



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

Sno.	Name	<i>Binomial Name</i>
1	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>
2	Finsch's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>
3	Hume's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe albonigra</i>
4	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>
5	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>
6	Red-tailed Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe chrysopygia</i>
7	Variable Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe picata / capistrata / opistholeuca</i>

Desert Wheatear Identification Tips

Desert Wheatear : *Oenanthe deserti* : Breeds in North West Himalayas, Winter Visitor to North West India

Brown crown with dark spots

Buff supercilium

Obscured scapulars

Coverts with buff edges

Throat obscured by the white tips of the feathers

Upperwing with buff fringes

Non-breeding

Paler crown

Brown ear-coverts

Paler upperparts

Buff chin & throat

Coverts with white fringes

Paler underparts

Female

Bill is black & slender

Chin & throat are black

Sandy brown Breast

Belly is white

Difference from Non-breeding

Difference from Male

Important id point

Sandy brown crown

White Supercilium

Black Mask

Sandy brown Nape

Sandy brown Upperparts

White Scapulars

Black coverts

Upperwing Black with white fringes

Tail is Black

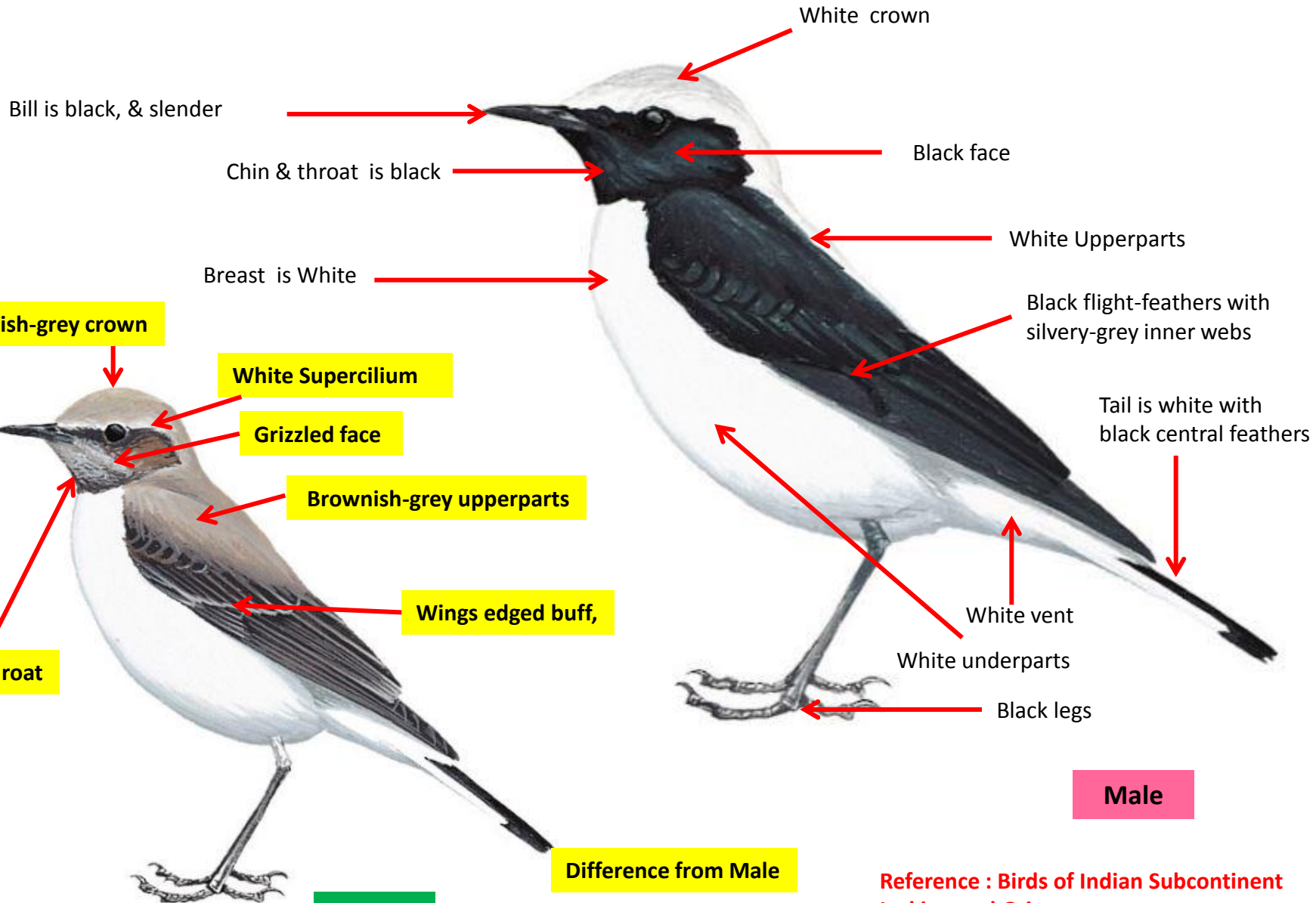
White vent

Legs are Black

Male

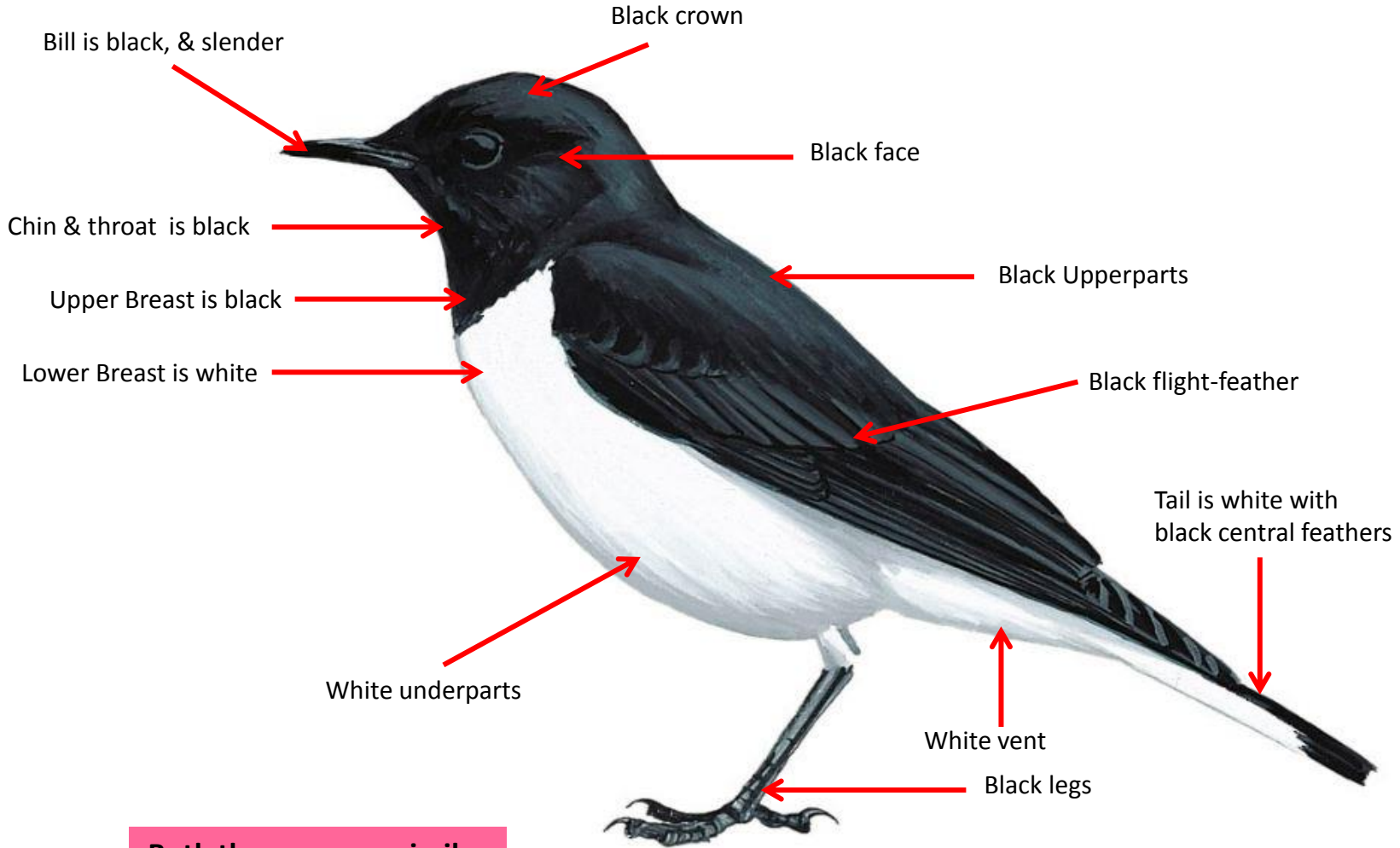
Finsch's Wheatear Identification Tips

Finsch's Wheatear : *Oenanthe finschii*: Vagrant as a Passage migrant in extreme North West India



