

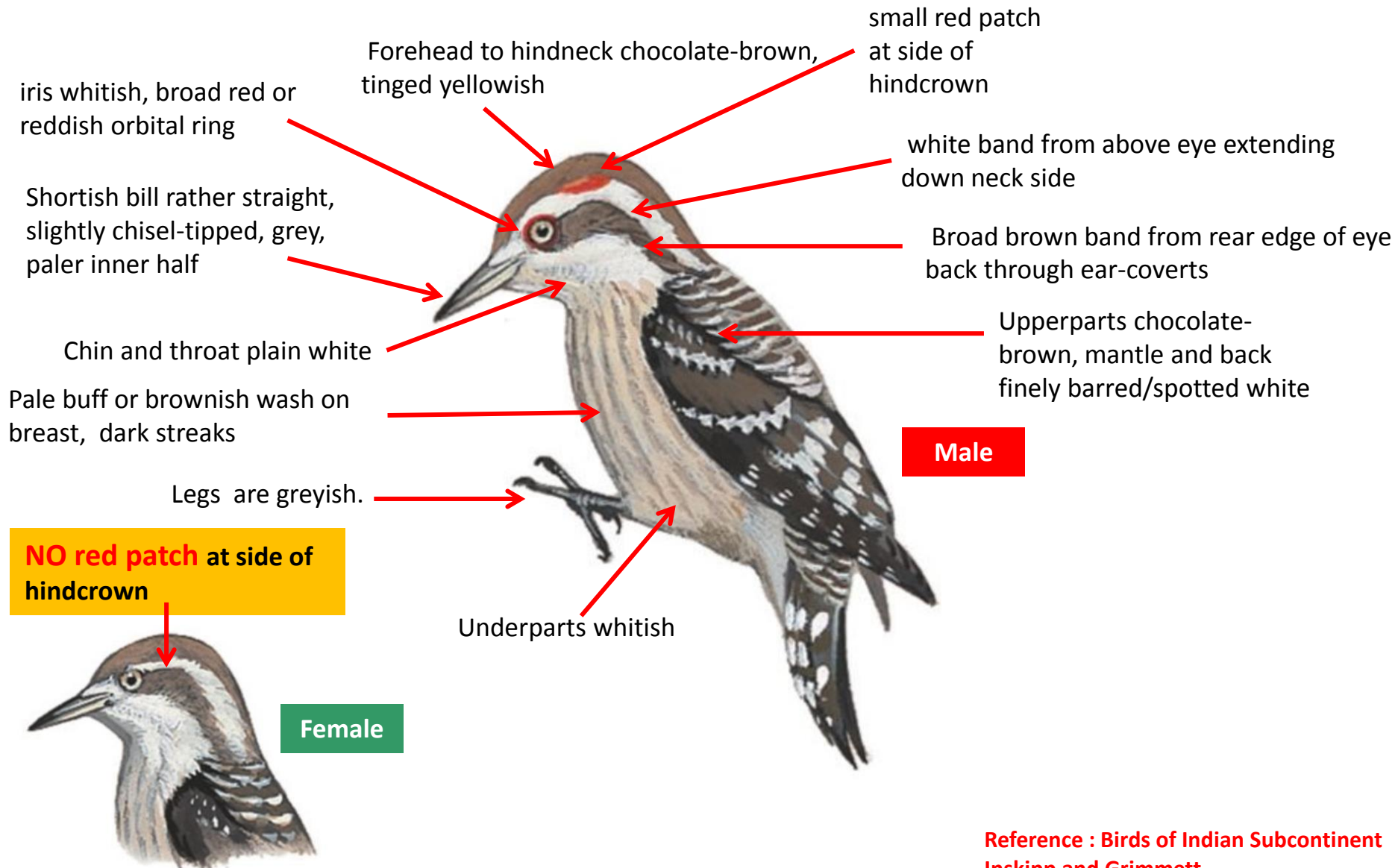
- The following pages have some identification markers for each of the Dendrocopos Woodpeckers found in India
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Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker Identification Tips

Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker: *Dendrocopos nana* - Resident of North eastwards to Bihar and Southwards to peninsular India (except South West)



Brown-fronted Woodpecker Identification Tips

Brown-fronted Woodpecker: *Dendrocopos auriceps* - Resident of Himalayas in North India

Dull brown to yellow-brown forehead and forecrown

Yellow mid-crown

Orange-red nape patch

Black hindneck

Grey-brown feather tips forming darker patch on ear-coverts

Broad brown band from rear edge of back through ear-coverts

Upperparts are Black and barred white

Male

Iris is red-brown to red

Bill slightly chisel-tipped, culmen barely curved, slate-grey to bluish, paler base of lower mandible

