

BIRD IN THE HAND

TREECREEPERS

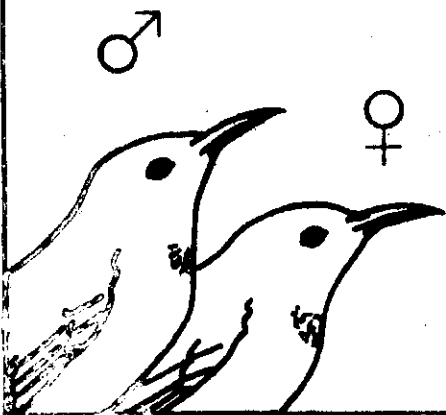
Genus: *Climacteris* R.A.O.U.Nos.555-563

Differences between the sexes may not be easily seen in the field, but are definite in the hand. Information on the age and immature is slight and that given here needs confirming. There are probably other differences especially in the colours of iris, bill, and legs. Information would be welcome. It is possible that the sex differences appear before the immature plumage is fully replaced and thus an indication of the age and sex could be obtained.

BROWN TREECREEPER

Climacteris picumnus

R.A.O.U. No.555



Adult Male: Faint blackish markings in centre of upper breast.

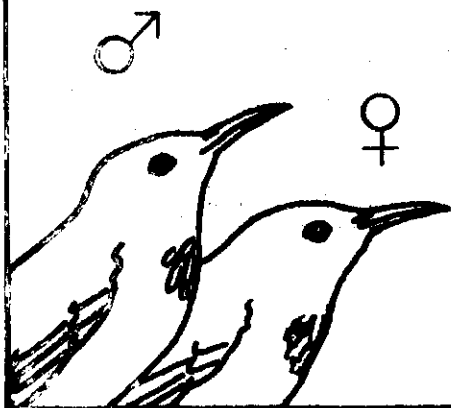
Ad. Female: Faint reddish markings in centre of upper breast.

Immature: Resembles adult, but stripes on underparts ill defined. Sides of breast and undertail coverts dull rufous.

RUFIOUS TREECREEPER

Climacteris rufa

R.A.O.U. No.556



Adult Male: The longitudinal dull white stripe to feathers in centre of upper breast edged with black.

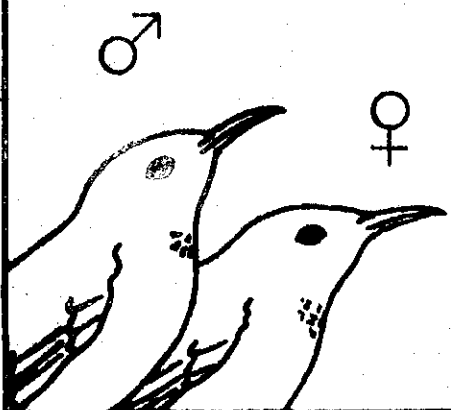
Ad. Female: Dull white stripes to feathers in centre of upper breast edged with rusty red.

Immature: Secondary coverts tipped rufous. Band on wing and general colour more rufous than adult.

BLACK TREECREEPER

Climacteris melanota

R.A.O.U.No.557



This is the northern form of *C.picumnus* and the sex differences are the same.

Adult Male: Faint blackish markings in centre of upper breast.

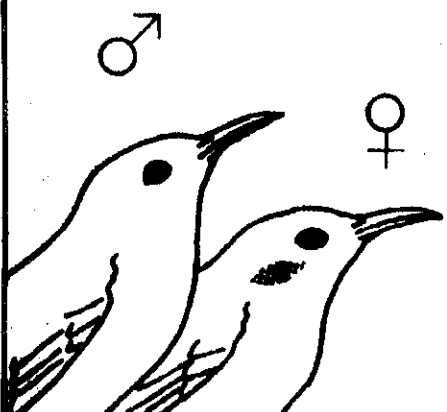
Ad. Female: Faint reddish markings in centre of upper breast.

Immature: Nothing recorded

WHITE THROATED TREECREEPER

C.leucophaea

R.A.O.U.No.558



Adult Male: No chestnut spot on side of head below eye (or ear coverts).