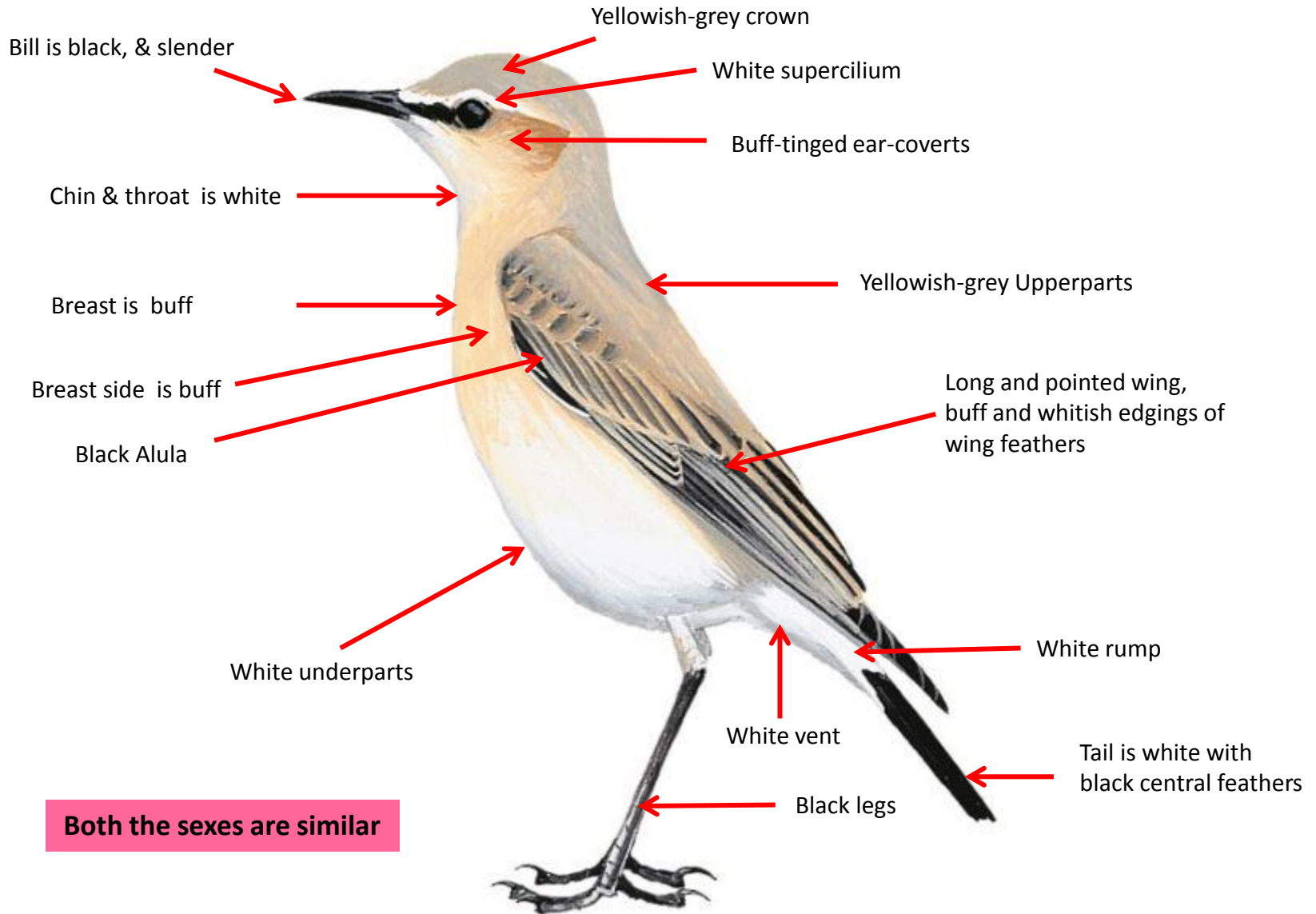
Hume's Wheatear Identification Tips

Hume's Wheatear : *Oenanthe albonigra* : Vagrant in India



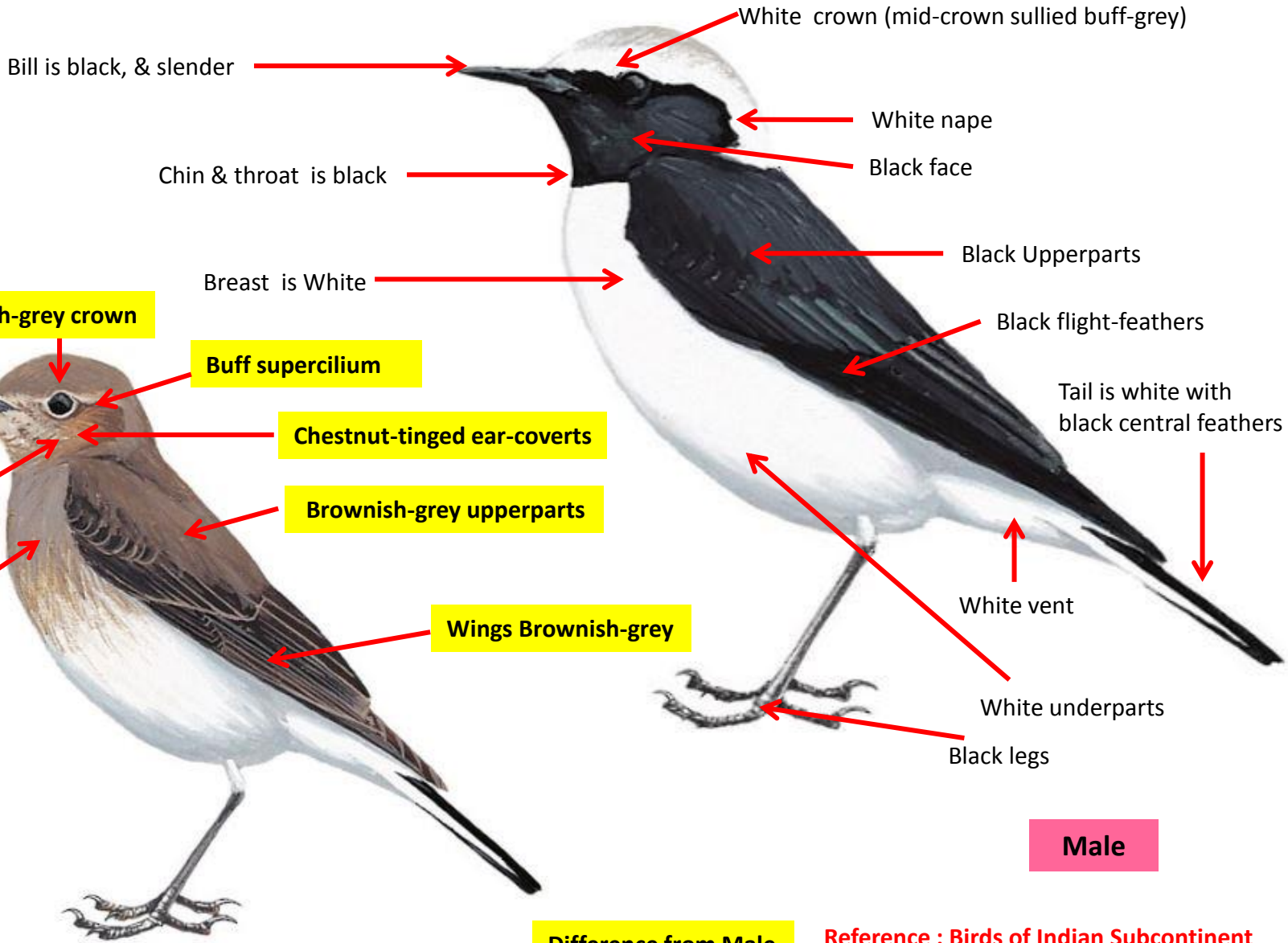
Isabelline Wheatear Identification Tips

Isabelline Wheatear : *Oenanthe isabellina* : Winter visitor in North West India



Pied Wheatear Identification Tips

Pied Wheatear : *Oenanthe pleschanka*: Breeds in North West Himalayas (Kashmir and Ladhak UT) in India



