Cinnamon- Orange flanks

Legs yellowish-brown, olive-brown or greenish-horn



Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch Identification Tips

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch : *Sitta cinnamoventris*: Resident of foothills of Himalayas & hills of North East India



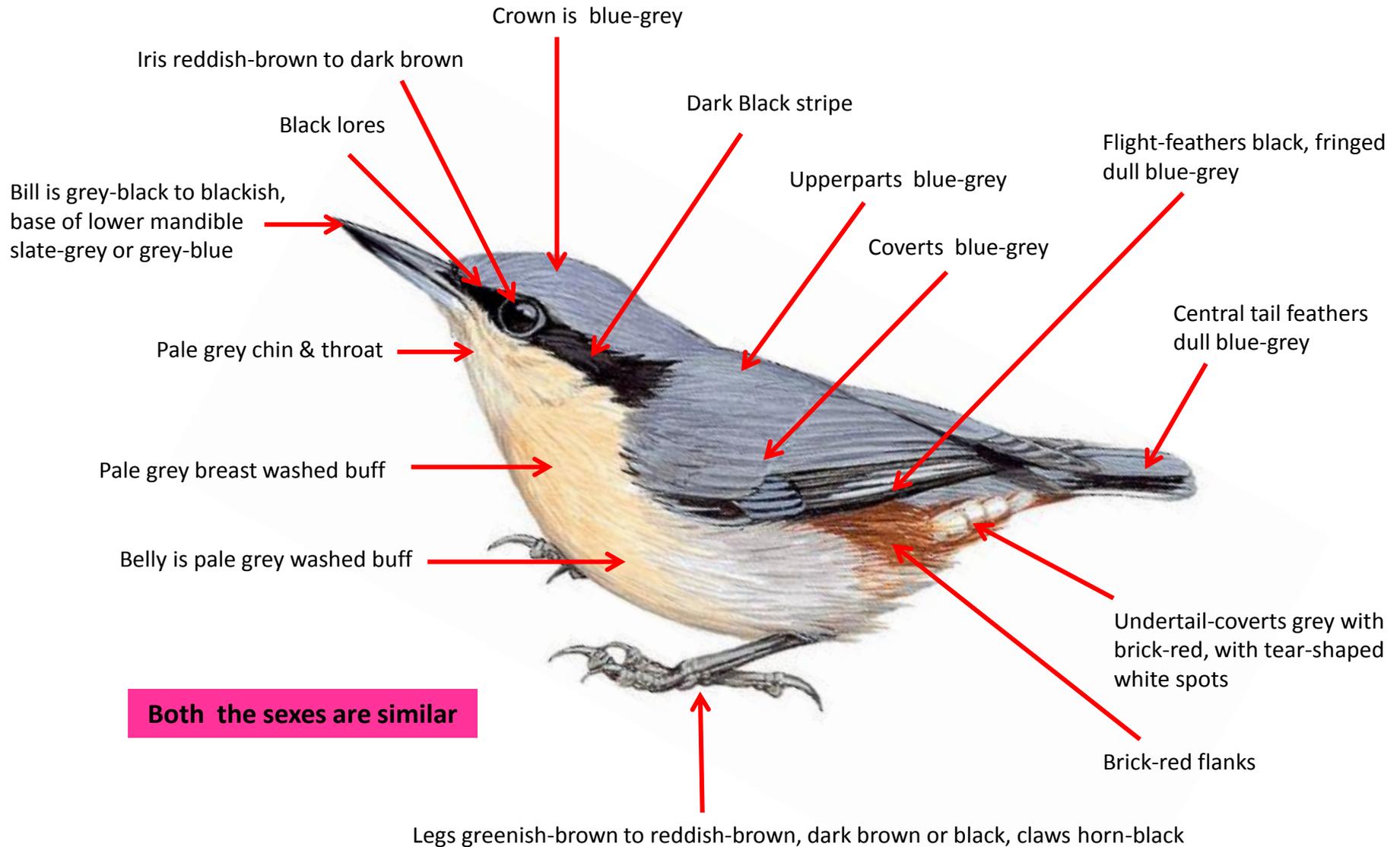
Difference from Males