Brown-grey malar stripe

White chin and throat tinged brown or grey

breast, is pink or orange tinged yellow with broad black streaks

Legs are grey-green to slate-grey

Pinkish Vent

Crown is duller yellow, occasionally with hint of orange

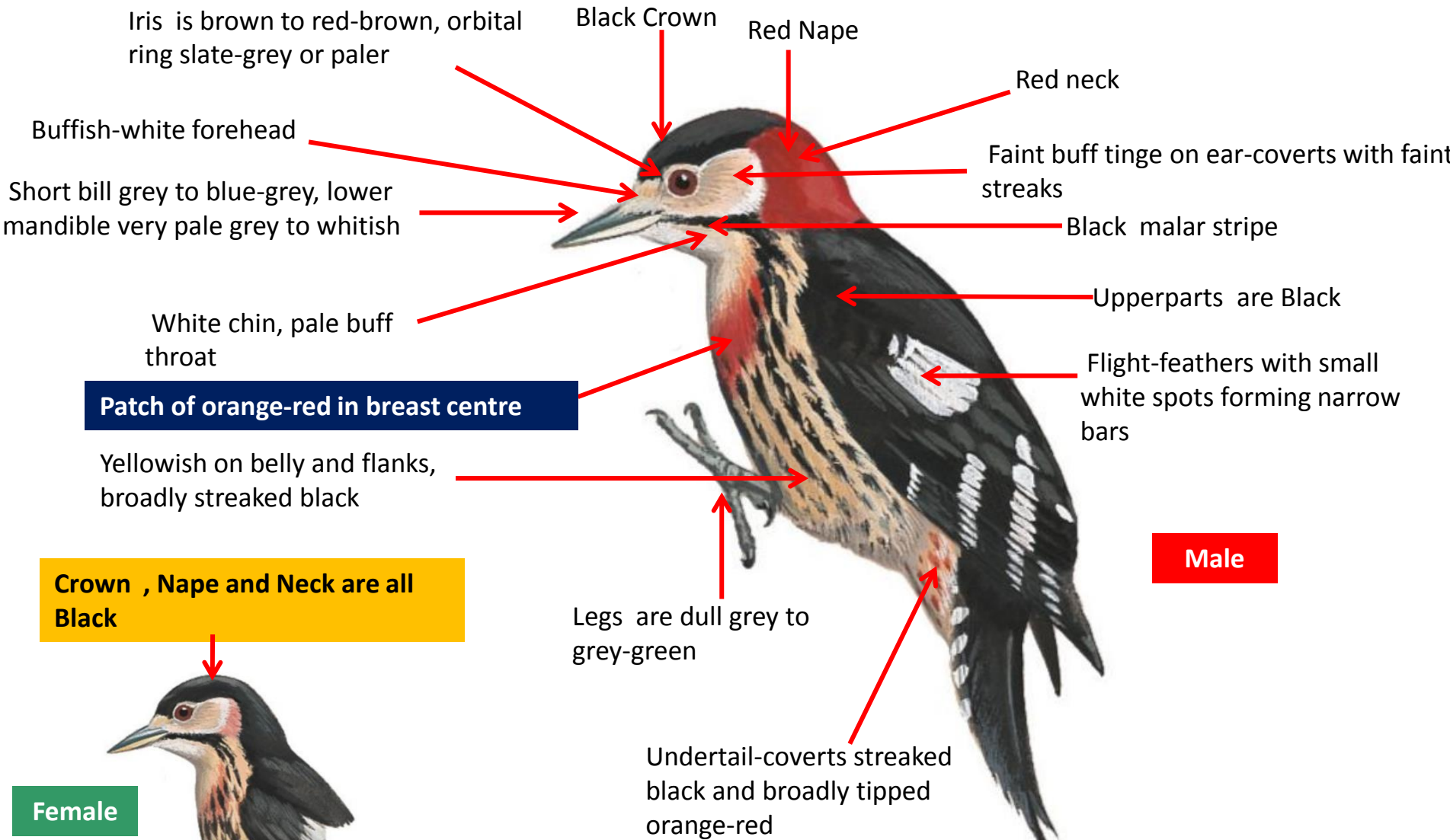
Eyes are dull red

Female

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Crimson-breasted Woodpecker Identification Tips

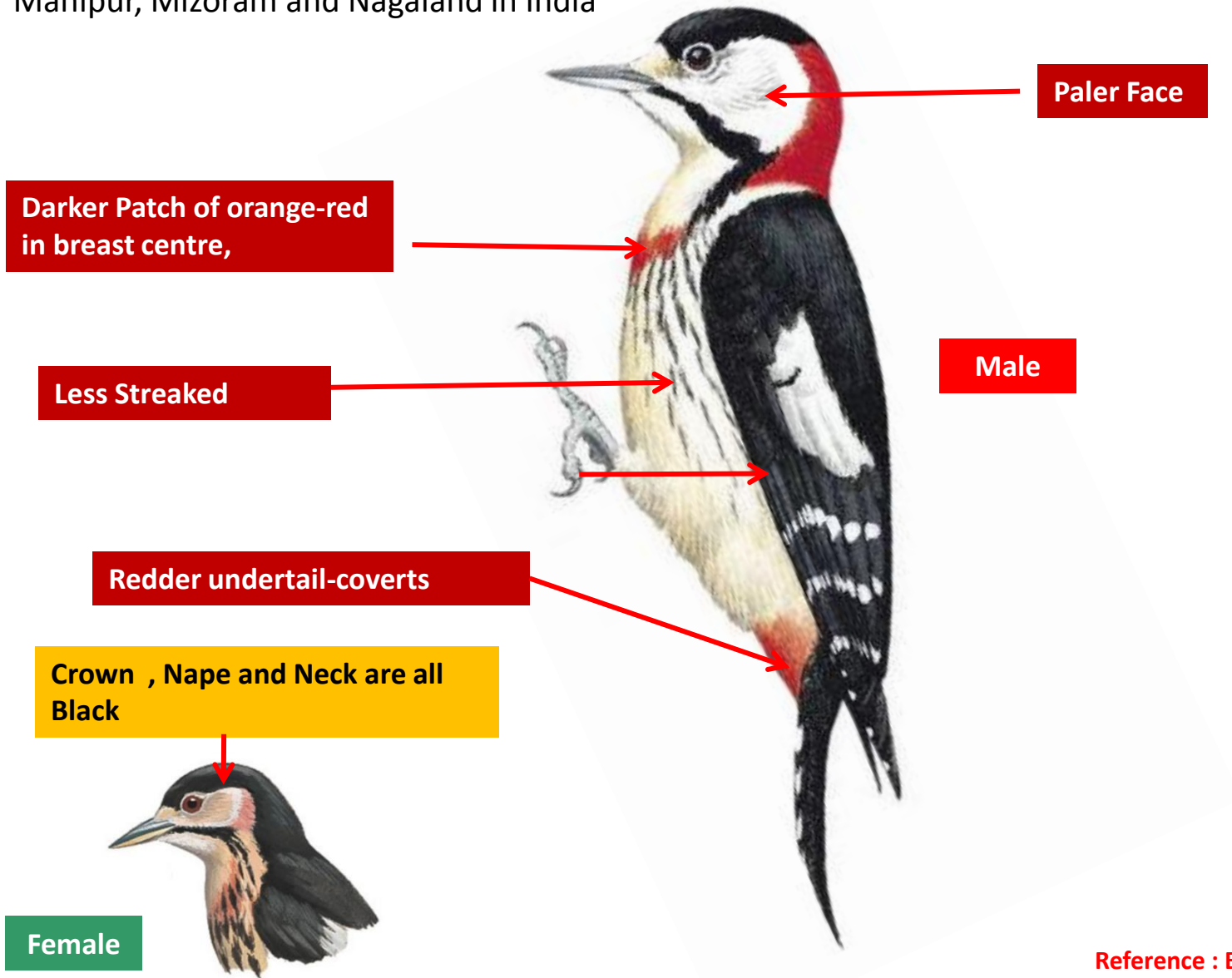
Crimson-breasted Woodpecker : *Dendrocopos cathpharius* - Resident of Arunachal Pradesh in India