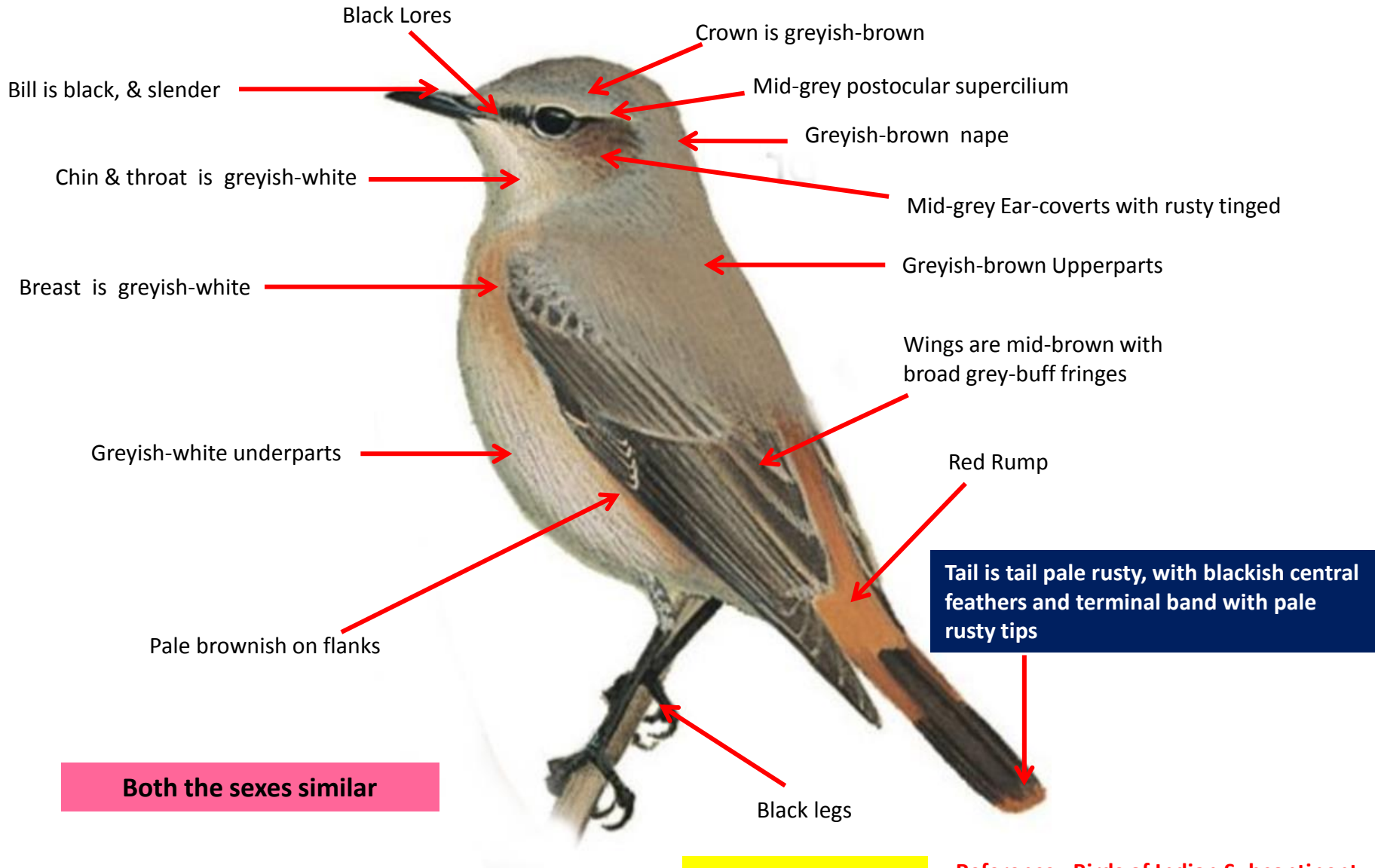
Male

Female

Difference from Male
Important id point

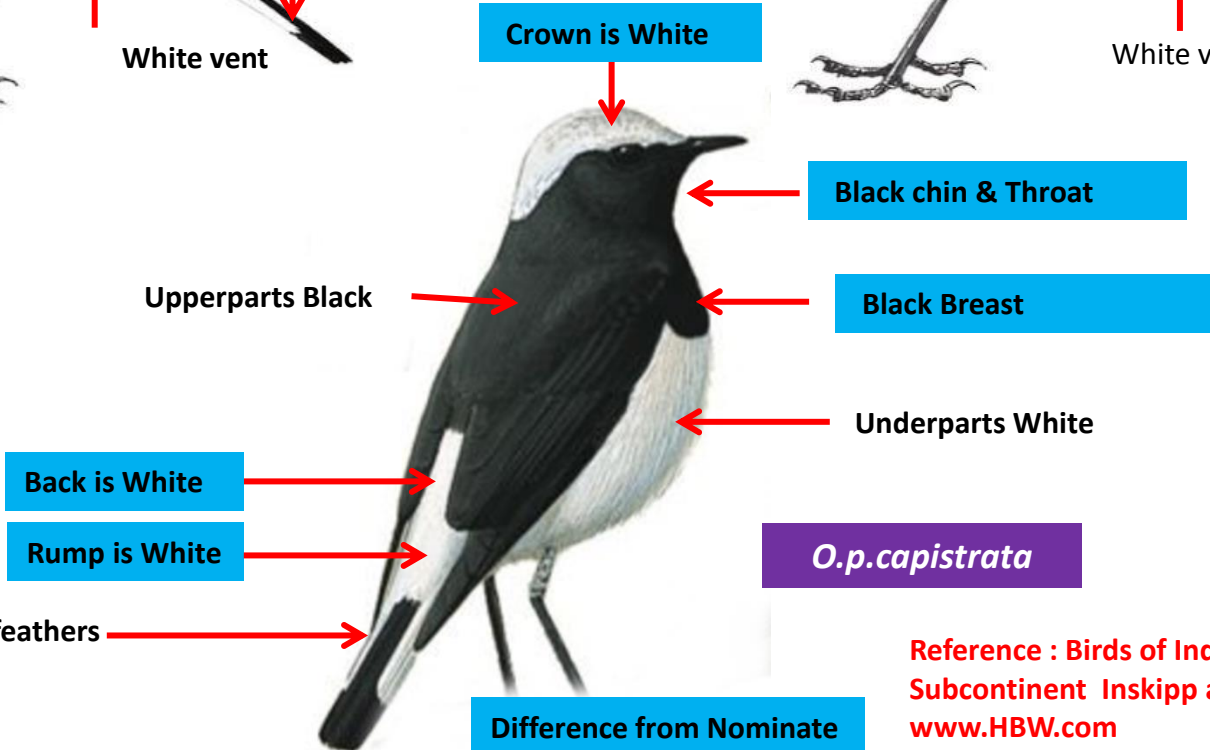