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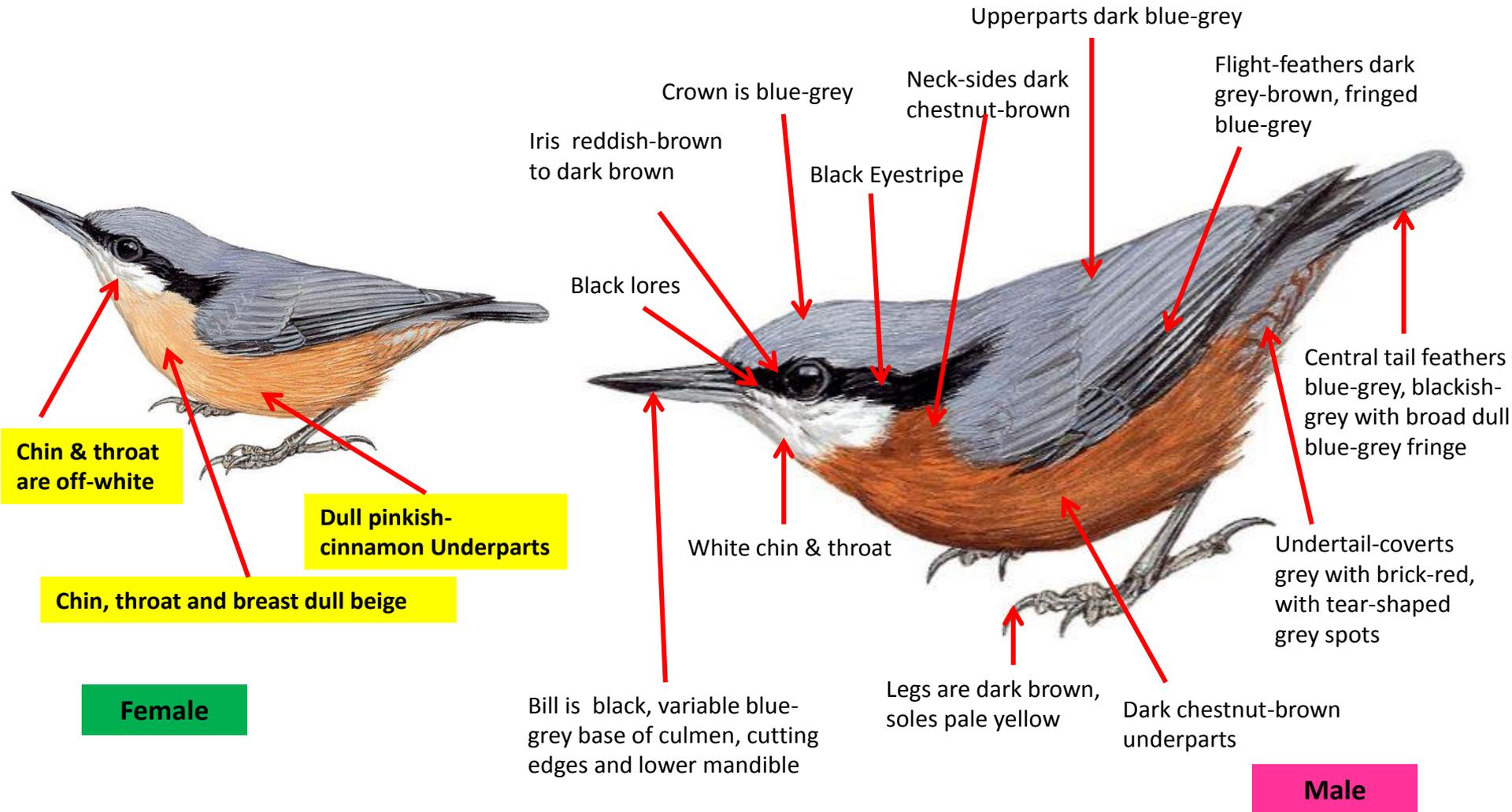
Chestnut-vented Nuthatch Identification Tips

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch : *Sitta nagensis*: Resident of hills of North East India



Indian Nuthatch Identification Tips

Indian Nuthatch : *Sitta castanea* : Resident of hills of Gangetic plains, Central & East India , South Karnataka, North Kerala in India



