



- The following pages have some identification markers for each of the Pigeons & Wood Pigeons found in India
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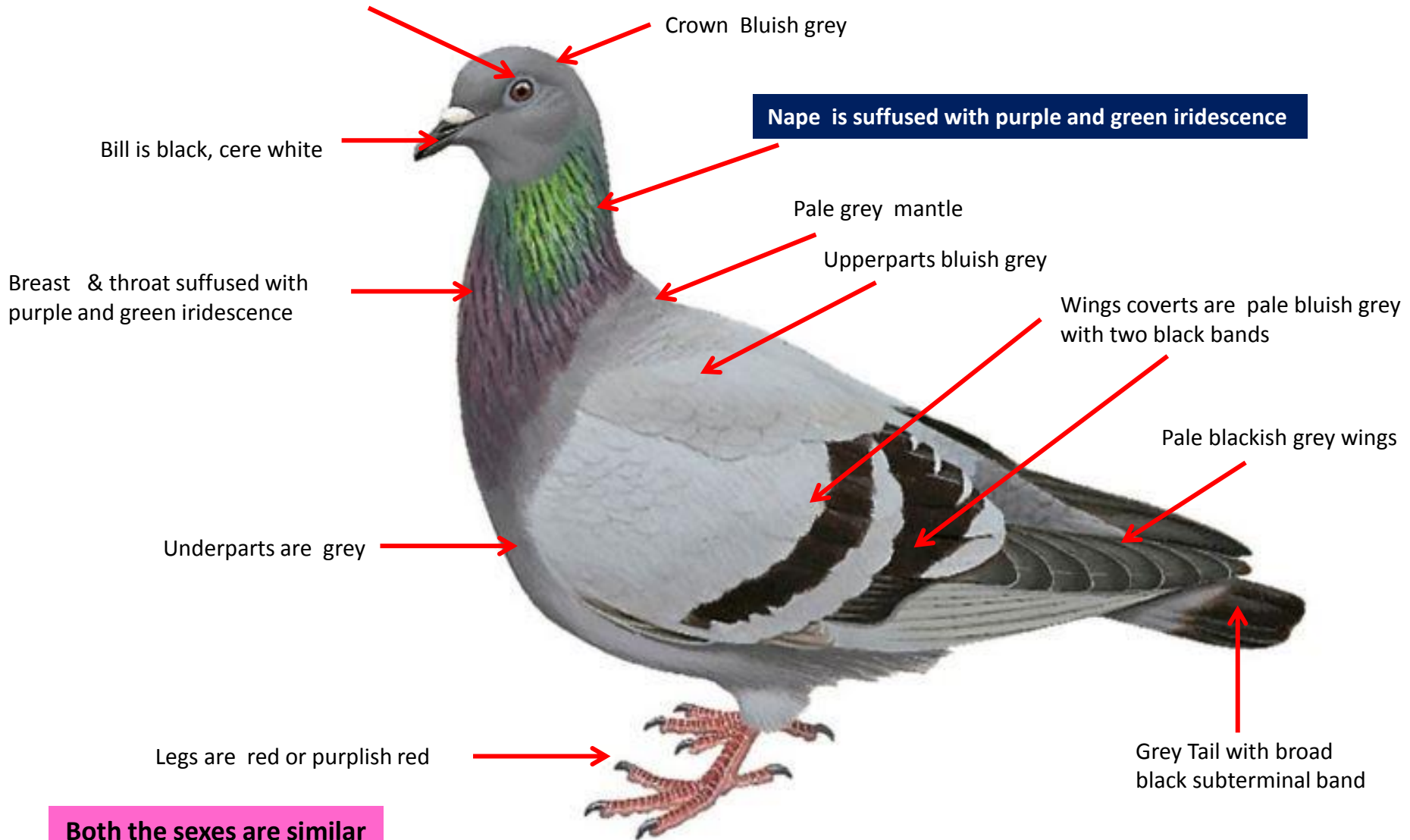
List of Pigeon & Wood Pigeon found in India

Sno.	Name	Binomial Name
1	Common Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
2	Hill Pigeon	<i>Columba rupestris</i>
3	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>
4	Pale-capped Pigeon	<i>Columba punicea</i>
5	Snow Pigeon	<i>Columba leuconota</i>
6	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>
7	Yellow-eyed Pigeon	<i>Columba eversmanni</i>
Wood Pigeon		
1	Andaman Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumboides</i>
2	Ashy Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba pulchricollis</i>
3	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
4	Nilgiri Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba eliphinstonii</i>
5	Speckled Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba hodgsonii</i>

Common Pigeon (Rock Pigeon): Identification Tips -*C. l. intermedia*

Common Pigeon (Rock Pigeon):*Columba livia intermedia* : Widespread Resident in India