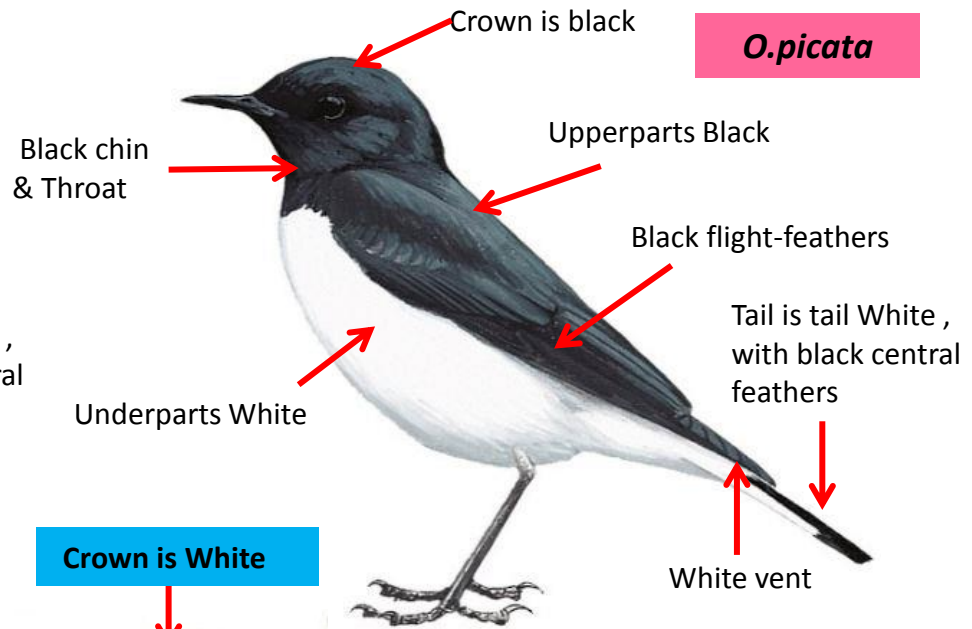
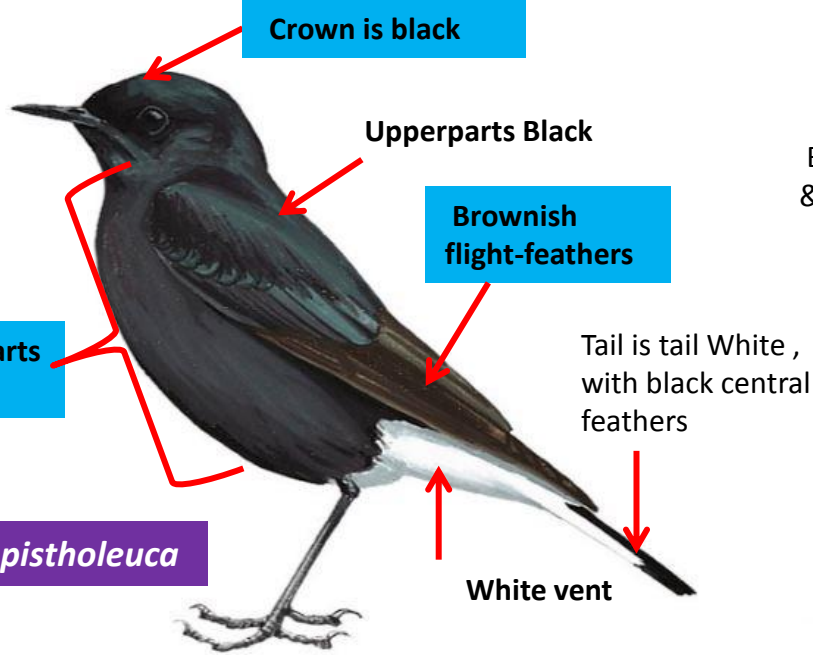
Red-tailed Wheatear Identification Tips