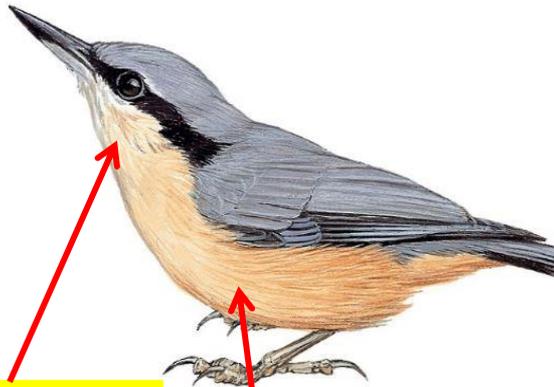
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Kashmiri Nuthatch Identification Tips

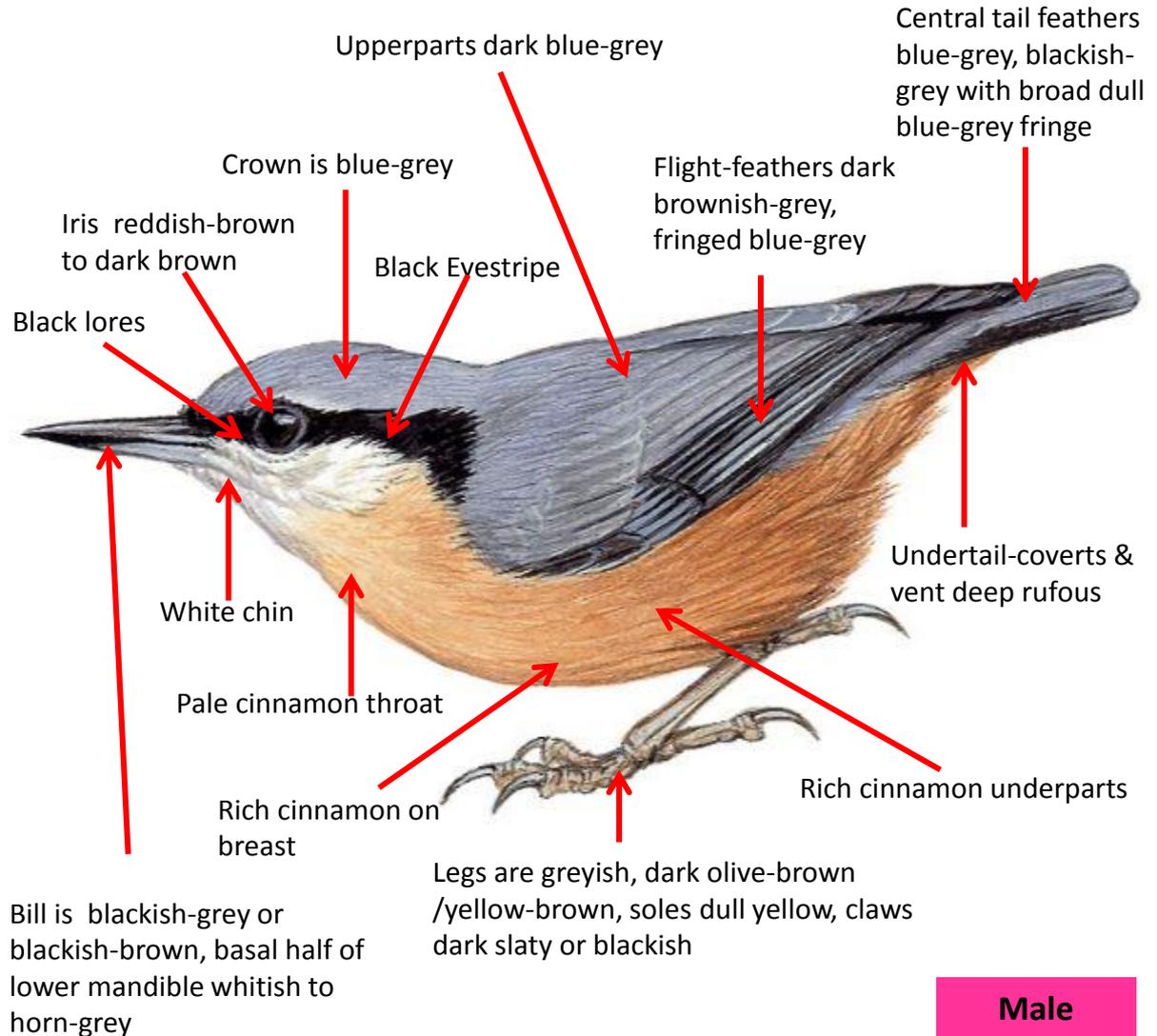
Kashmiri Nuthatch : *Sitta cashmirensis* : Resident of Western Himalayas & hills of India