Iris is golden orange to orange to red-orange; orbital skin blue-grey

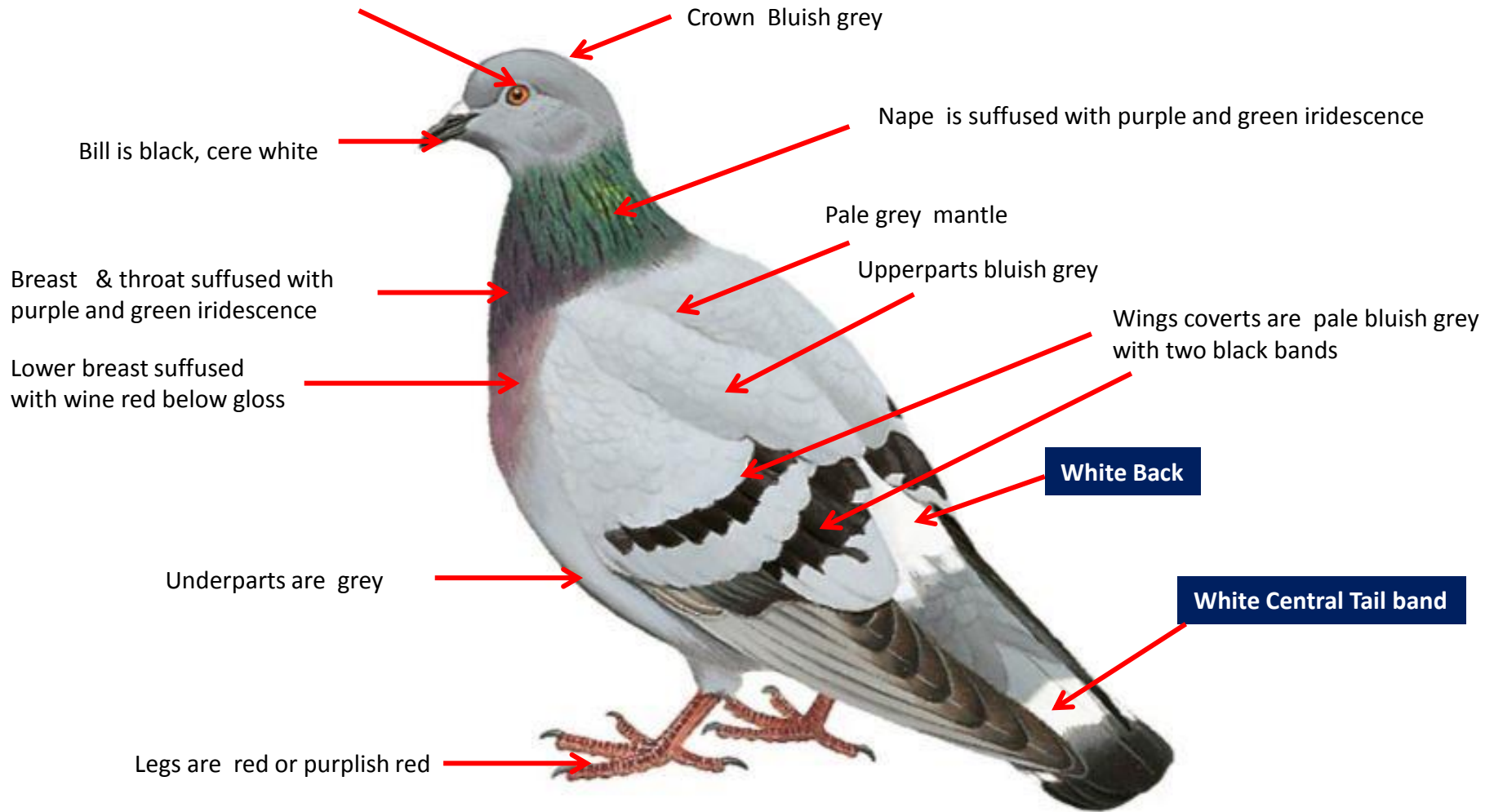


Both the sexes are similar

Hill Pigeon Identification Tips

Hill Pigeon :*Columba rupestris* : Resident of Western Ghats, East & North East India

