



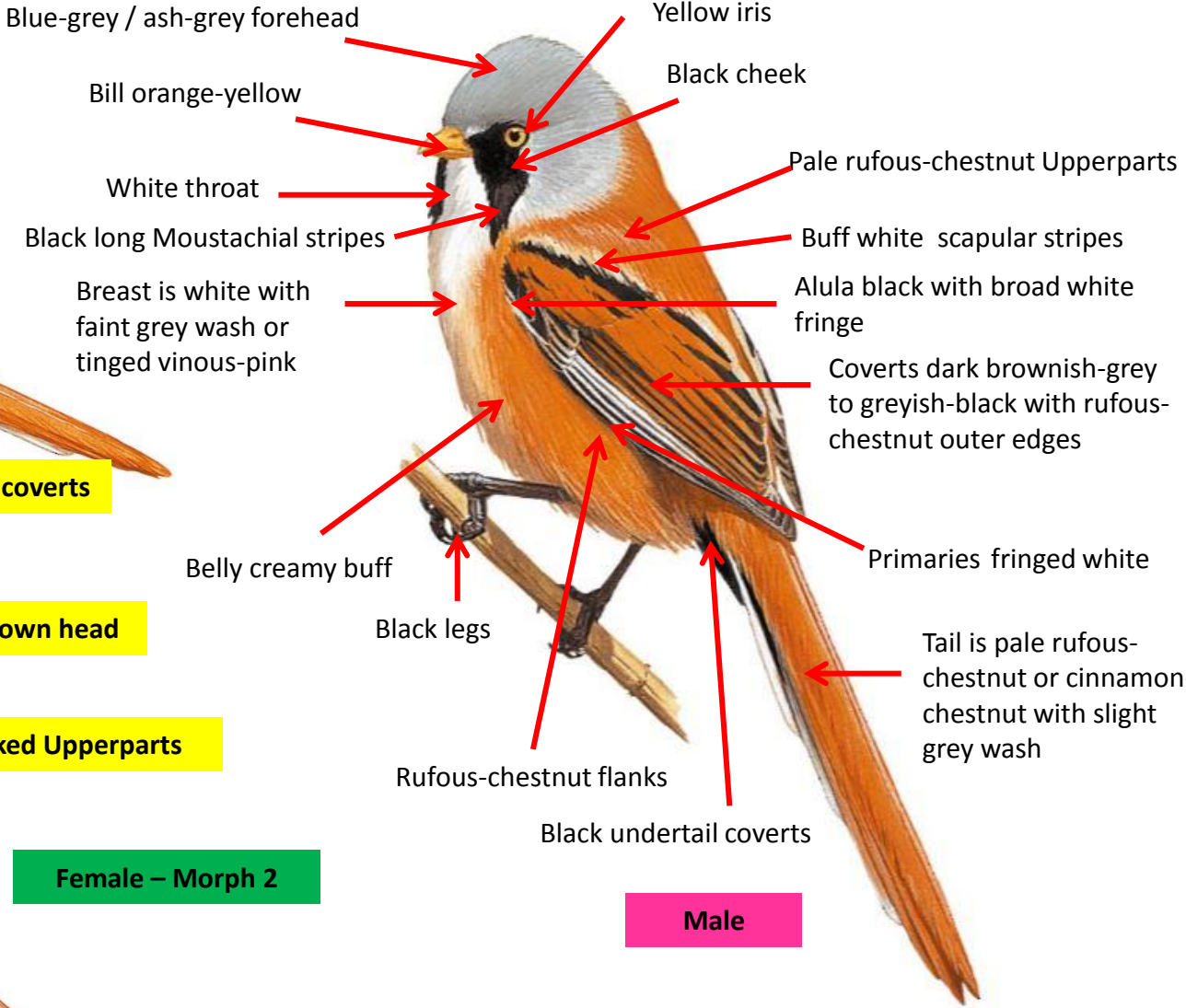
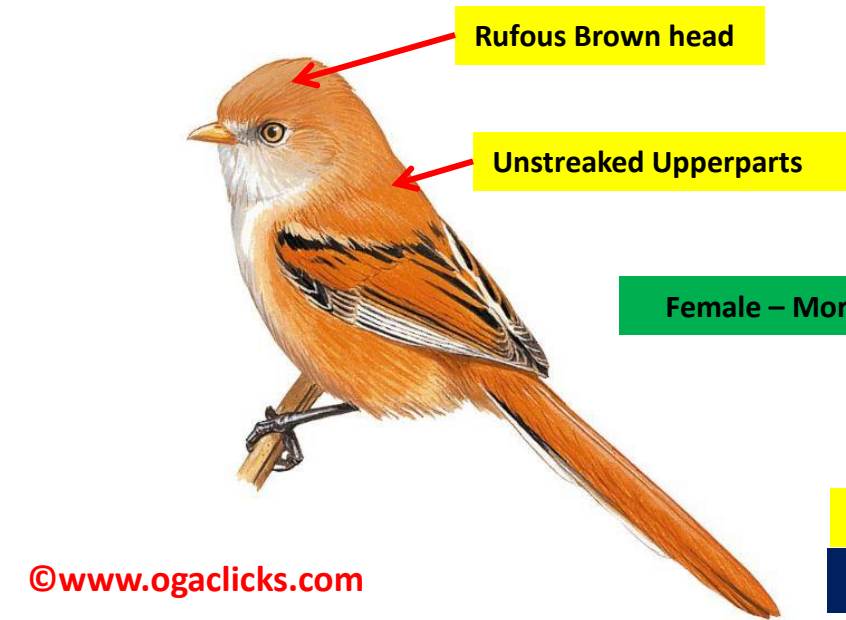
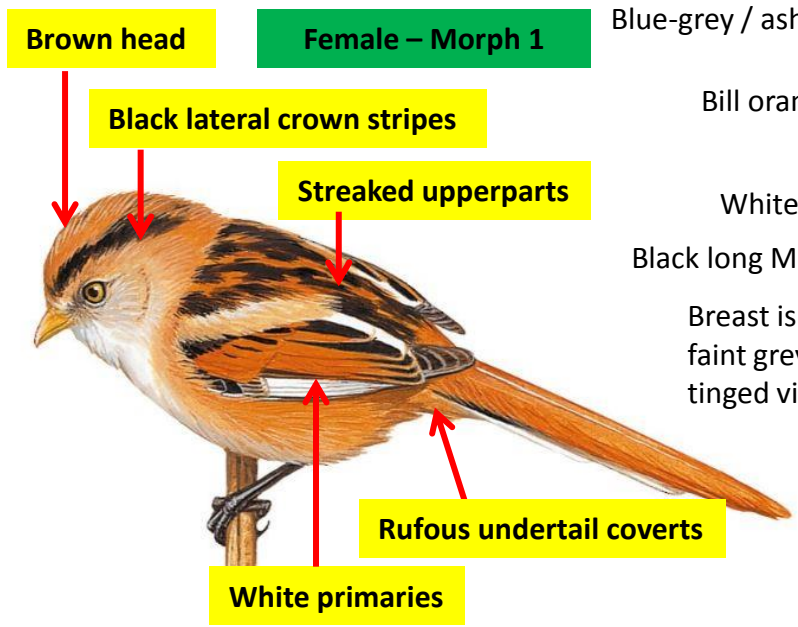
- The following pages have some identification markers for each of the Parrotbills found in India
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# List of Parrotbills found in India