Chin & throat with buff wash

Throat and breast pinkish-buff

Female



Upperparts dark blue-grey

Central tail feathers blue-grey, blackish-grey with broad dull blue-grey fringe

Crown is blue-grey

Flight-feathers dark brownish-grey, fringed blue-grey

Iris reddish-brown to dark brown

Black Eyestripe

Black lores

Undertail-coverts & vent deep rufous

White chin

Pale cinnamon throat

Rich cinnamon underparts

Rich cinnamon on breast

Legs are greyish, dark olive-brown /yellow-brown, soles dull yellow, claws dark slaty or blackish

Bill is blackish-grey or blackish-brown, basal half of lower mandible whitish to horn-grey

Male

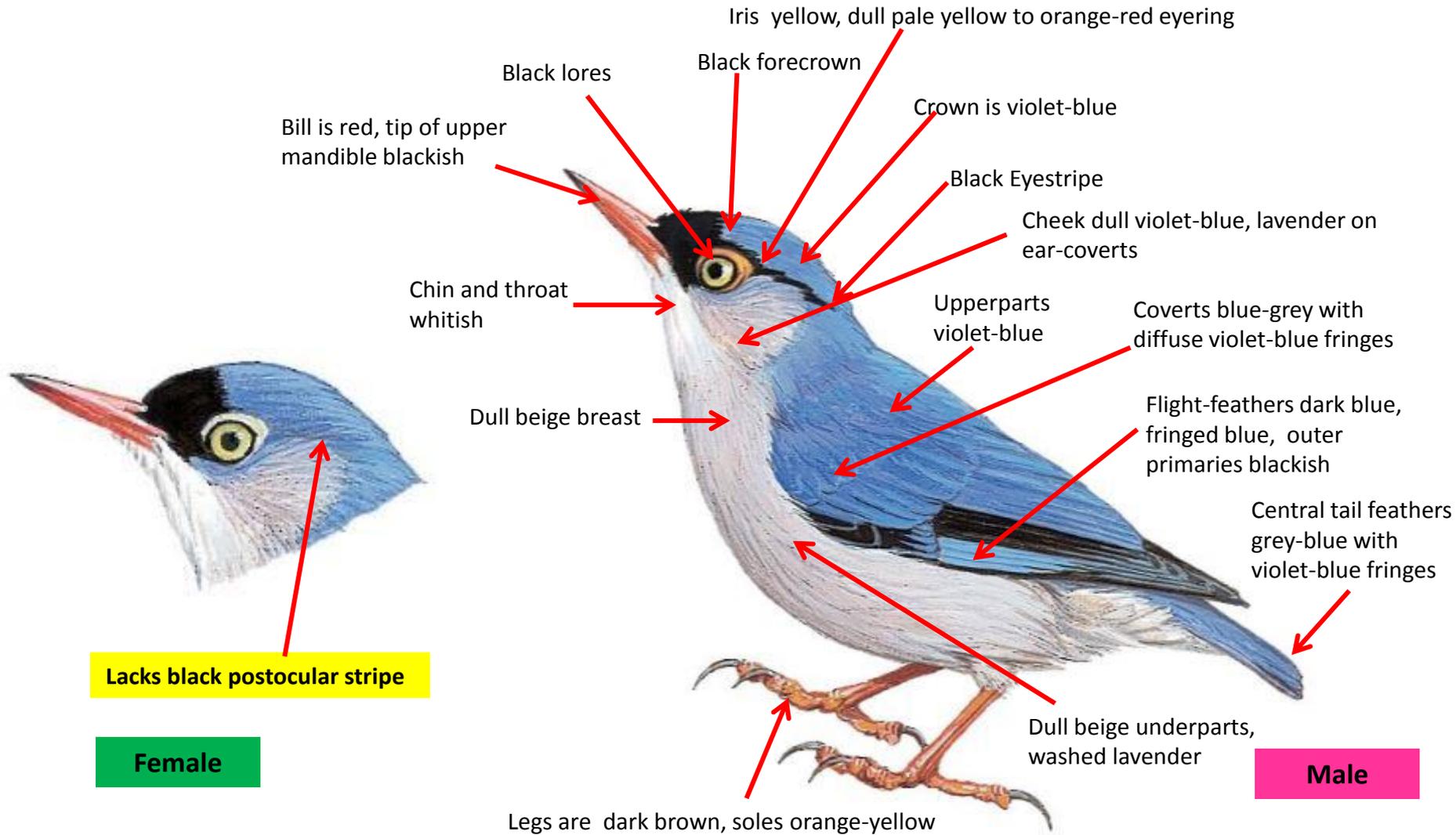
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Velvet-fronted Nuthatch Identification Tips