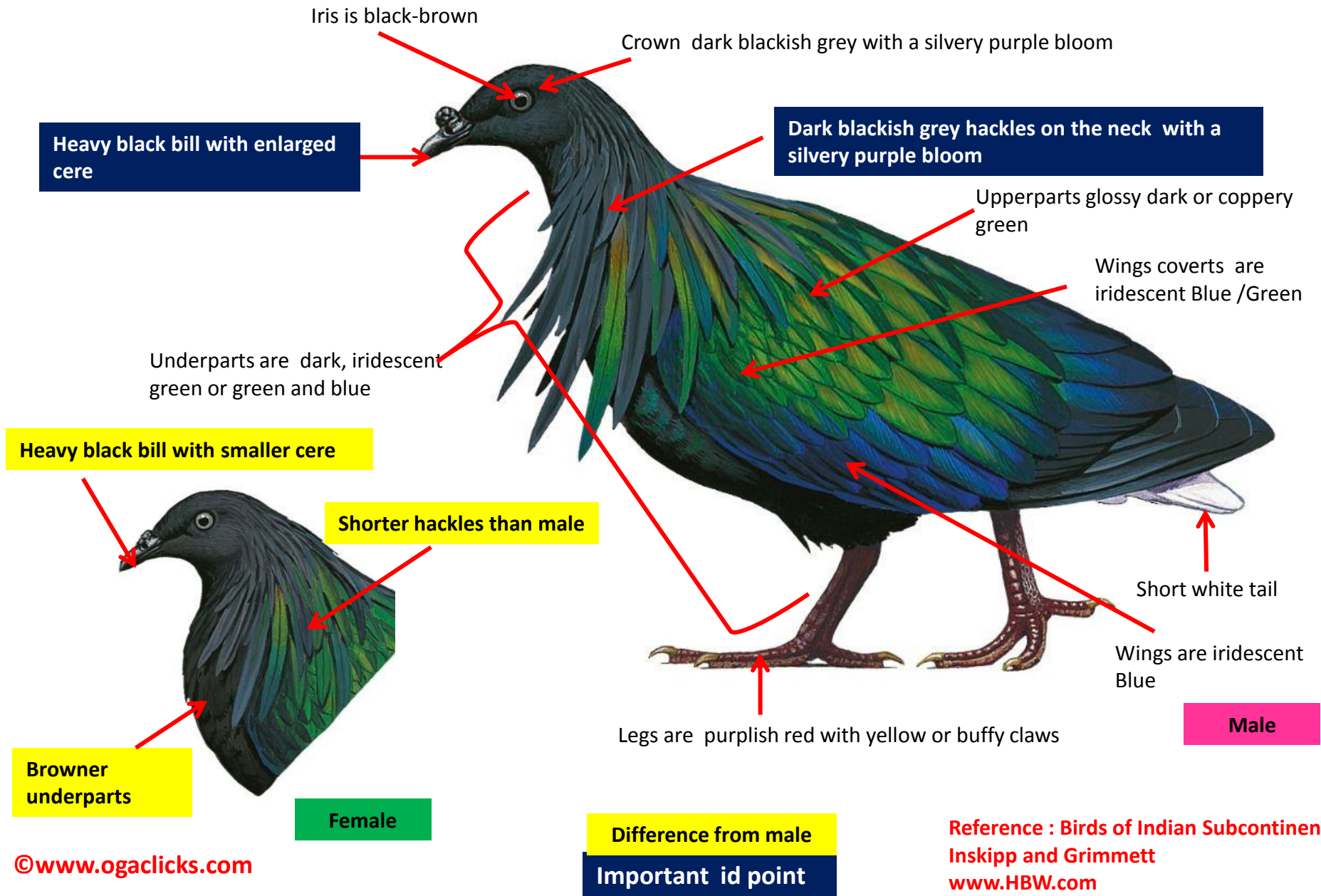
Iris is golden orange to orange to red-orange; orbital skin blue-grey



Both the sexes are similar

Nicobar Pigeon Identification Tips

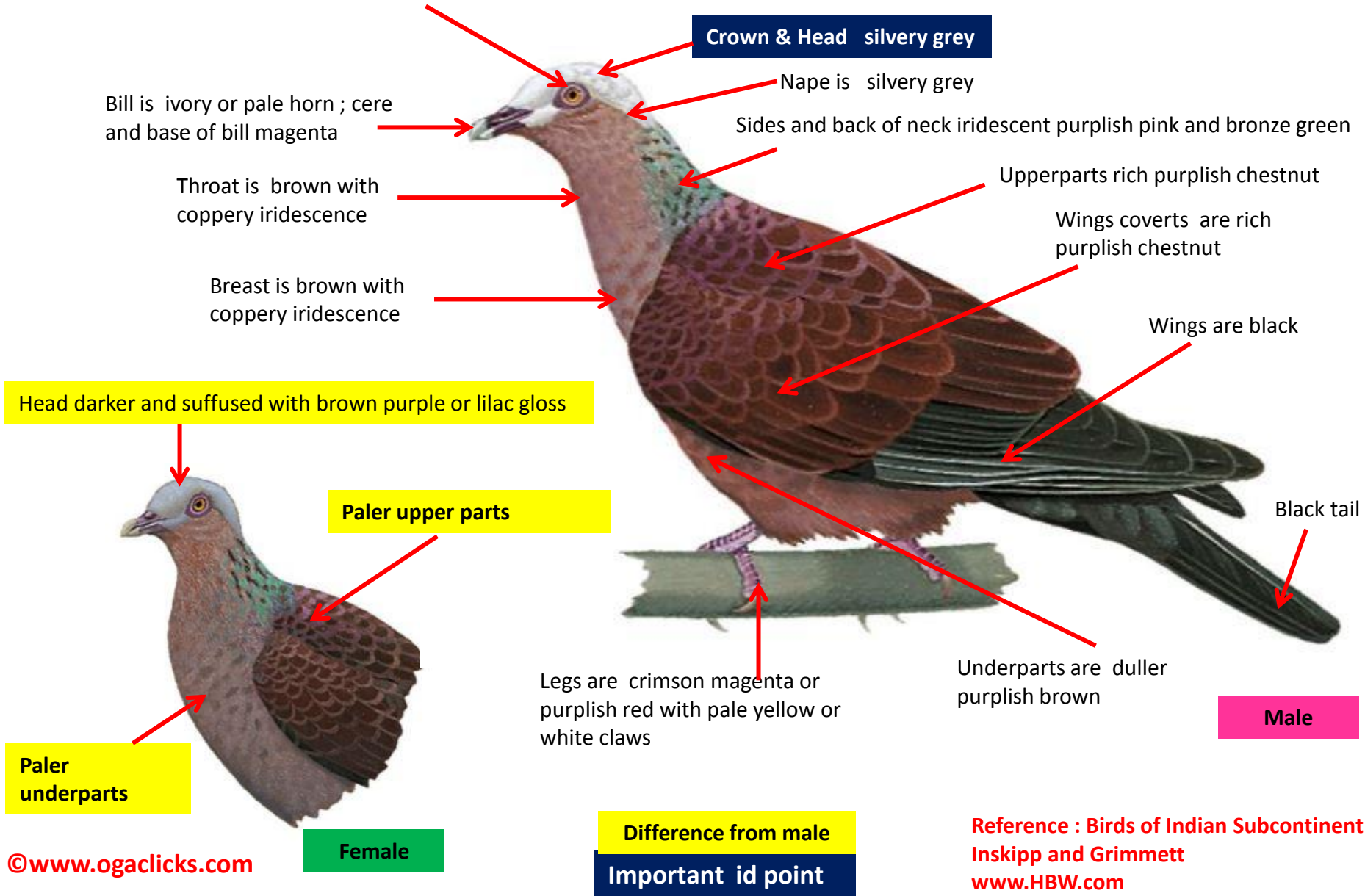
Nicobar Pigeon : *Caloenas nicobarica* : Resident of Nicobar islands in India