Red-tailed Wheatear : *Oenanthe pleschanka*: Winter Visitor in North West India



Variable Wheatear Identification Tips - Male

Variable Wheatear : *Oenanthe Picata* / *capistrata* / *opistholeuca* : Winter Visitor in North West India

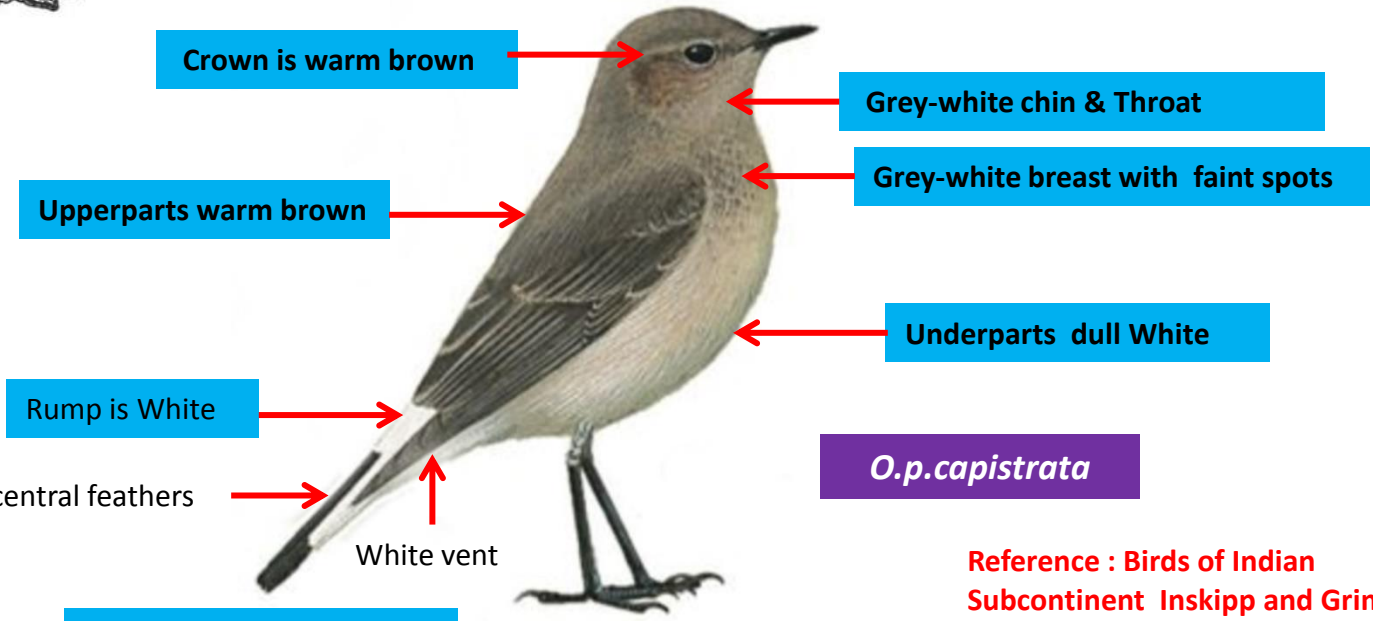
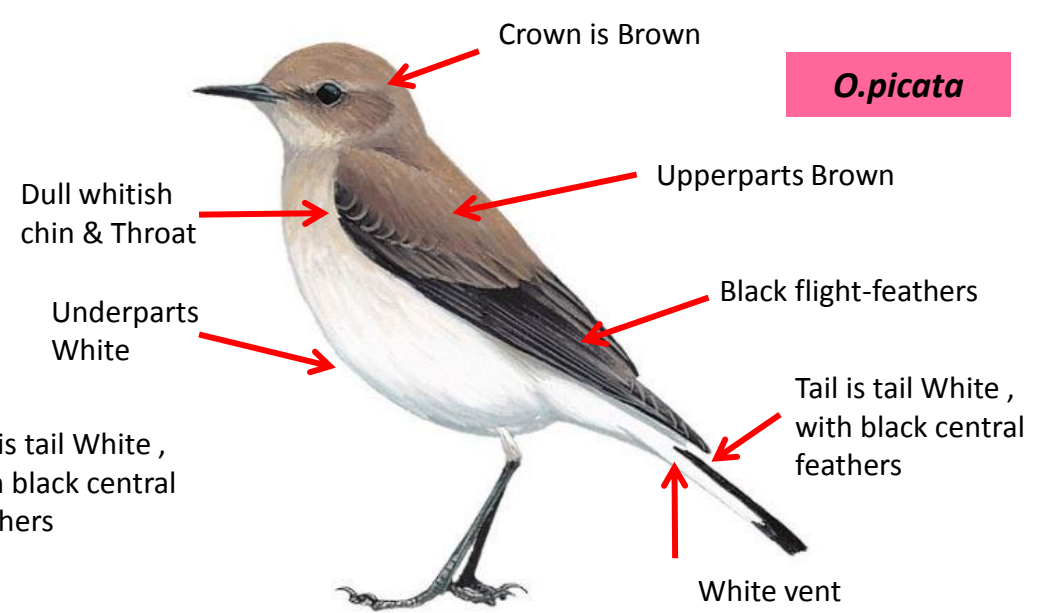
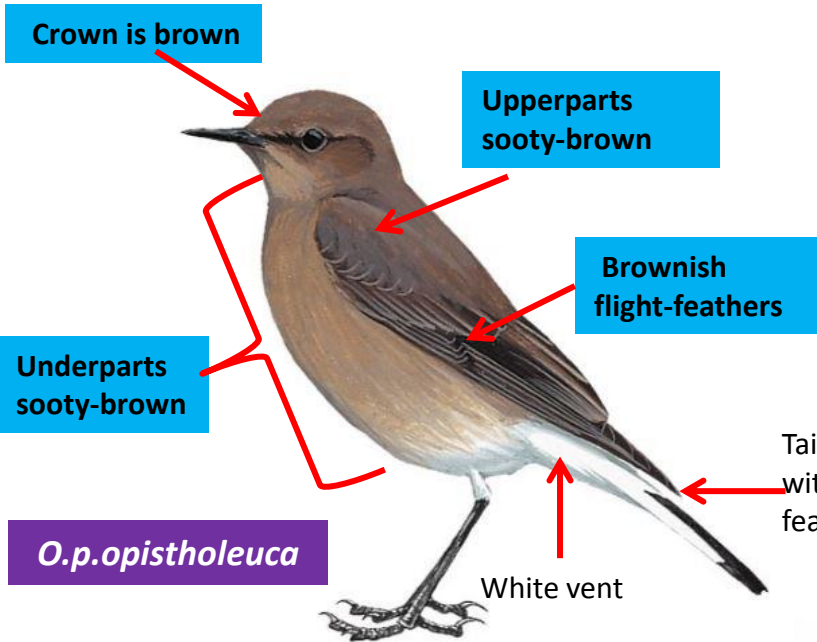