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch : *Sitta frontalis*: Resident of Himalayas & hills across India



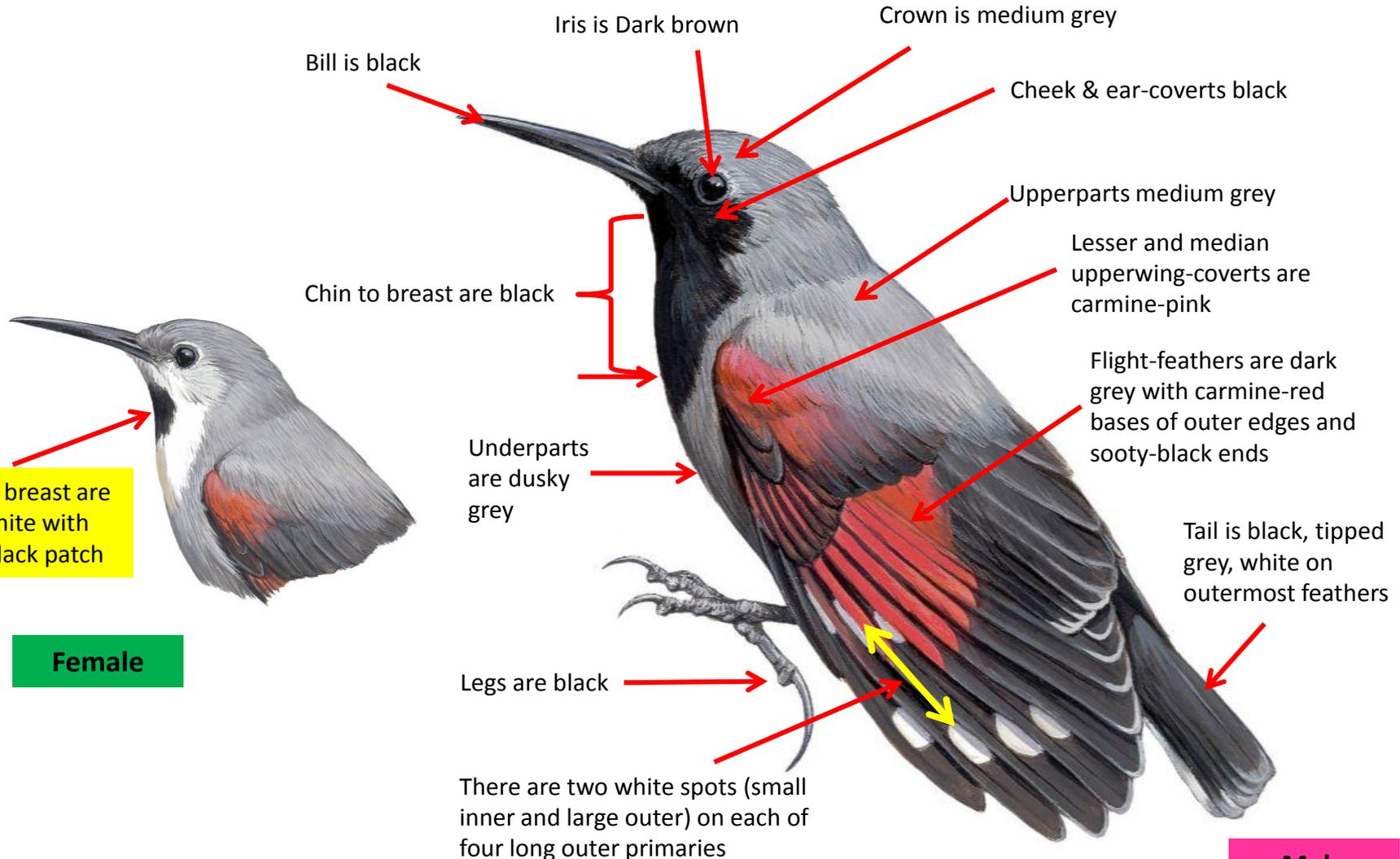
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Wallcreeper Identification Tips