Pale-capped Pigeon Identification Tips

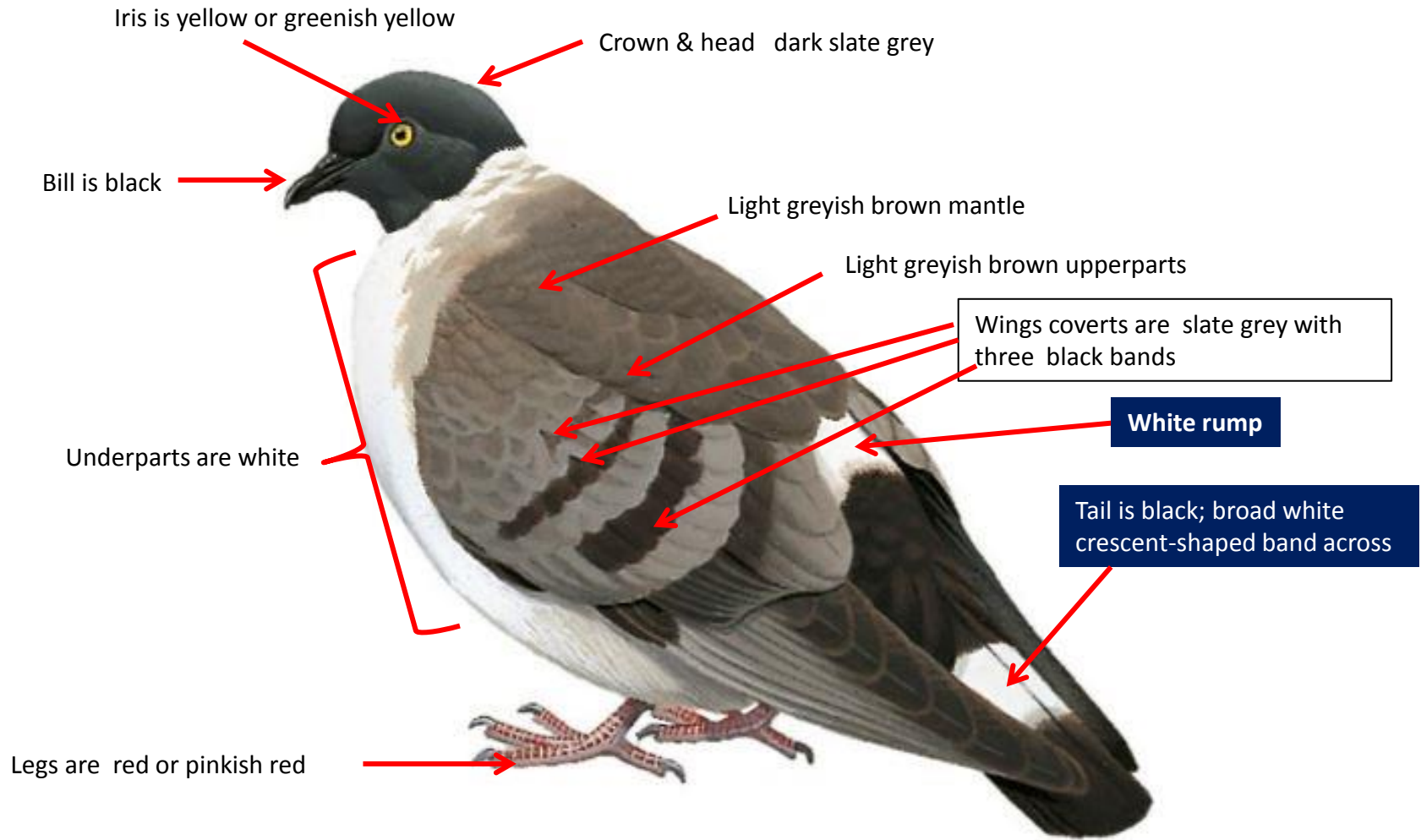
Pale-capped : *Columba punicea* : Resident of Eastern Ghats & North East India