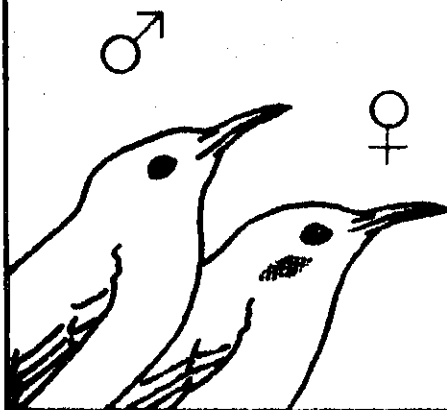
Ad. Female: Chestnut spot on side of head below eye, between the grey-brown ear coverts and white of throat.

Immature: Rump chestnut.

LITTLE TREECREEPER

Climacteris minor

R.A.O.U.No.559



This is the northern form of *C.leucophaea*.

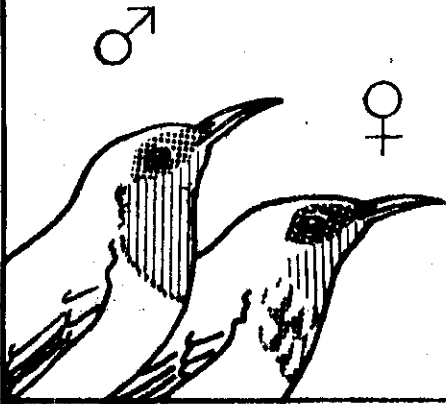
Adult Male: As *C.leucophaea*

Adult Female: As *C.leucophaea*

Immature: Rump reddish

RFD BROWED TREECREEPER

Climacteris erythroptera R.A.O.U.No.560



Adult Male: Lores and superciliary stripe and below eye rusty red. Upper breast plain buffy grey.

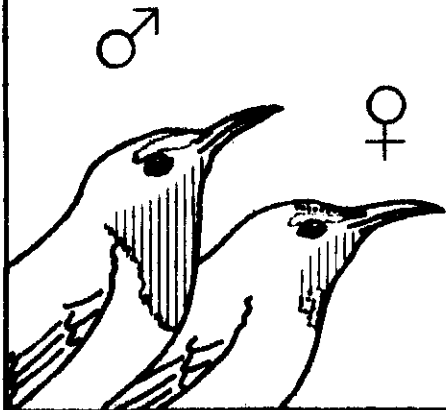
Ad. Female: Lores, superciliary stripe, and below eye deep reddish brown. Upper breast streaked rust red with pale whitish centres to feathers.

Immature: Lacks the rust red round eyes, this is greyish brown. Underparts greyish brown and unstreaked.

WHITE BROWED TREECREEPER

C. affinis

R.A.O.U.No.561



Adult Male: Eyebrow white. Breast pale greyish brown.

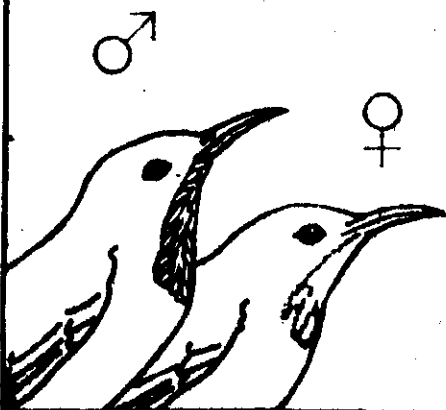
Ad. Female: Narrow rust red line above white eyebrow. Centre of upper breast feathers dull white edged with pale rust brown.

Immature: Nothing recorded.

BLACK TAILED TREECREEPER

C. melanura

R.A.O.U.No.562



Adult Male: Throat and upper breast black streaked with white.

Ad. Female: Throat white. Upper breast white streaked with rufous.

Immature: Male. Brownish black above. Throat whitish with some dark streaks. Upper breast and sides of throat ferruginous brown. (A.J.No th.)

General colour above and below black. Throat whitish. (G.M.Mathews)

ALLIED TREECREEPER

Climacteris wellsii

R.A.O.U.No.563

Sex differences as C. melanura. Immature not recorded.