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Crimson-breasted Woodpecker Identification Tips- *D. c. pyrrhothorax*

Crimson-breasted Woodpecker : *Dendrocopos cathpharius pyrrhothorax* : Resident of Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland in India



Darjeeling Woodpecker Identification Tips

Darjeeling Woodpecker : *Dendrocopos darjellensis* - Resident of hills of North East India

Iris red to red-brown, orbital skin slaty-grey

Black Crown

Whitish forehead

Small Red Nape patch

Black neck

Golden-yellow to deep orange-buff sides of neck

Long straight bill dark grey to blackish, pale grey lower mandible with greener or ivory-coloured base

Upperparts are Black

Chin and Throat are Buff-brown

Black malar stripe

Flight-feathers with prominent White patch

Breast sides and lower breast with heavy black streaking, Buff – Brown with yellow wash

Male

Crown , Nape and Neck are all Black. No red patch on nape

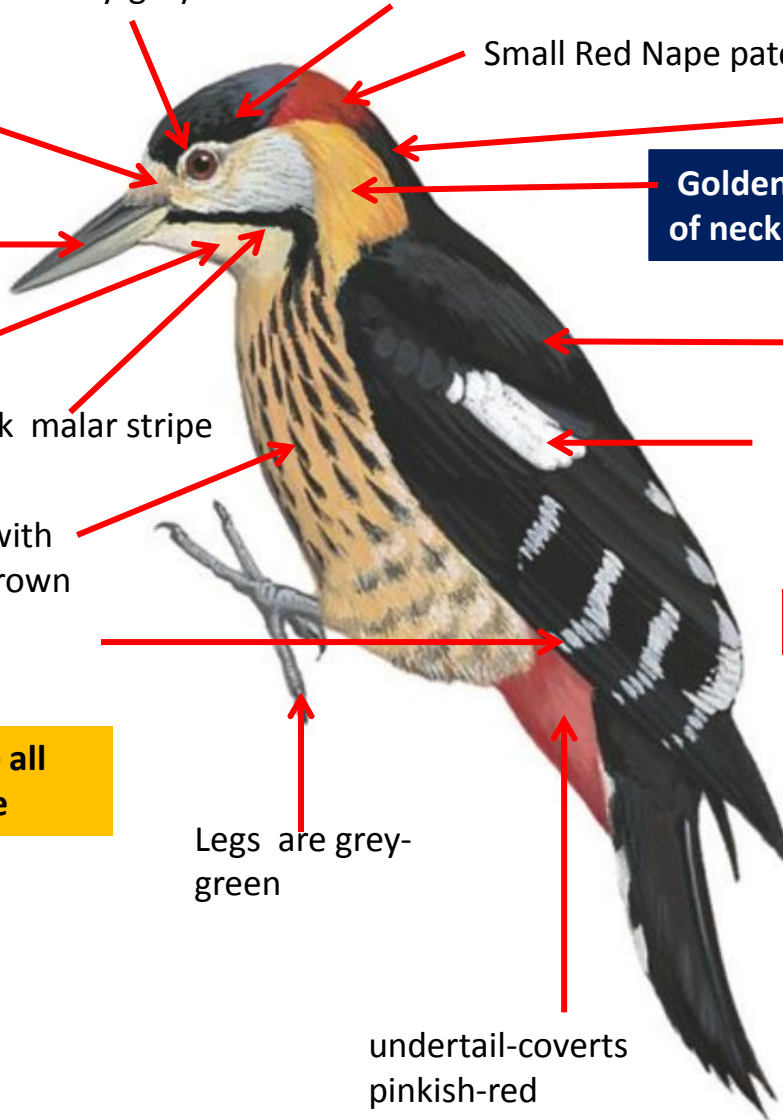
Legs are grey-green

undertail-coverts pinkish-red

Female

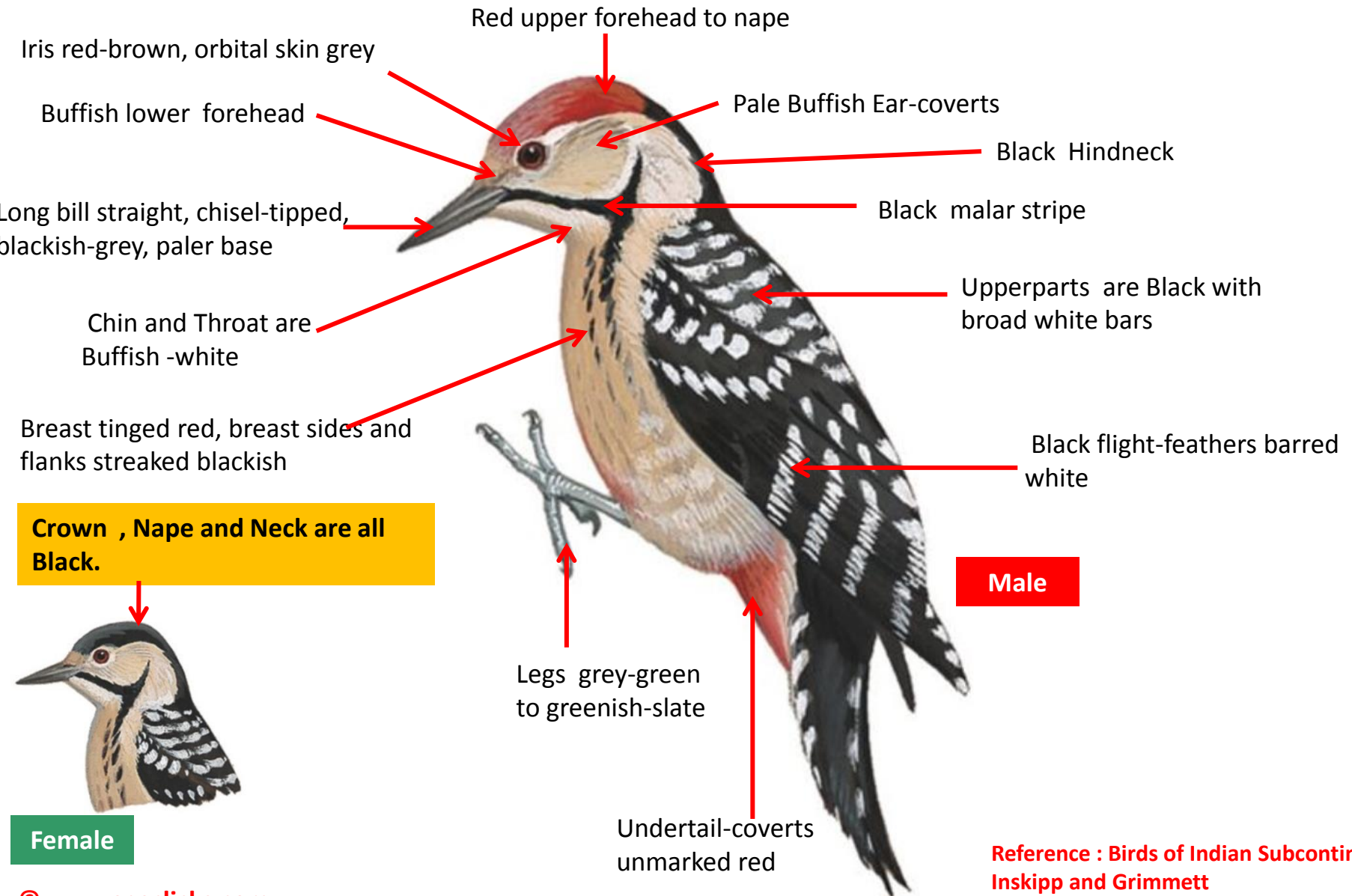
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Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker Identification Tips

Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker : *Dendrocopos macei* - Resident of Eastern peninsular India to Odisha and North East Andhra Pradesh and East of India.



Red upper forehead to nape

Iris red-brown, orbital skin grey

Buffish lower forehead

Pale Buffish Ear-coverts

Black Hindneck

Long bill straight, chisel-tipped, blackish-grey, paler base

Black malar stripe

Chin and Throat are Buffish -white

Upperparts are Black with broad white bars

Breast tinged red, breast sides and flanks streaked blackish

Black flight-feathers barred white

Crown , Nape and Neck are all Black.