Sno.	Name	Binomial Name
1	Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>
2	Black-breasted Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis flavirostris</i>
3	Black-throated Parrotbill	<i>Suthora nipalensis</i>
4	Brown Parrotbill	<i>Cholornis unicolor</i>
5	Fulvous Parrotbill	<i>Suthora fluvifrons</i>
6	Great Parrotbill	<i>Conostoma aemodium</i>
7	Greater Rufous-headed Parrotbill (White-breasted Parrotbill)	<i>Psittiparus ruficeps</i>
8	Grey-headed Parrotbill	<i>Psittiparus gularis</i>
9	Lesser rufous-headed Parrotbill (Pale-billed Parrotbill)	<i>Chleuasicus atrosuperciliaris</i>
10	Spot-breasted Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis guttaticollis</i>

# Bearded Reedling Identification Tips - P. b. russicus

Bearded Reedling: *Panurus biarmicus russicus* : Vagrant in India



**Female – Morph 2**

**Male**

**Difference from male**  
**Important id point**

Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent**  
**Inskipp and Grimmett**  
**www.HBW.com**

# Black-breasted Parrotbill Identification Tips

**Black-breasted Parrotbill : *Paradoxornis flavirostris* :** Resident of Plains of North India

Iris is deep red or red-brown to olivaceous brown

Chestnut-brown head

Bill is wax-yellow to bright or deep yellow

Chestnut-brown nape

Chin is black

Ear-coverts blackish with variable white mottling

Throat is black with variable white mottling

Upper breast is black

Upperparts are rufescent brown

Underparts deep rufescent-buff

Flight feathers are dark brown with creamy-buff inner fringes, dark rufous outer fringes