Wallcreeper : *Tichodroma Muraria*: Resident of Himalayas & Winters in plains & foothills of Himalayas in India



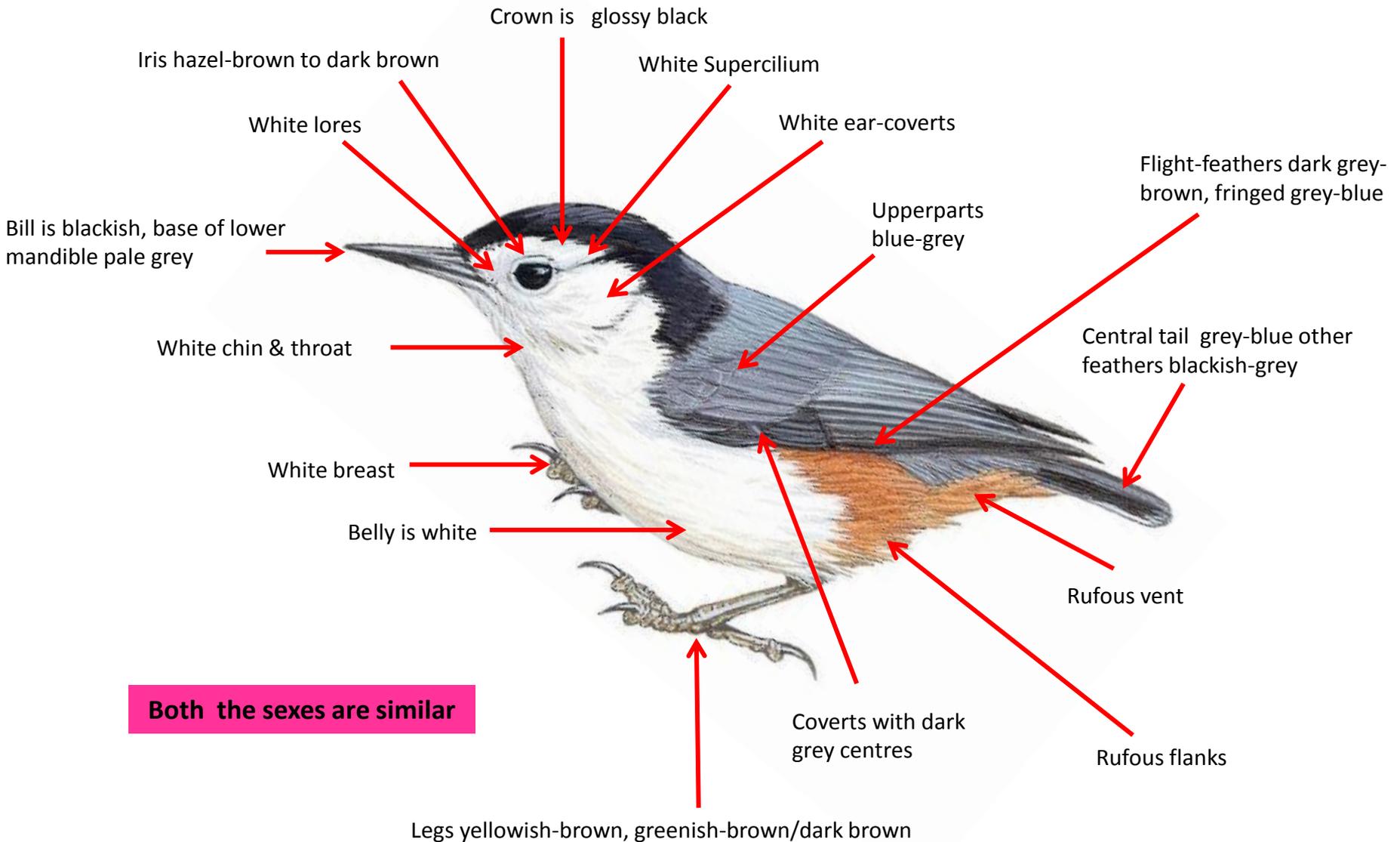