Iris is creamy yellow, yellow-brown, orange-yellow or orange-red; orbital skin greyish magenta or purplish, eye rim brighter



Snow Pigeon Identification Tips

Snow Pigeon :*Columba leuconota* : Resident of Himalayas in India

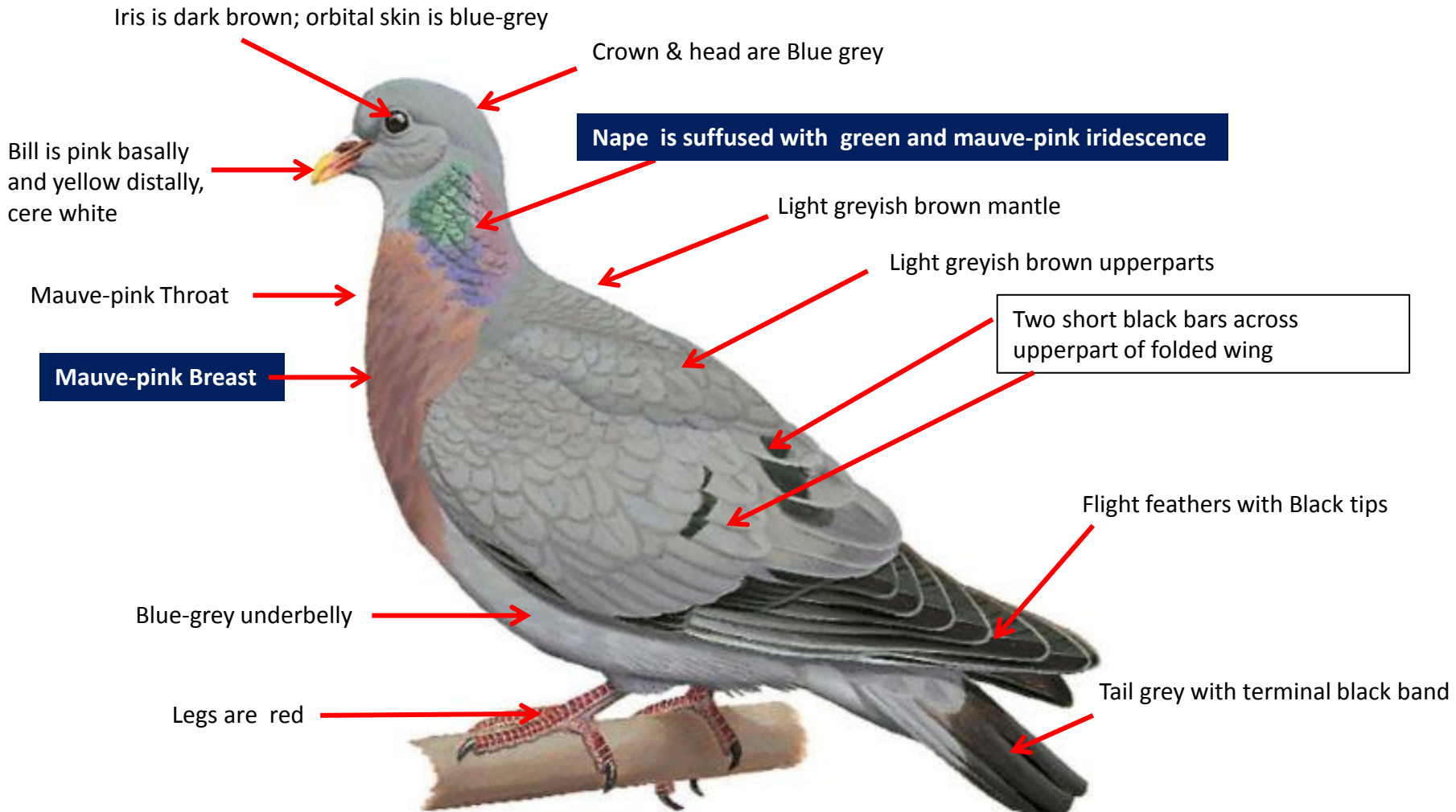


Both the sexes are similar

Important id point

Stock Dove Identification Tips

Snow Pigeon : *Columba oenas* : Vagrant in India



Both the sexes are similar

Yellow-eyed Pigeon Identification Tips

Yellow-eyed Pigeon : *Columba evermanni* : Winter visitor in North & North West India