Legs slate-coloured to plumbeous grey

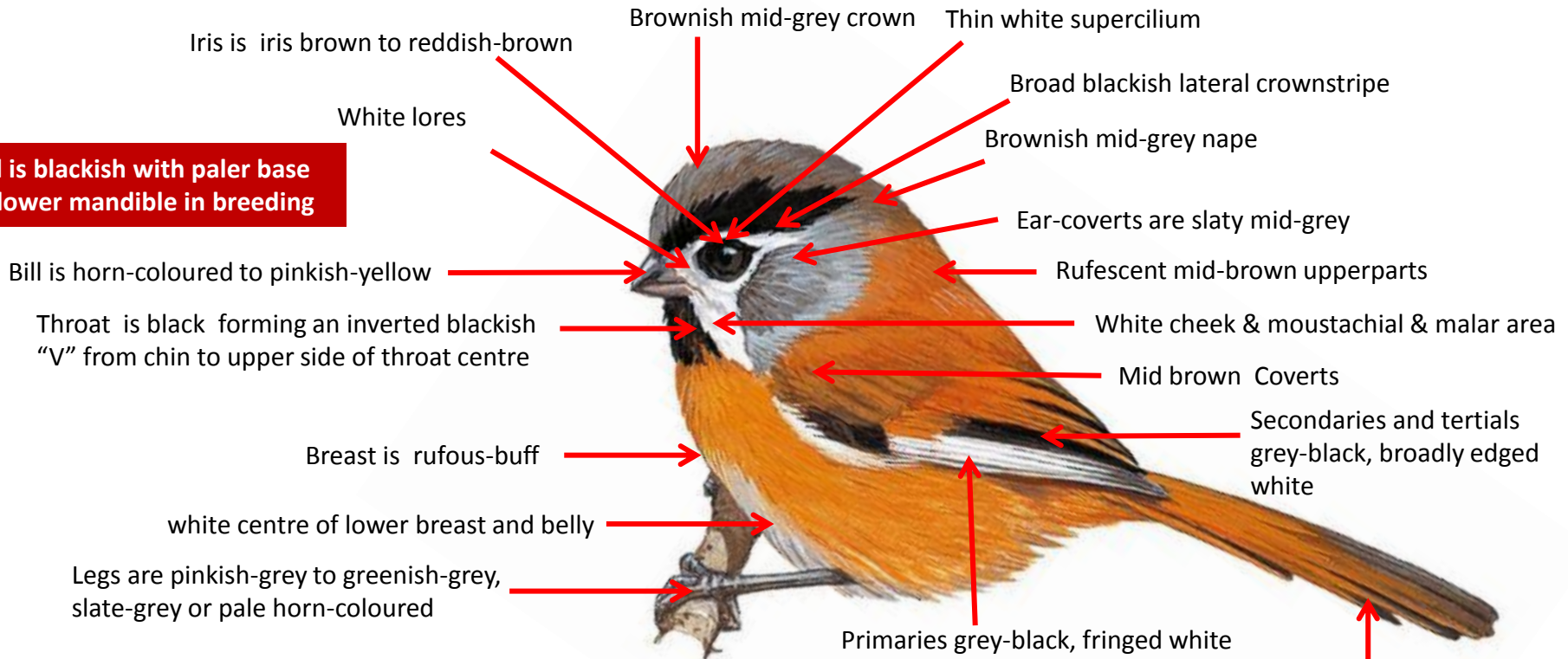
Tail dark brown, outer fringes brighter

Both the sexes are similar

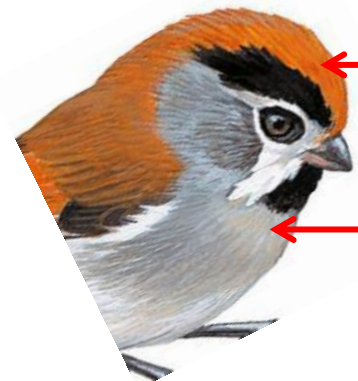
# Black-throated Parrotbill Identification Tips

**Black-throated Parrotbill : *Suthora nipalensis* :** Resident of Himalayas & Hills of North India

**Bill is blackish with paler base of lower mandible in breeding**



***S. n. poliotis* : Arunachal Pradesh (East from River Dihang) to N Manipur, South Assam (Cachar) and Khasi Hills**



**Both the sexes are similar**

**Important id point**

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# Brown Parrotbill Identification Tips