Male

Legs grey-green to greenish-slate

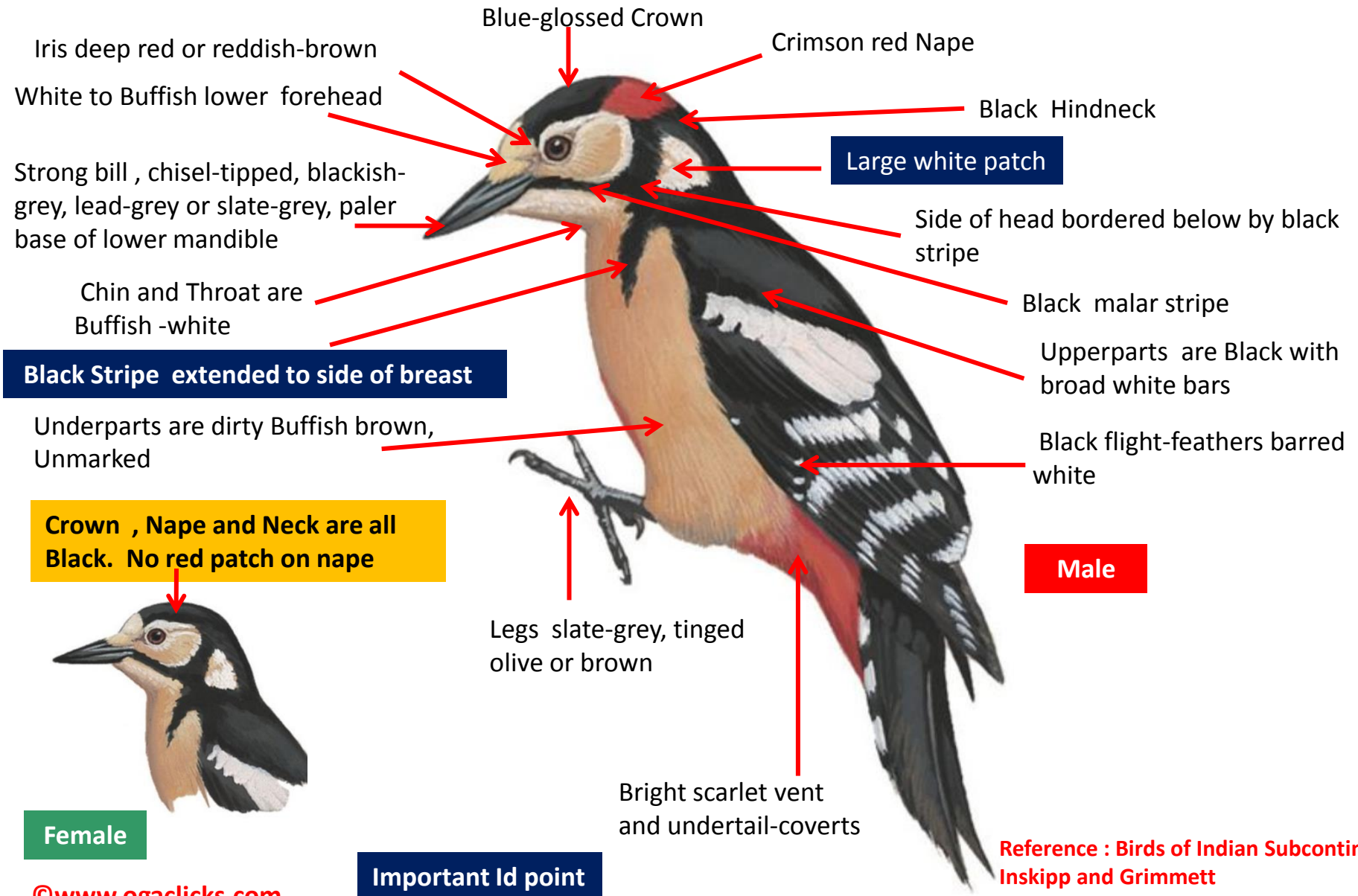
Undertail-coverts unmarked red

Female

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Great-spotted Woodpecker Identification Tips : *D. m. stresemanni*

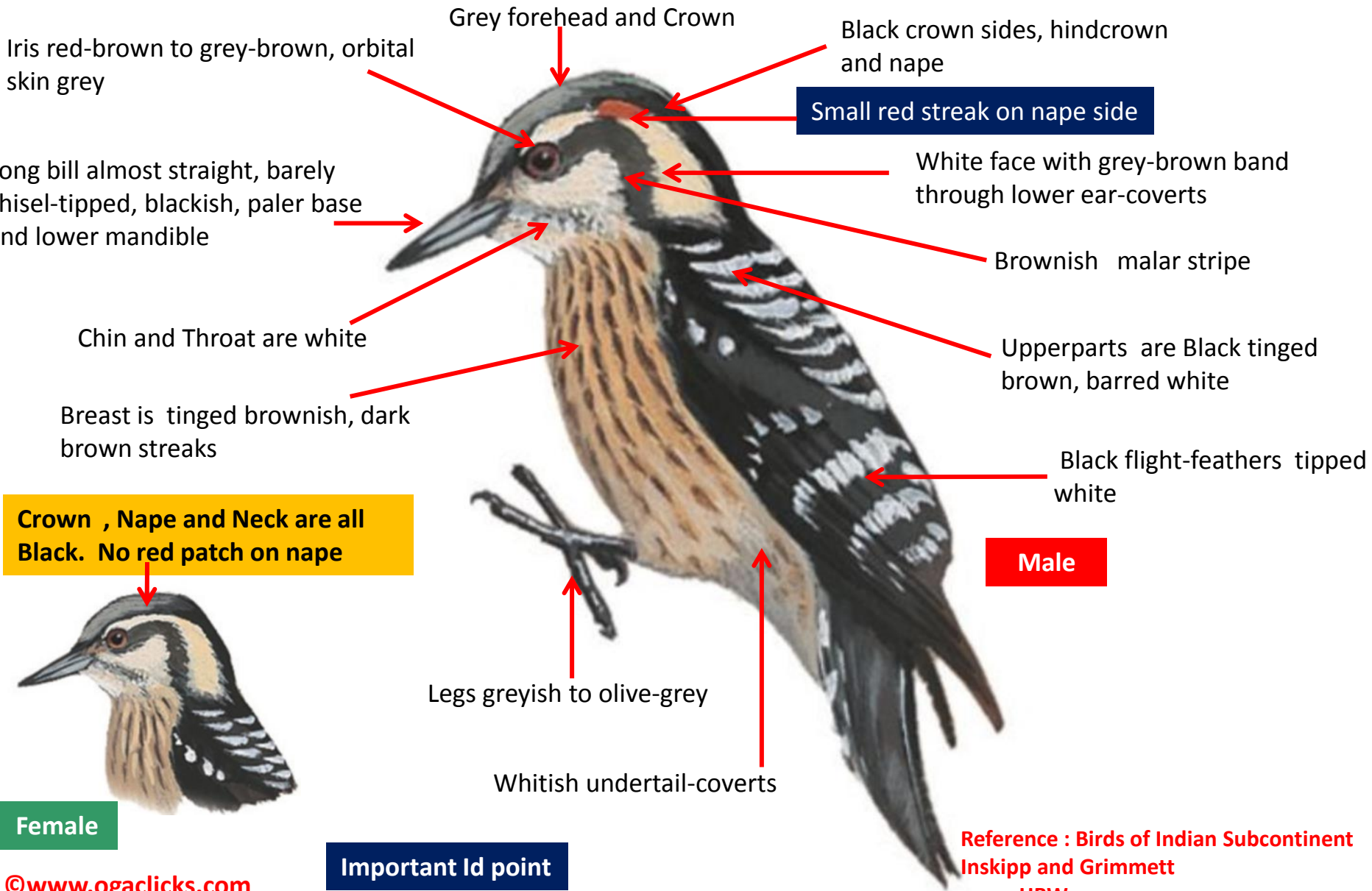
Great-spotted Woodpecker : *Dendrocopos major stresemanni* – Resident of North East Indian hills



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Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker Identification Tips

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker : *Dendrocopos canicapillus* – Resident of Himalayas and North East in India



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Himalayan Woodpecker Identification Tips

Himalayan Woodpecker : *Dendrocopos himalayensis* – Resident of east Himachal Pradesh eastwards

Iris red-brown

Crimson-red crown sides, hindcrown and nape

Pale buff-white forehead

black patch behind eye

Long bill almost straight, chisel-tipped, blackish to dark grey, often paler lower mandible

Black Hindneck

Cheeks and ear-coverts tinged buff

Black malar stripe side of neck, joining black stripe that continues down on to side of upper breast and up behind ear-coverts to meet side of hindcrown

Upperparts are Black, barred white

Inner wing-coverts have white patch

Black flight-feathers tipped white

Breast is yellowish-brown

Crown , Nape and Neck are all Black.

Sub species - : *D.h.albescens* : Resident of North India (Himachal Pradesh).