Tail is White , with black central feathers

Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent** Inskipp and Grimmett
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Variable Wheatear Identification Tips - Female

Variable Wheatear : *Oenanthe Picata* / *capistrata* / *opistholeuca* : Winter Visitor in North West India



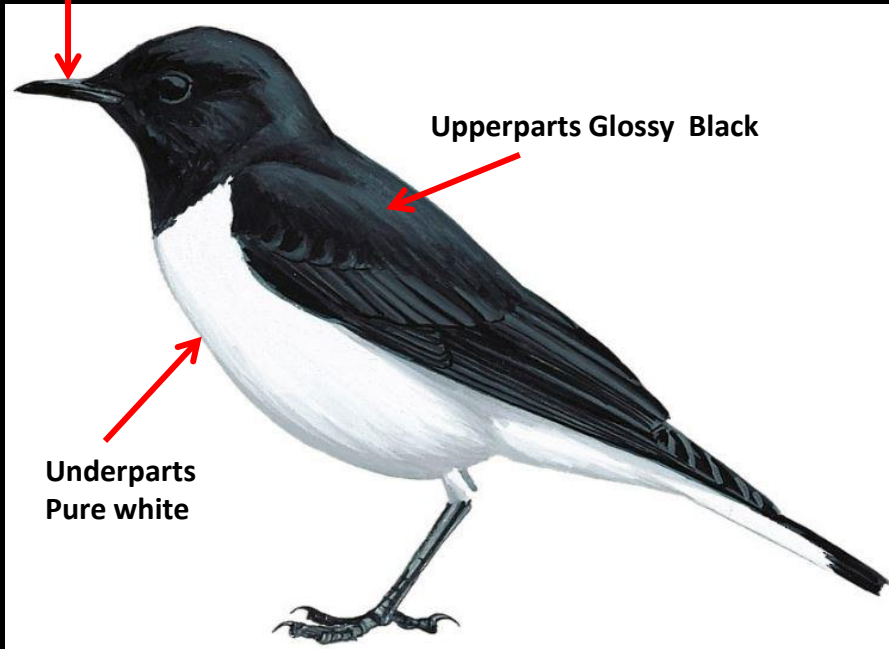
Difference from Nominate

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Comparison (Male) : Hume's Wheatear Vs Variable Wheatear (*O.picata*)