**Brown Parrotbill : *Cholornis unicolor* :** Resident of Himalayas in India

Greyish eyering broken at front and rear, yellow iris

Dark brown-grey head with dark feather centre

Blackish supercilium

Bill is flesh-yellow with lighter tip /Cornelian yellow to pale horn-yellow / Dull yellow with yellow-brown base of lower mandible

Face is dark vinous-tinged brown, and with contrasting pinkish-silver streaks

Throat is Dark brown-grey with dark feather centre

Upperparts are dark brown

Breast is washed grey and with faint streaking

Coverts are dark brown

Belly buffy ash-grey to greyish-cream

Dark brown flanks

Flight feathers are dark brown with buff inner fringes, dull rufescent outer fringes

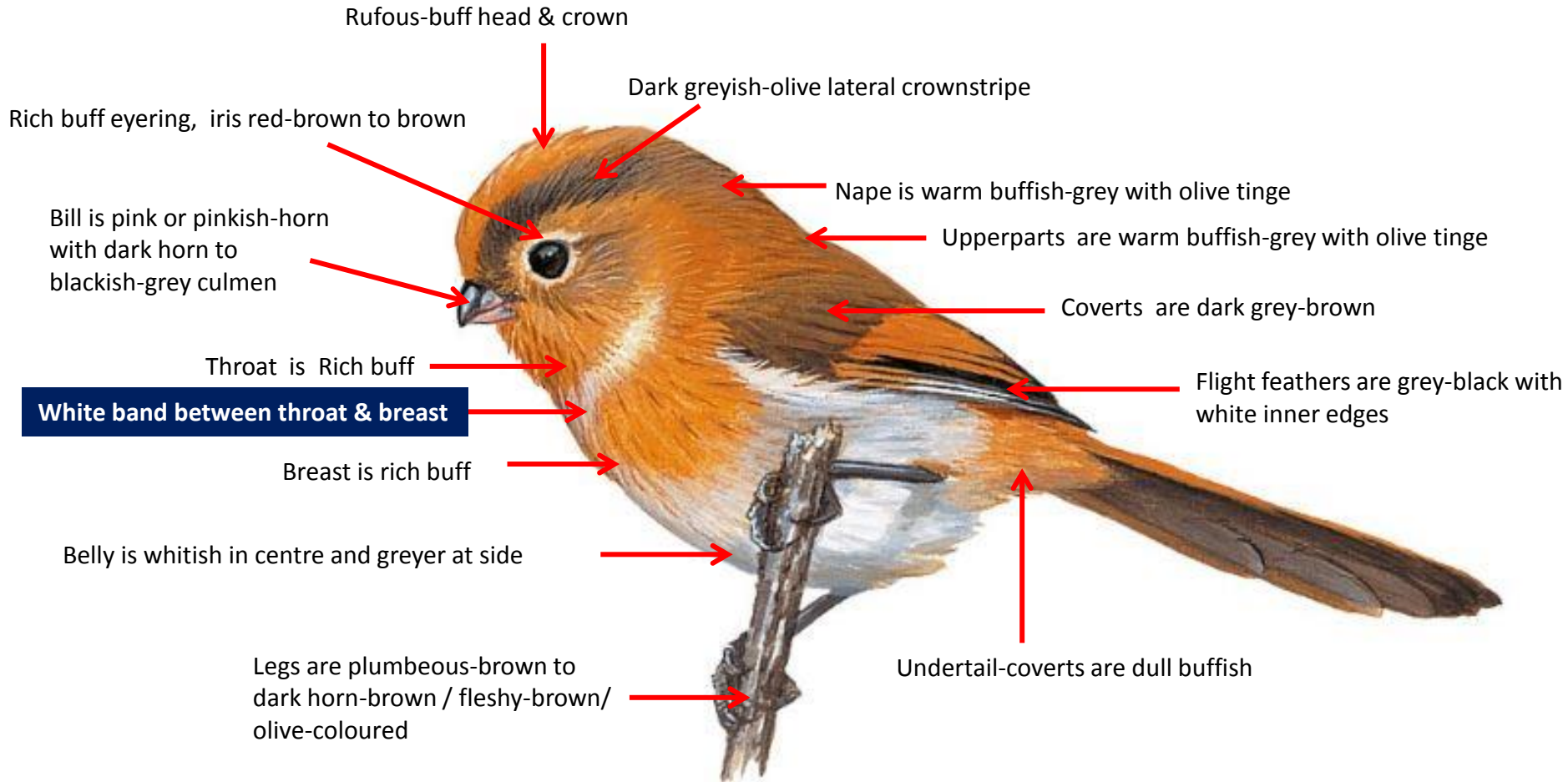
Legs are dark leaden-brown or greenish-lead, claws greenish-lead