Iris is yellow or yellowish brown; orbital skin pale yellow or cream

Crown & head are Mauve-pink

Nape is suffused with green and mauve-pink iridescence

Greyish brown mantle

Greyish brown upperparts

Upper rump White

Lower rump and uppertail-coverts dark grey

Flight feathers blue-grey with Black tips

Tail grey with terminal black band

Three short black bars across Coverts

Bill is brownish or dark green basally, yellow to yellowish green or green distally

Blue-grey Throat

Mauve-pink Breast

Blue-grey underbelly

Legs are yellowish flesh

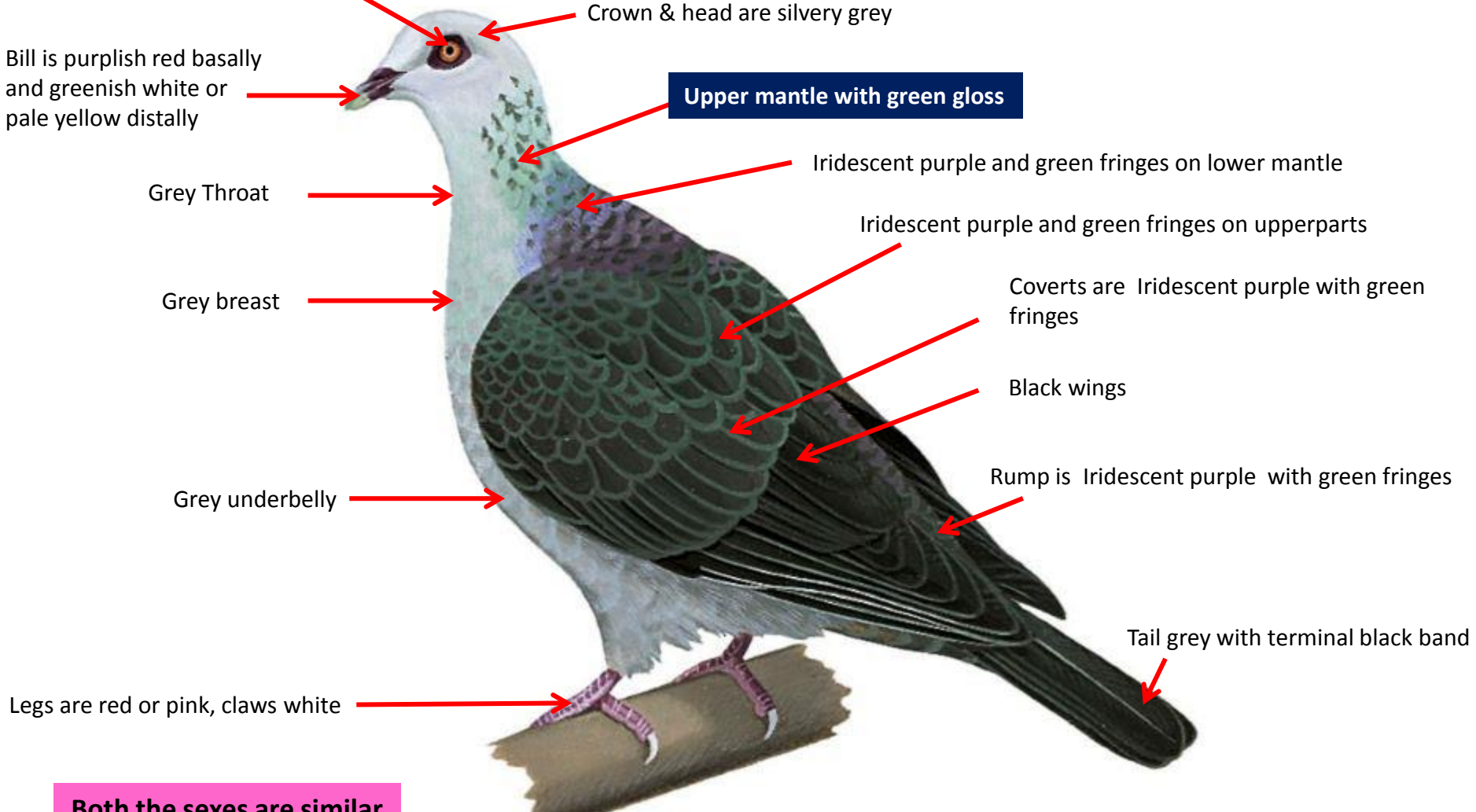
Both the sexes are similar

Wood Pigeon

Andaman Wood Pigeon Identification Tips

Andaman Wood Pigeon : *Columba palumboides* : Resident of Andaman & Nicobar Islands in India