Male

Legs grey to dull green or green-brown

Paler than Nominate

Red on undertail-coverts

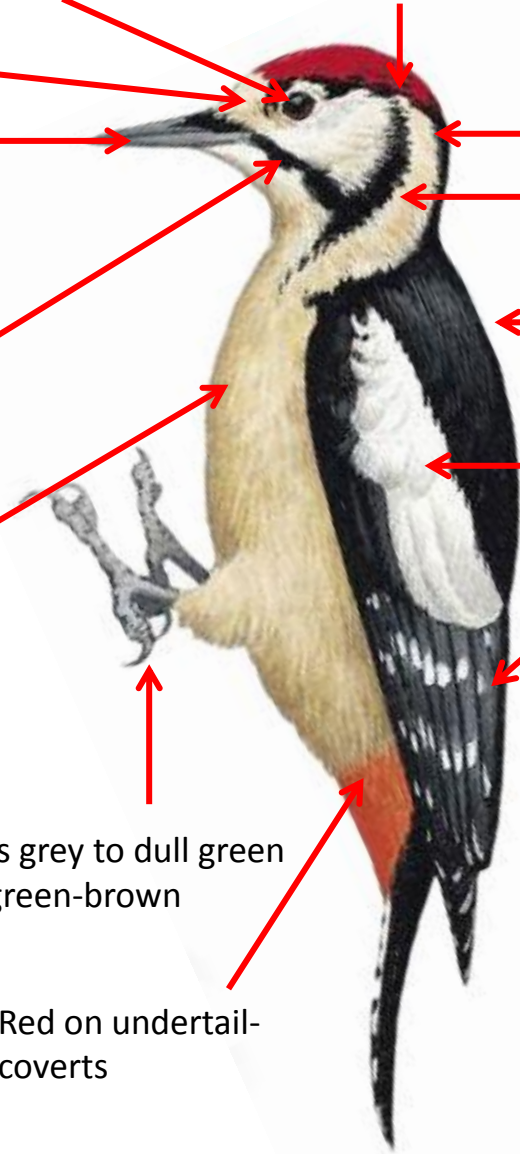
White underparts

Female

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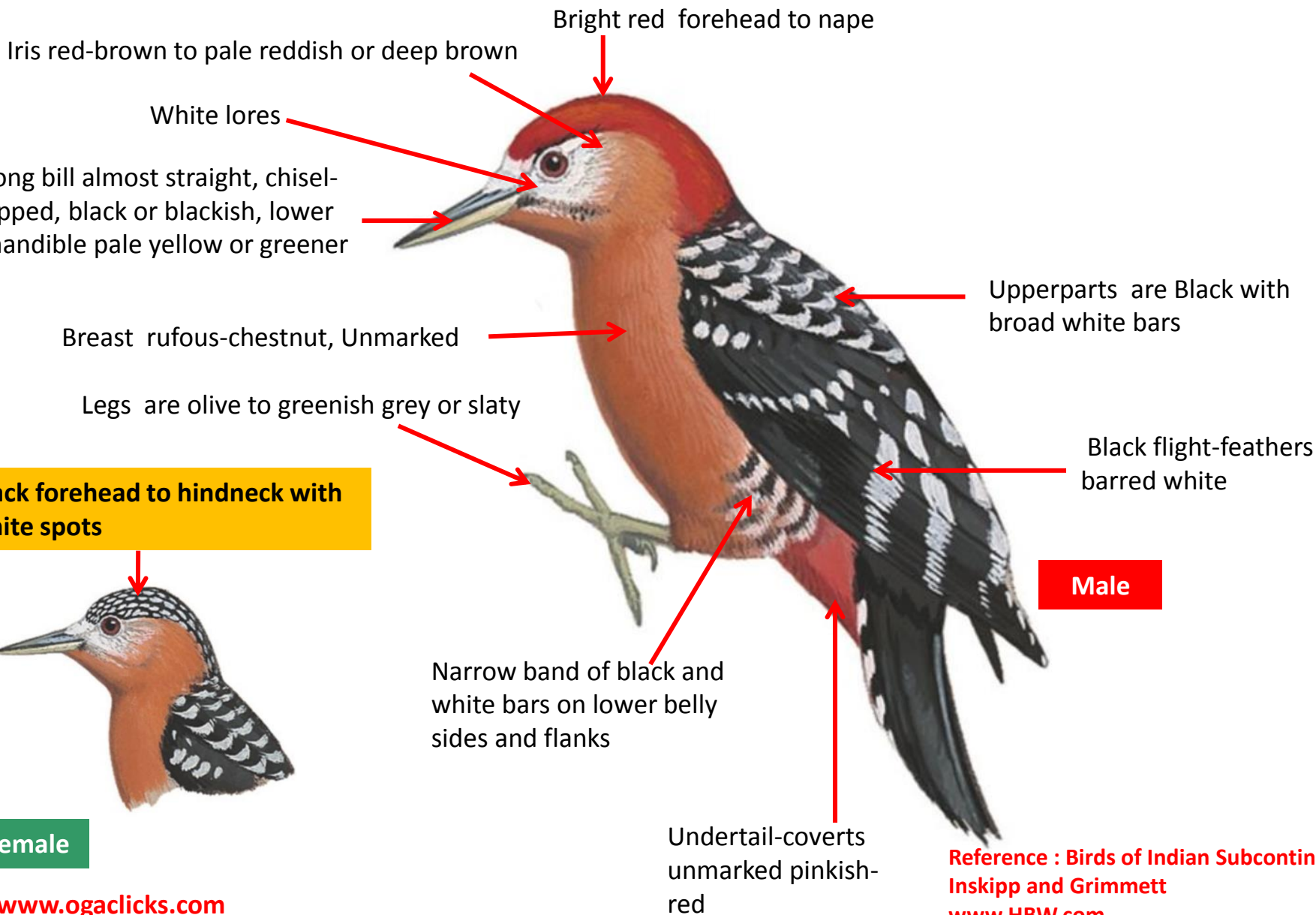
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Rufous-bellied Woodpecker Identification Tips