Tail is brown, with little grey

**Both the sexes are similar**

# Fulvous Parrotbill Identification Tips

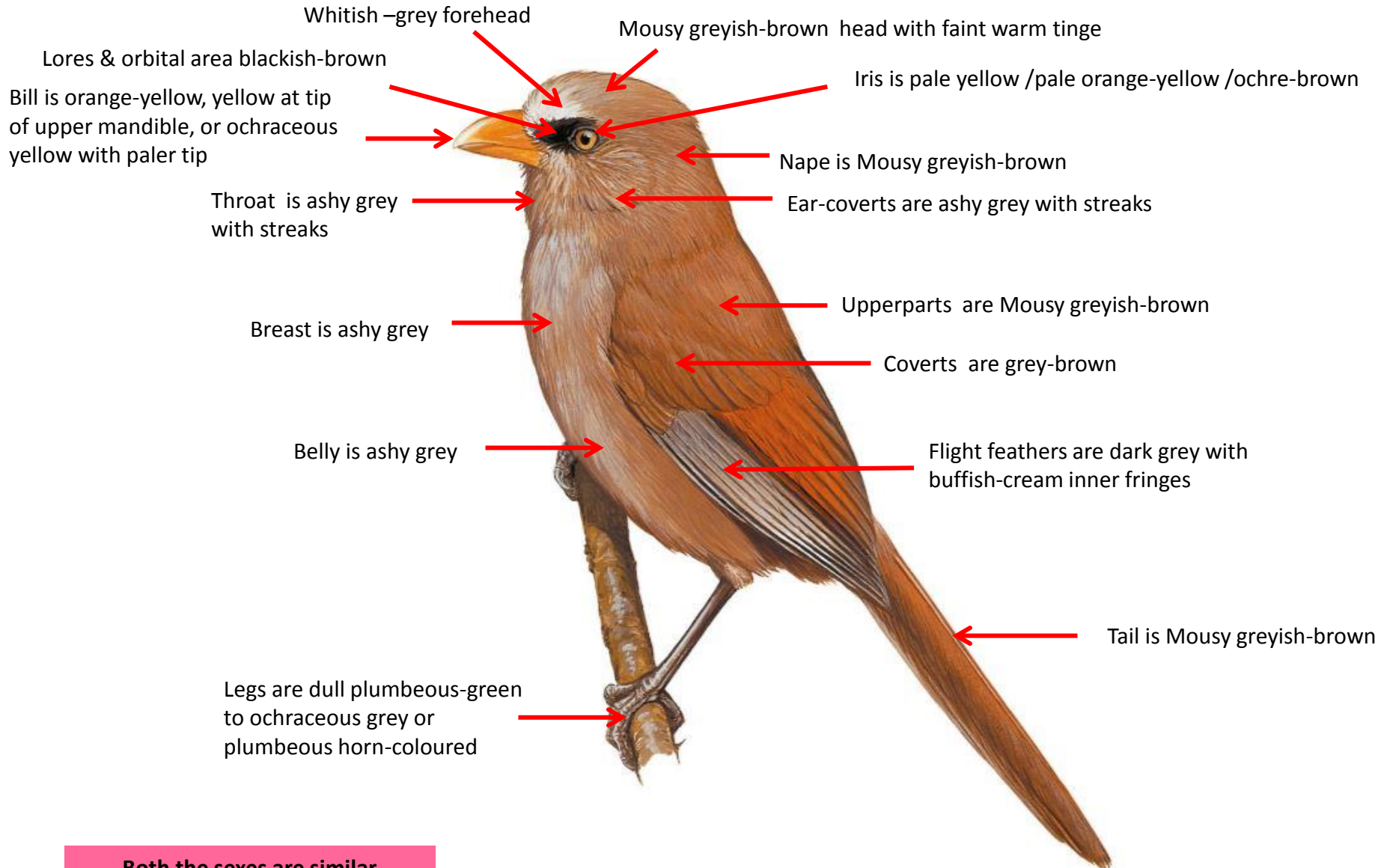
**Fulvous Parrotbill : *Suthora fluvifrons* :** Resident of Himalayas in India