Iris is with dark orange or red outer ring and inner ring of yellow or orange; orbital skin purplish red

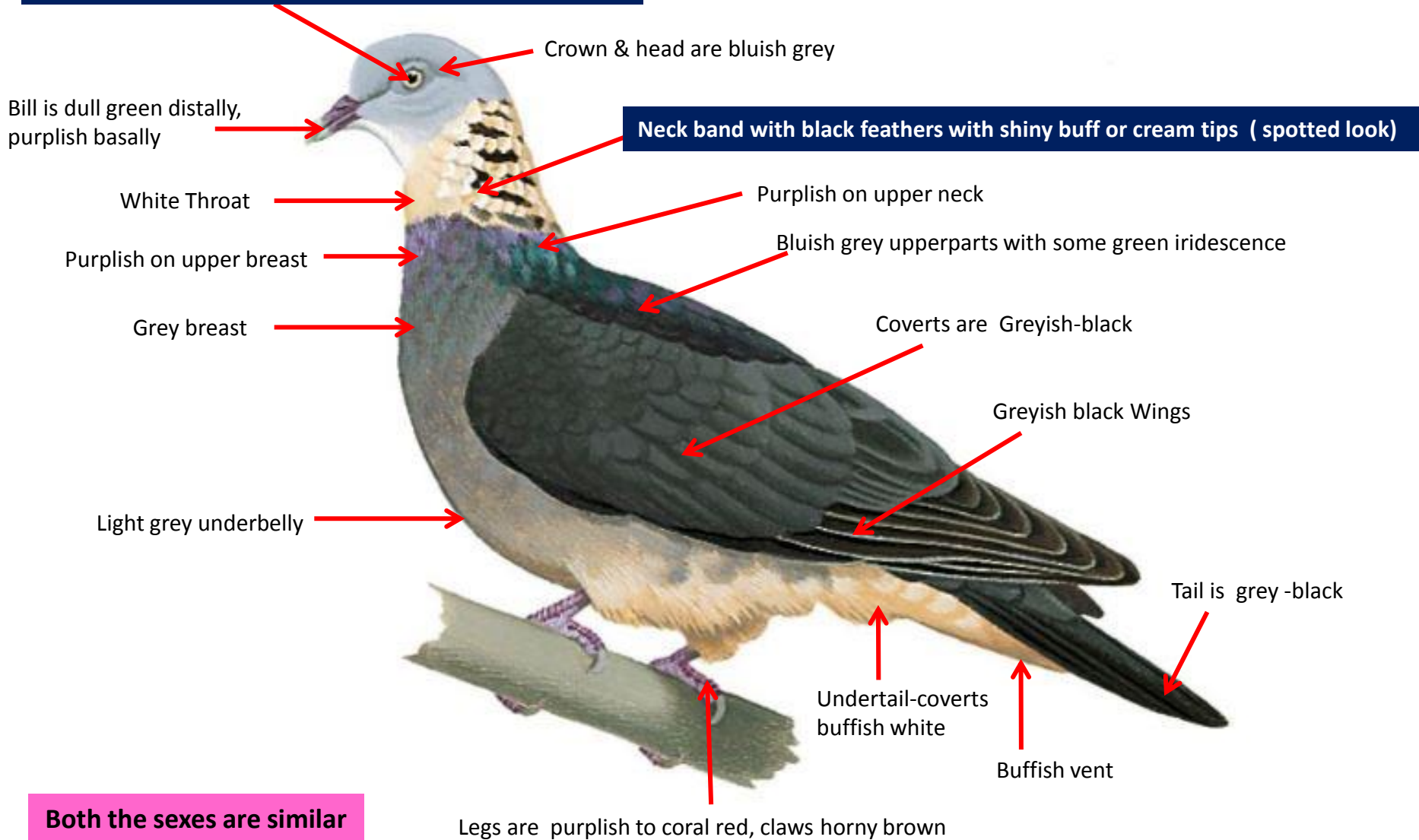


Both the sexes are similar

Ashy Wood Pigeon Identification Tips

Ashy Wood Pigeon : *Columba pulchricollis* : Resident of Himalayas & hills of North East India