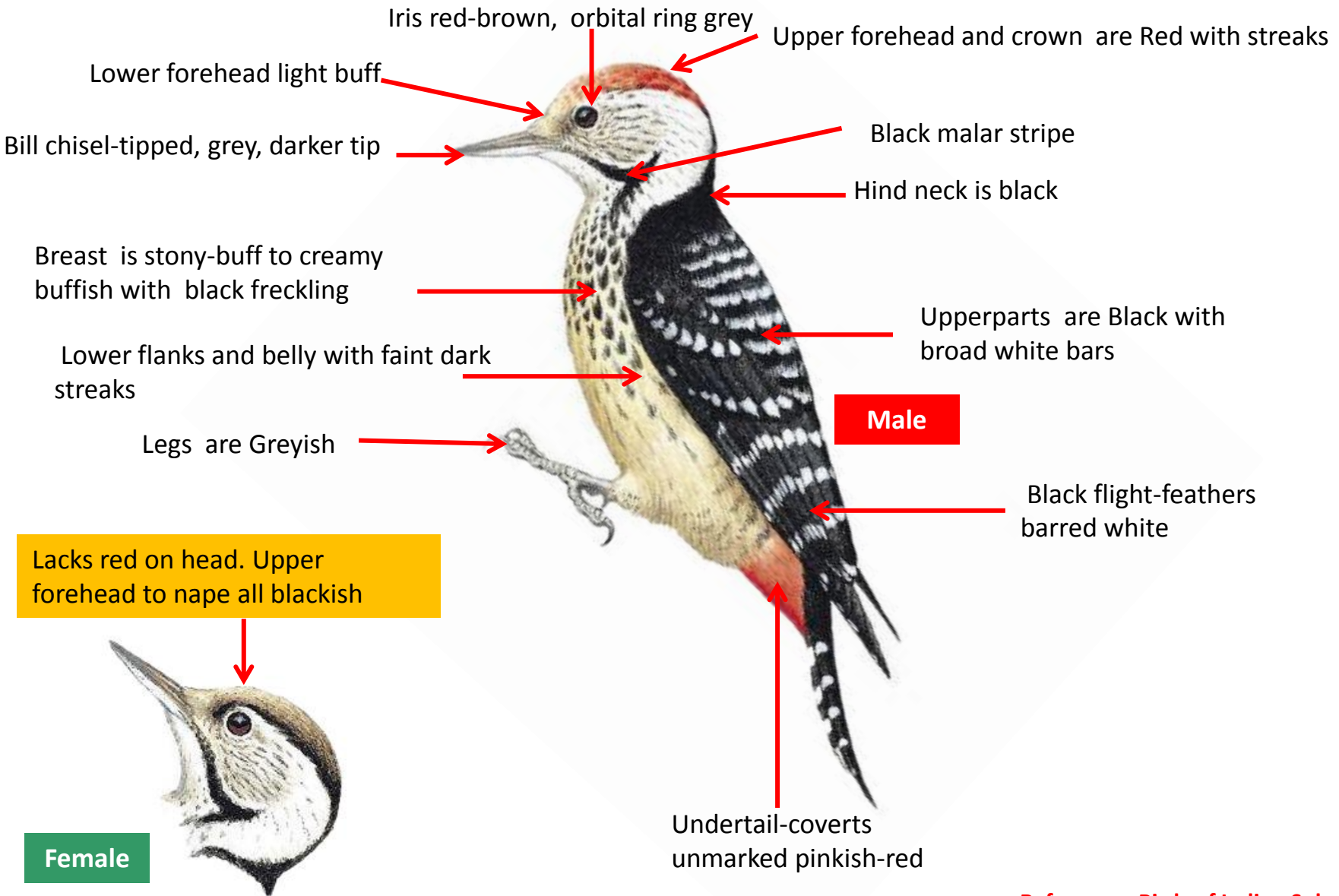
Rufous-bellied Woodpecker : *Dendrocopos hyperythrus* - Resident of North India (Uttarakhand)



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Spot-breasted Woodpecker Identification Tips

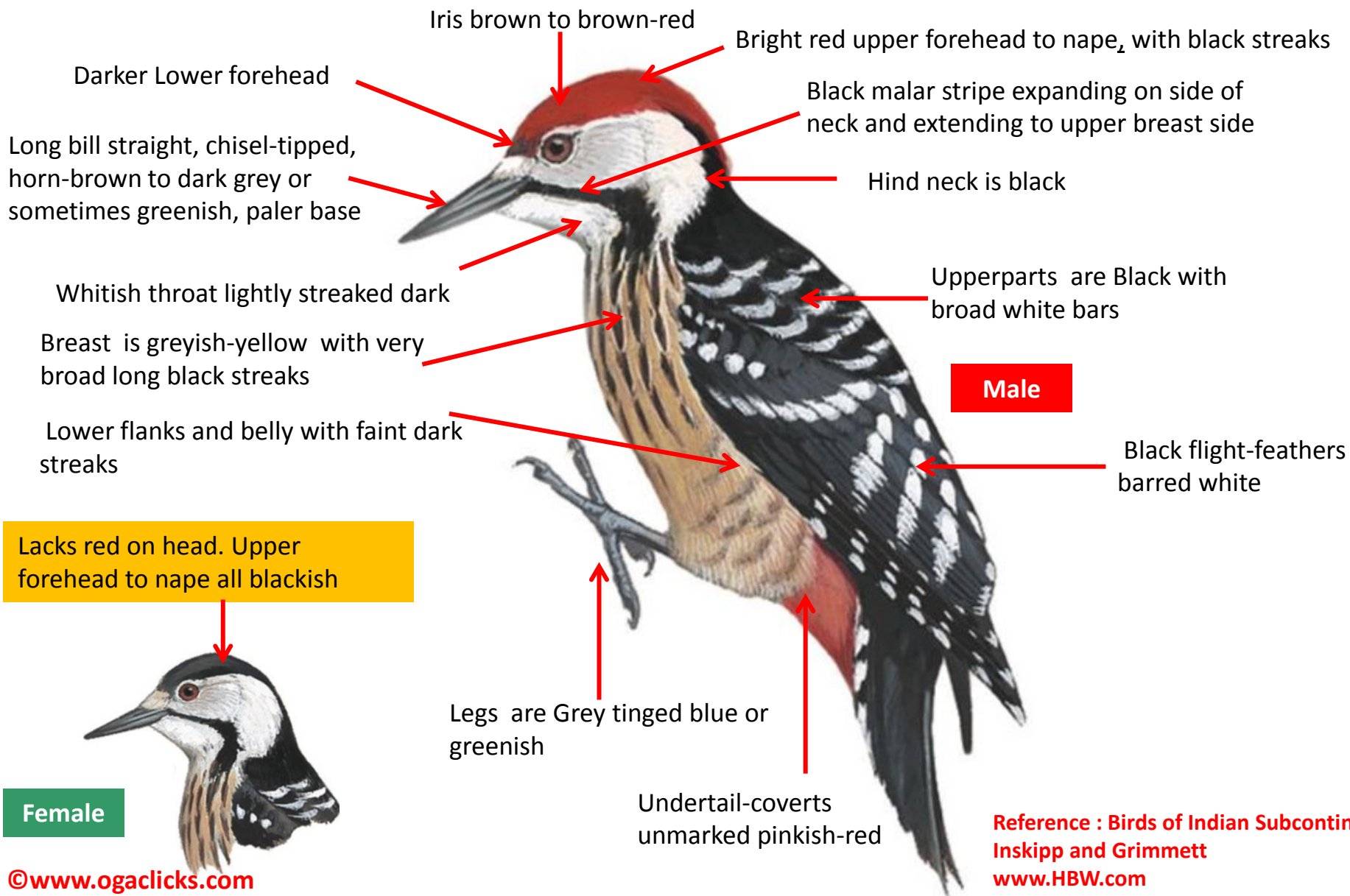
Spot-breasted Woodpecker : *Dendrocopos macei analis* - Resident of Andaman Islands



