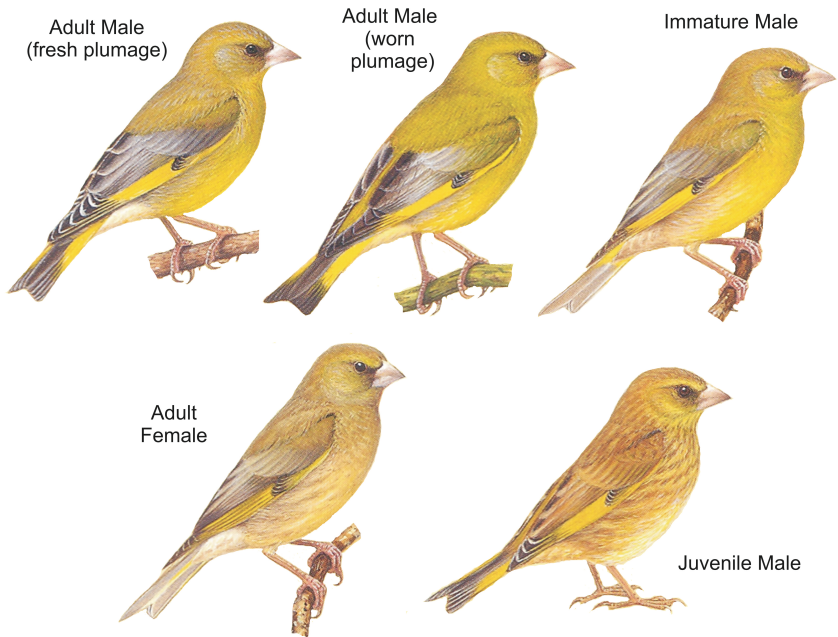


European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris* Species No.: 997 Band size: 03



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	81 – 88 mm	83 – 85 mm
Tail:	51 – 66 mm	51 – 56 mm
Weight:	24.4 – 31 g	23 – 28 g

Ageing and sexing:

	Adult Male (2+)	Adult Female	Juvenile
General plumage:	olive-green with yellow-green rump and bright yellow patches on wings and sides of tail;	similar to male but bright yellow in primaries and tail;	olive-brown and heavily streaked upper and underparts;
Upperparts:	yellow-green with no streaking;	dull faintly streaked olive green;	heavily streaked olive-brown;
Alula:	bright yellow-green;	bright green;	dull green;

Juveniles are readily identified from adults and undergo a partial or, in some cases, complete moult to immature plumage within a few months of fledging;
Most immatures retain or most juvenile remiges and rectrices. Juvenile rectrices are narrower and more pointed than those of adults. Also retained juvenile coverts have pale buff tips.
Immature males can be distinguished from females by a brighter, unstreaked yellow-green breast and belly (see illustrations);
Moult to full adult plumage commences at about one year of age. Thus adults are aged (2+);
Sexes are dimorphic in plumage and adult males tend to be slightly larger than adult females;
Incubation by female alone.