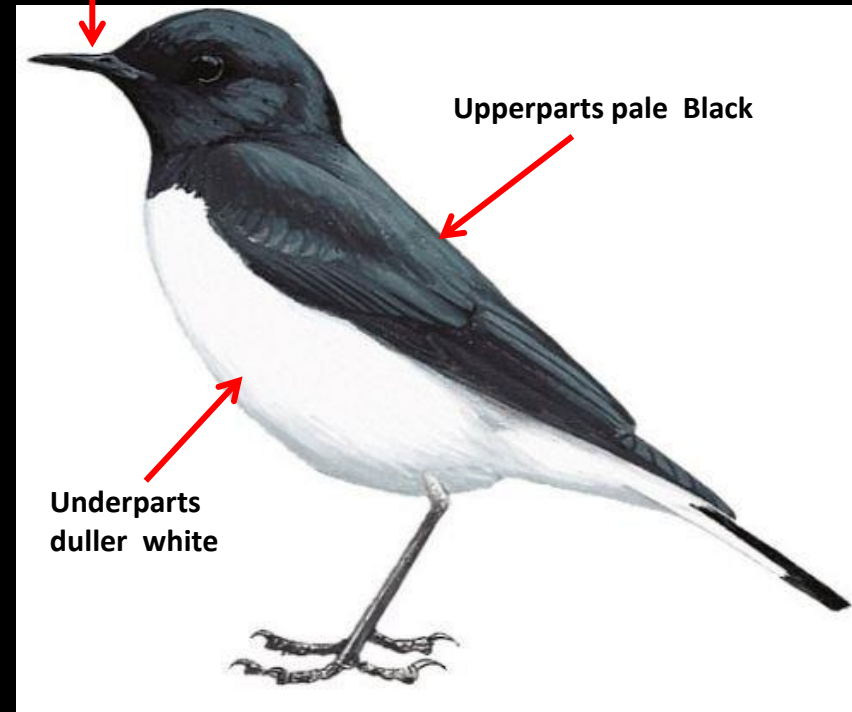
Thicker & Bigger bill

Hume's Wheatear



Thinner & smaller bill

Variable Wheatear- *O.picata*

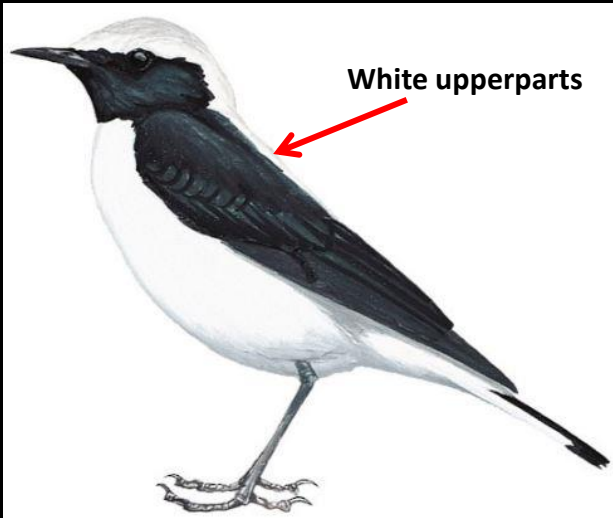


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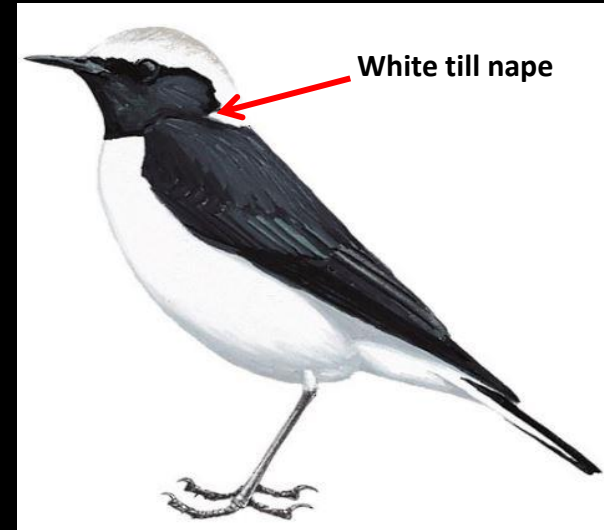
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Comparison (Male) : Finsch's Wheatear Vs Pied Wheatear Vs Variable Wheatear (*O.p.capistrata*)

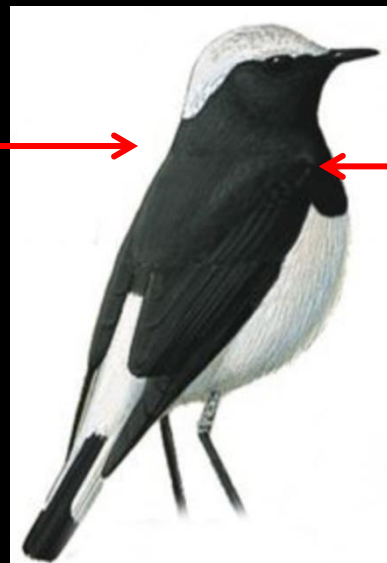
Finsch's Wheatear



Pied Wheatear



Black Nape & Upperparts



Black chin, throat & Breast

Variable Wheatear (*O.p.capistrata*)

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