Ageing and Sexing Lapland Longspurs

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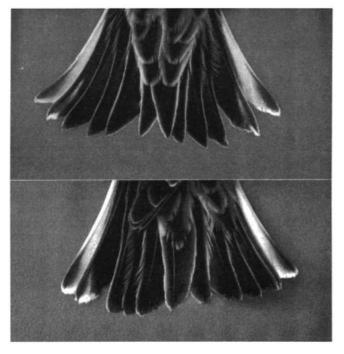


Fig. 2. Tails of HY female (upper) and AHY female (lower) Lapland Longspurs at Thunder Cape, Ontario, 23 Oct 2002. Note the pointed tips of the feathers of the HY and relatively rounded tips of the AHY. (Photos by Christian Friis)

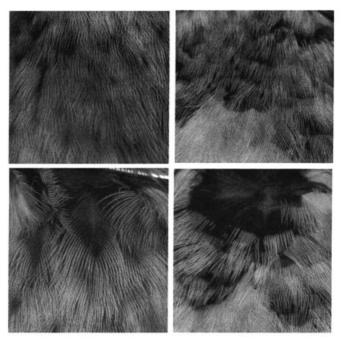


Fig. 4. Upper breast feathers of HY female (left) and AHY male (right) Lapland Longspurs at Thunder Cape, Ontario, October 2003. The upper pictures show the feathers in a natural position; lower pictures with bases of feathers exposed. The patterns of these feathers indicate sex, regardless of age. Photos by William F. Petrie.

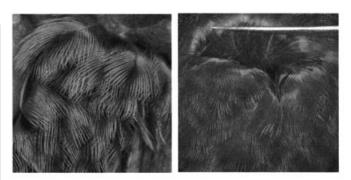


Fig. 5. Nape feathers of AHY female (left) and AHY male (right) Lapland Longspurs at Thunder Cape, Ontario, October 2003. Males have bright rufous nape feathers with short buff tips and few or no small dark central spots. Females have paler rufous feathers with long buff tips and edges, usually with dark streaks along the shafts. Photos by William F. Petrie.