Both the sexes are similar

# Great Parrotbill Identification Tips

**Great Parrotbill : *Conostoma aemodium* :** Resident of Himalayas in India

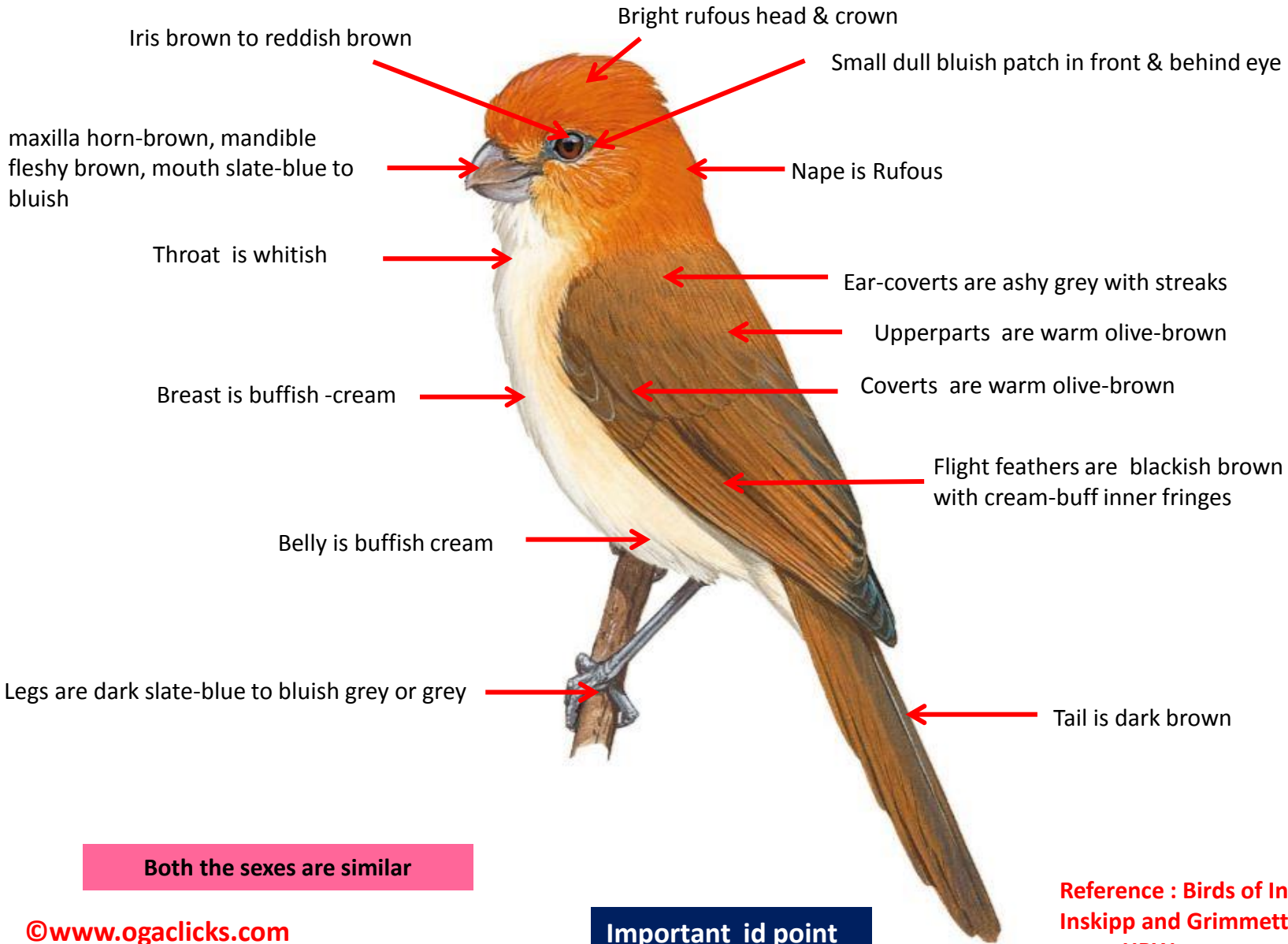


Both the sexes are similar



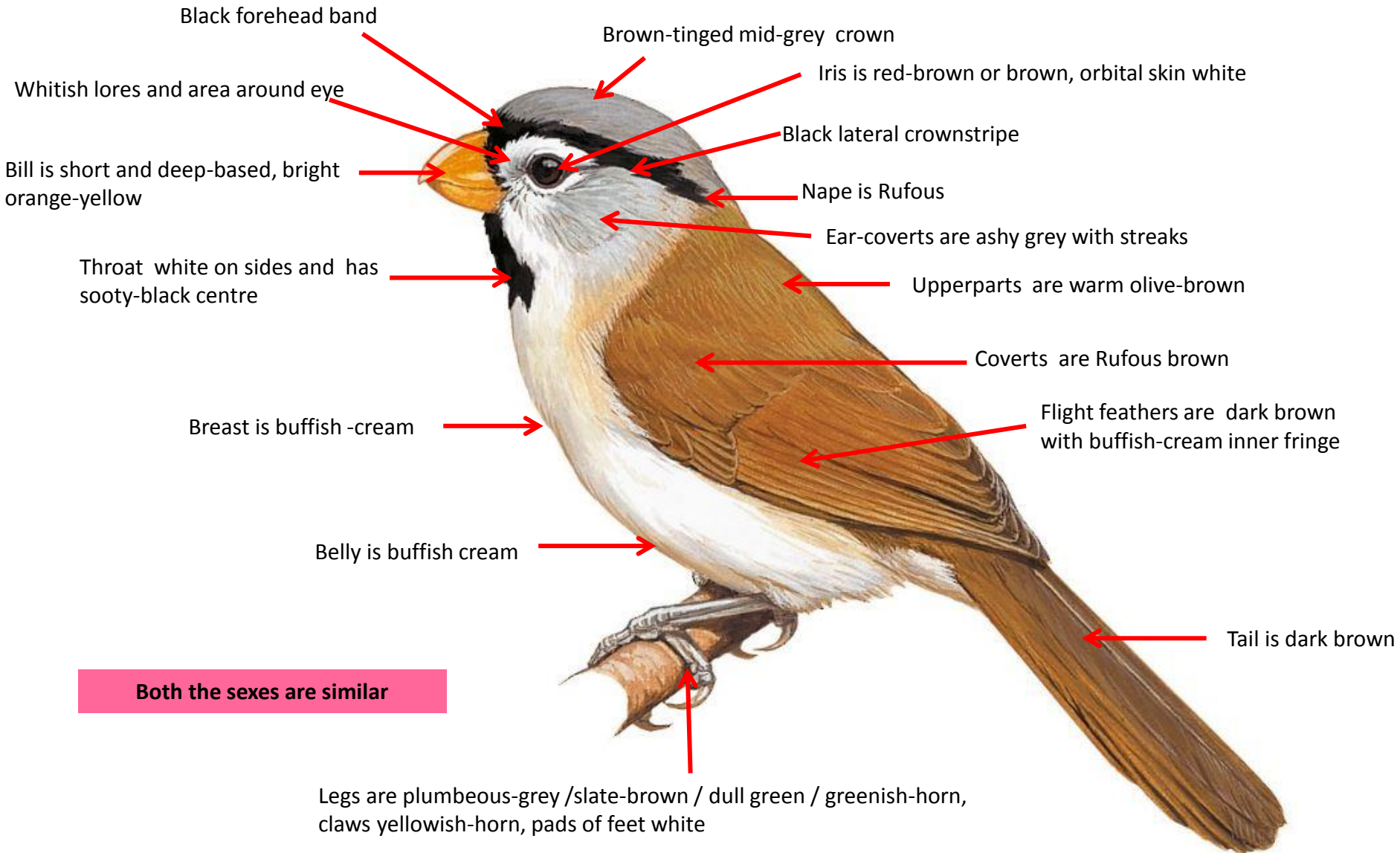
# Greater Rufous-headed Parrotbill ( White-breasted Parrotbill) Identification Tips

**Greater Rufous-headed Parrotbill ( White-breasted Parrotbill): *Psittiparus ruficeps*** : Resident of Eastern Himalayas & hills of North East India



# Grey-headed Parrotbill Identification Tips

**Grey-headed Parrotbill** : *Psittiparus gularis* : Resident of Eastern Himalayas & hills of North East India



# Lesser rufous-headed Parrotbill (Pale-billed Parrotbill) Identification Tips

**Lesser rufous-headed Parrotbill (Pale-billed Parrotbill) : *Chleuasicus atrosuperciliaris* :** Resident of Eastern Himalayas & hills of North East India

Bright rufous head & crown

**Short, thickish black eyebrow**

Iris brown to reddish brown

Pale bluish patch in front & behind eye

Pale blue lores

Nape is Rufous

Bill is pinkish with slightly darker culmen and base, becoming bluish close to forehead, or pale grey with white to pinkish-flesh tip