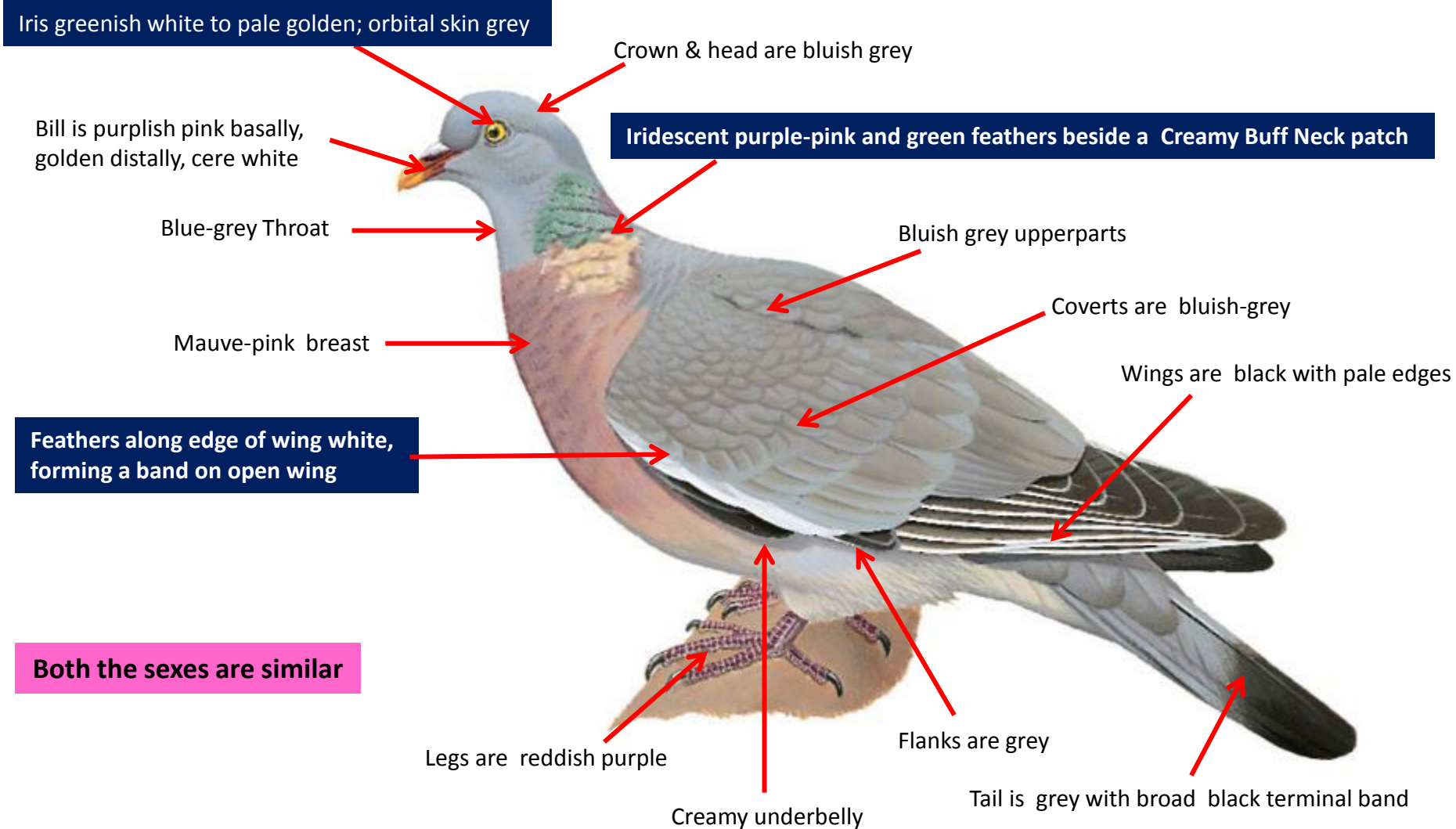
Iris is white, greyish white or pale yellow; orbital skin grey



Both the sexes are similar

Common Wood Pigeon Identification Tips- *C. p. casiotis*

Common Wood Pigeon : *Columba palumbus casiotis* : Resident of Himalayas (Kashmir), Winters sporadically in East India (Sikkim & West Bengal)



Nilgiri Wood Pigeon Identification Tips

Nilgiri Wood Pigeon : *Columba elphinstonii* : Resident of Western Ghats in India

Iris is greyish brown or bright khaki

Crown & head are bluish grey

Neck has black feathers with white tips forms a broad, spotted, chequered half-collar

Cere and basal half of bill magenta, distal half ivory-white

Green iridescence on hindneck

Blue-grey Throat

Purple or brownish purple iridescence on mantle

Blue-grey breast

Brownish purple, most feathers fringed with brownish purple upperparts

Coverts are Brownish purple, most feathers fringed with brownish purple

Grey belly with brownish tinge

Greyish black Wings

White underbelly

Tail is black

Undertail-coverts buffish white

Legs are magenta, claws ivory

Both the sexes are similar

Speckled Wood Pigeon Identification Tips

Speckled Wood Pigeon : *Columba hodgsonii* : Resident of Himalayas & hills of North East India

Iris is white or greyish white; orbital skin grey

Crown & head are pale grey

Hindneck feathers lanceolate, black or purplish black basally and silver at tips giving neck a speckled appearance

Bill is bluish purple basally, black distally

Throat is pale grey

Upperparts dark reddish purple

Wings coverts are dark reddish purple with small white spots

Breast is silver grey speckled with black spots

Wings are black

iris with grey or brown tinges

Male

Upperparts dark grey

Underparts are dark with pinkish white streaks

Black tail

Light grey or brownish grey Breast

Legs are brownish yellow to green, claws bright yellow

Undertail-coverts and underwing slate-grey

Female

Difference from male

Important id point

**Reference : Birds of Indian Subcontinent
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