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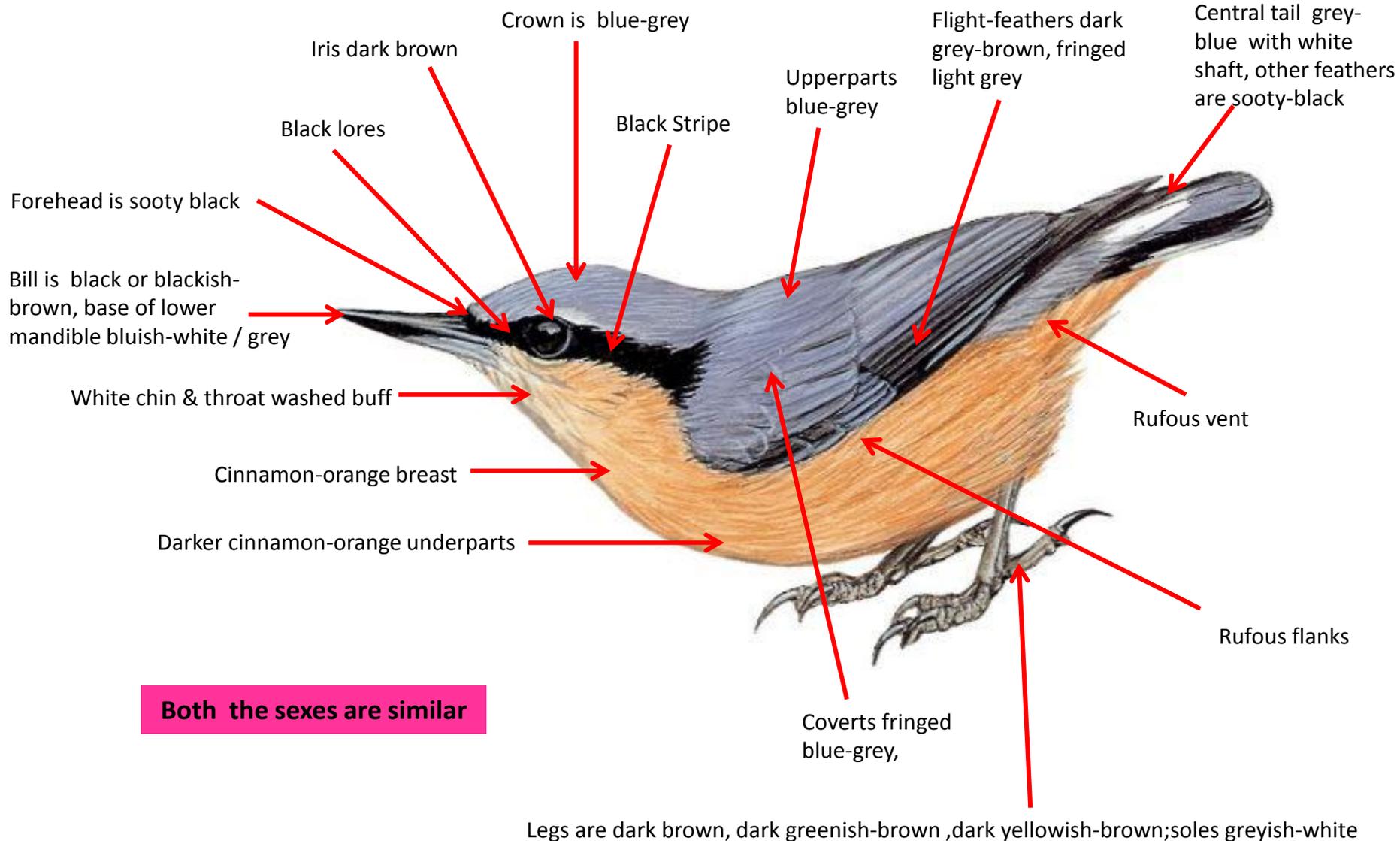
White-cheeked Nuthatch Identification Tips