Ear-coverts rufous with streaks

Throat is whitish

Upperparts are warm olive-brown

Breast is buffish -cream

Coverts are warm olive-brown

***C. a. oatesi* - North East India (Sikkim, North West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh West of River Dihang)**

**NO black eyebrow**

Flight feathers are blackish brown with cream-buff inner fringes

Belly is buffish cream

Tail is dark brown

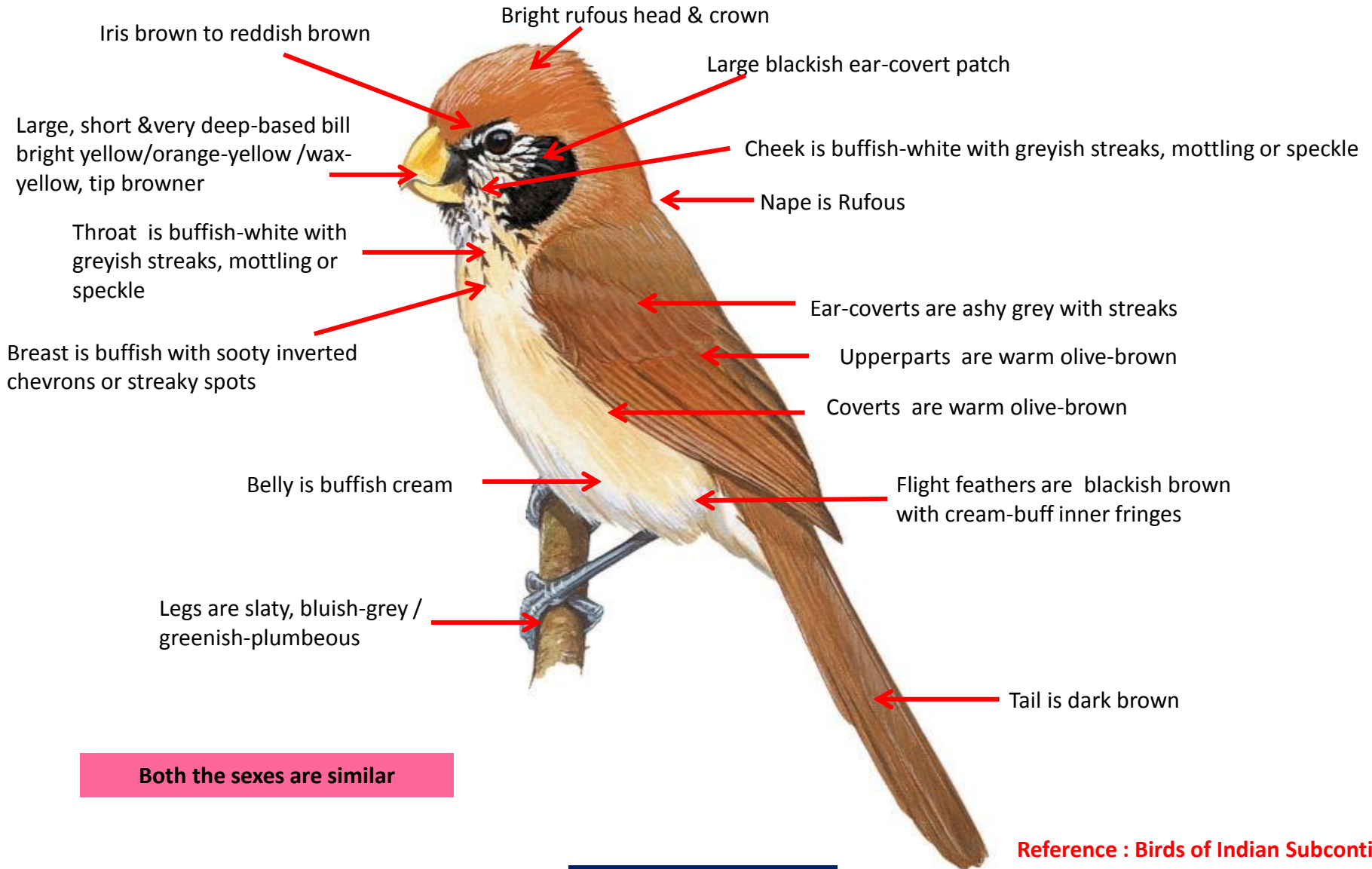
Legs are pale blue-grey or plumbeous



Both the sexes are similar

# Spot-breasted Parrotbill Identification Tips

Spot-breasted Parrotbill : *Paradoxornis guttaticollis* : Resident of hills of North East India



Both the sexes are similar