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Stripe-breasted Woodpecker Identification Tips

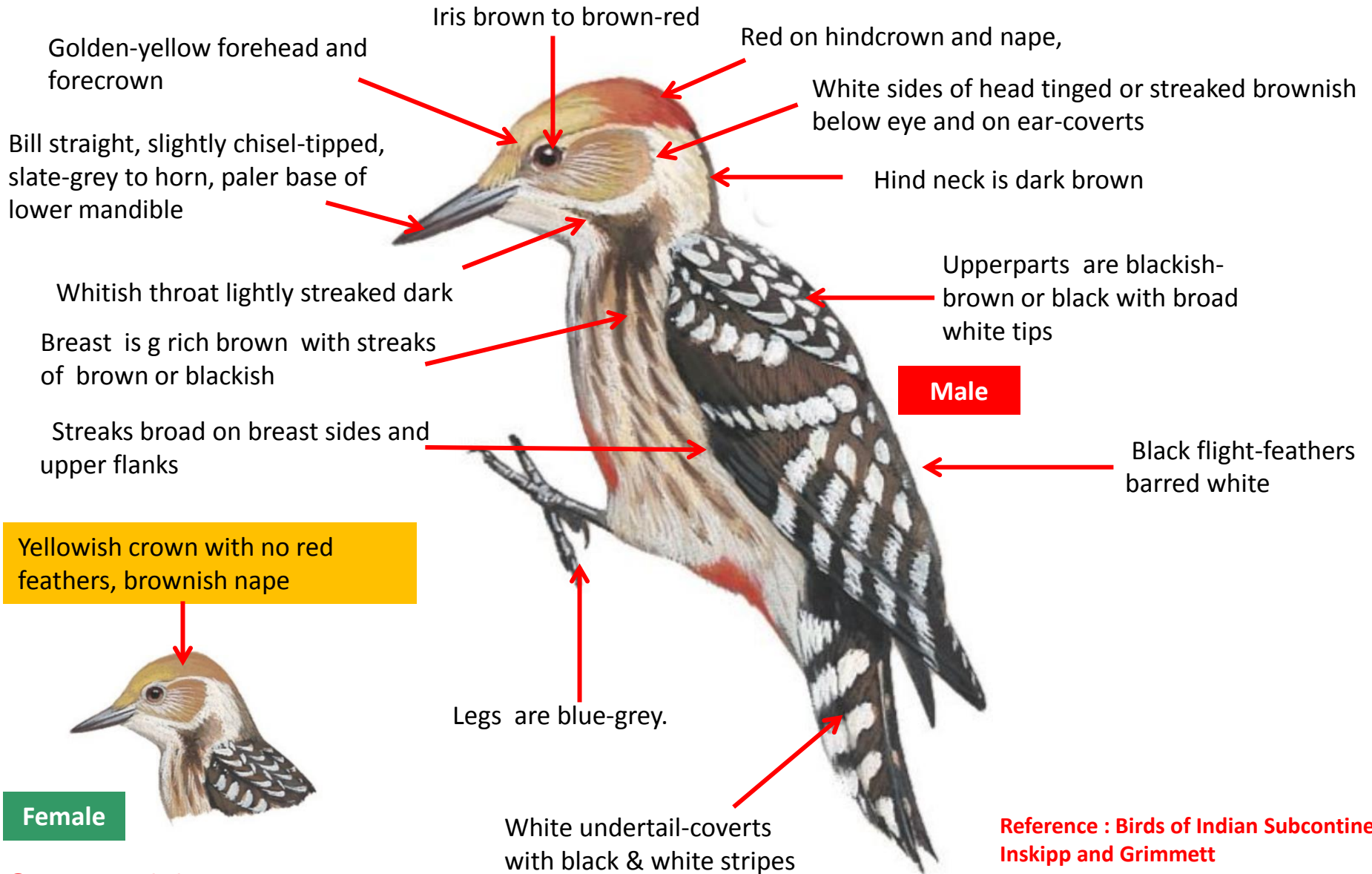
Stripe-breasted Woodpecker : *Dendrocopos atratus* - Resident of North East Indian hills (North West Bengal, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram)



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Yellow-crowned Woodpecker Identification Tips

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker : *Dendrocopos mahrattensis* - Widespread resident in India



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