

none to visible
small
medium
large

All of the HY birds were examined in sunlight or artificial simulated sunlight, all had unossified skulls. The September birds tend to have 1 - orange - small and by October/November they become 3 - orange - large. In the latter birds the dark brown/black appears more intense as does the orange. The orange on each bird is the same identical shade on all three areas. Any bird that had less than 1 - orange - small is not included pending a later paper. The birds with a few black feathers on head, neck or breast are entirely too small to be conclusive.

In view of the above I would suggest that banders could use the following for aging and sexing HY Male birds provided they use the shade and amount scales for grading the orange (for Fall birds only);

grayish back with dark brown to black wings and tail
with 2 - orange - medium . . . HY M

grayish back with dark brown to black wings and tail
with 3 - orange - large . . . HY M

grayish back with brown, dark brown to black wings
and tail with 1 - orange - small . . . HY U

grayish with 0 - yellow to yellow orange - none to
visible . . . HY U

I would greatly appreciate learning from a few of the southern banding stations their findings when using the above scales for grading HY Males in the Fall.

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