White-cheeked Nuthatch : *Sitta leucopsis* : Resident of Western Himalayas in India



White-tailed Nuthatch Identification Tips

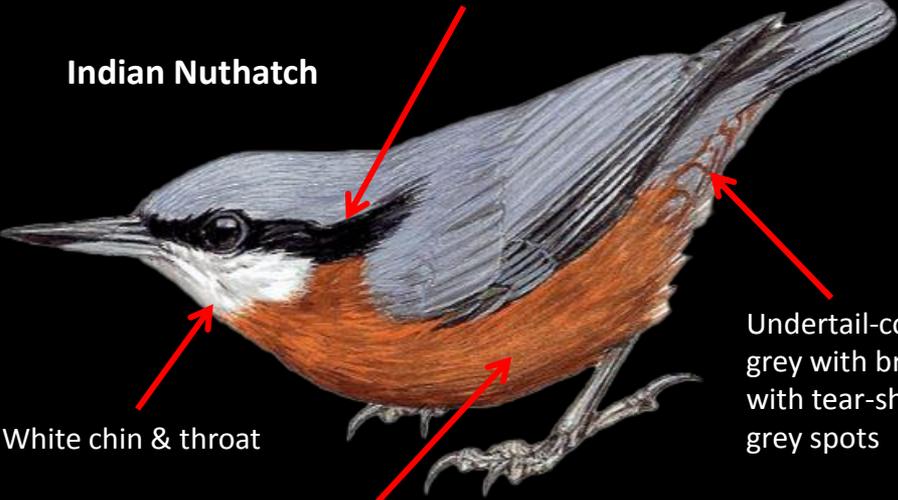
White-tailed Nuthatch : *Sitta himalayensis*: Resident of Himalayas & hills of North East India



Nuthatch Comparison

Indian Nuthatch

Black eye stripe running up to scapulars



White chin & throat

Dark chestnut-brown underparts

Undertail-coverts grey with brick-red, with tear-shaped grey spots

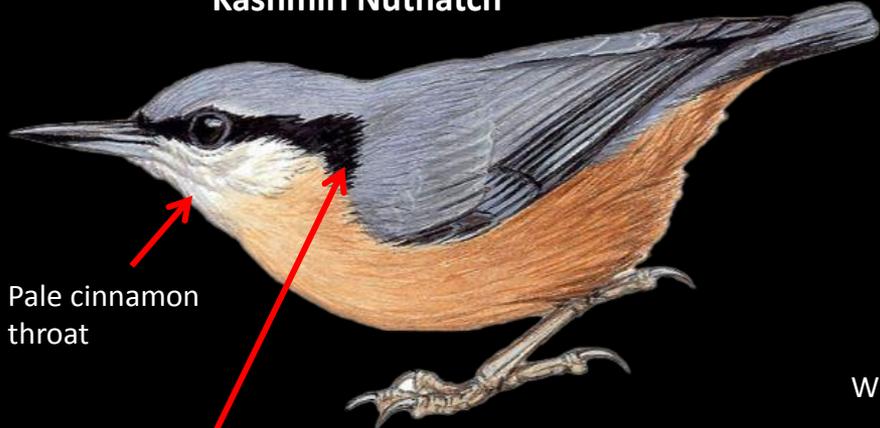
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch



Chestnut-brown chin & throat

Undertail-coverts greyish with broad white subterminal band and fine chestnut fringes (appear white with dark scalloping)

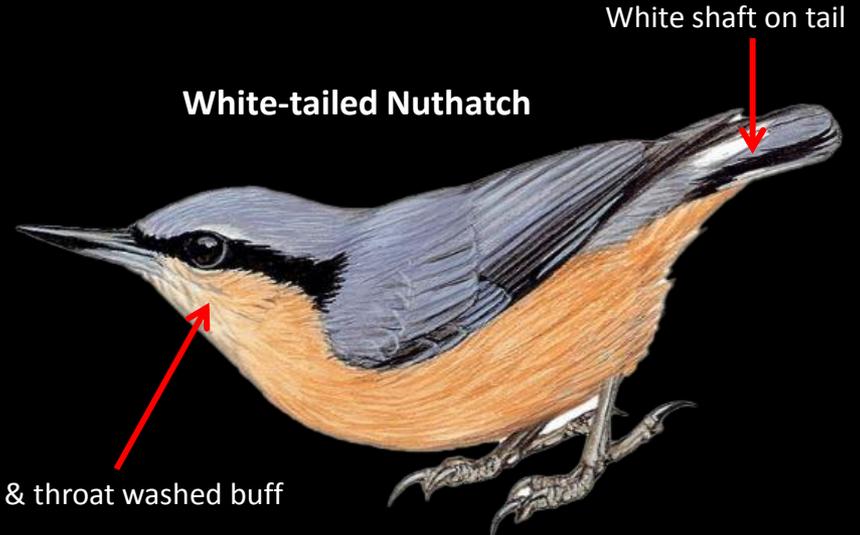
Kashmiri Nuthatch



Pale cinnamon throat

Black shoulder patch

White-tailed Nuthatch



White chin & throat washed buff

White shaft on tail