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Finches of India

Sno.	Name	Binomial Name
Bull finches		
1	Brown Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i>
2	Grey-headed Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula erythaca</i>
3	Orange Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula aurantiaca</i>
4	Red-headed Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula erythrocephala</i>
Miscellaneous Finches		
1	Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>
2	Common chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
3	Crimson Winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys sanguineus</i>
4	Desert Finch	<i>Rhodospiza obsoleta</i>
5	Desert Finch	<i>Rhodospiza obsoleta</i>
6	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>
7	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
8	Golden-naped Finch	<i>Pyrrhoplectes epauletta</i>
9	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>
10	Mongolian Finch	<i>Eremopsaltria mongolica</i>
11	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>
12	Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>
13	Spectacled Finch	<i>Callacanthus burtoni</i>
14	Tibetan Serin	<i>Serinus thibetanus</i>
15	Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>
16	Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>
17	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis spinoides</i>

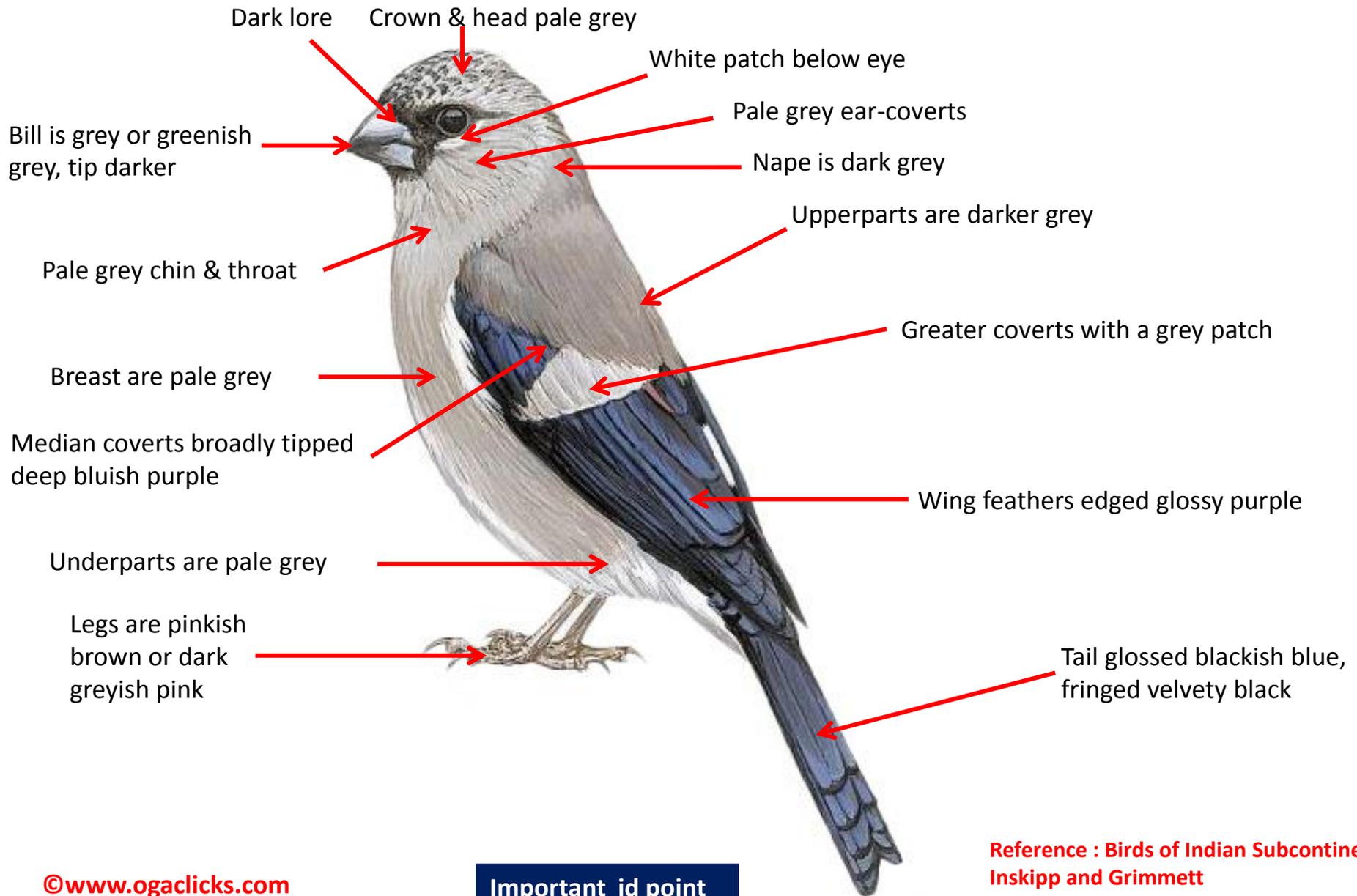
Finches of India

Sno.	Name	Binomial Name
Mountain Finches		
1	Brandt's Mountain Finch	<i>Leucosticte brandti</i>
2	Plain Mountain Finch	<i>Leucosticte nemoricola</i>
Rose Finches		
1	Beautiful Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus pulcherrimus</i>
2	Blanford's Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rubescens</i>
3	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
4	Crimson-browed Finch	<i>Propyrrhula subhimachala</i>
5	Dark-breasted Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus nipalensis</i>
6	Dark-rumped Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus edwardsii</i>
7	Great Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rubicilla</i>
8	Pink-browed Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rodochroa</i>
9	Red-fronted Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus puniceus</i>
10	Red-mantled Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rhodochlamys</i>
11	Scarlet Finch	<i>Carpodacus sipahi</i>
12	Spot-winged Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rodopeplus</i>
13	Streaked Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rubicilloides</i>
14	Three-banded Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus trifasciatus</i>
15	Vinaceous Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus vinaceus</i>
16	White-browed Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus thura</i>
Snow Finches		
1	Blanford's Snowfinch	<i>Pyrgilauda blanfordi</i>
2	Rufous-necked Snowfinch	<i>Pyrgilauda ruficollis</i>
3	Tibetan Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla adamsi</i>
4	White-rumped Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla taczanowskii</i>

Bull finch

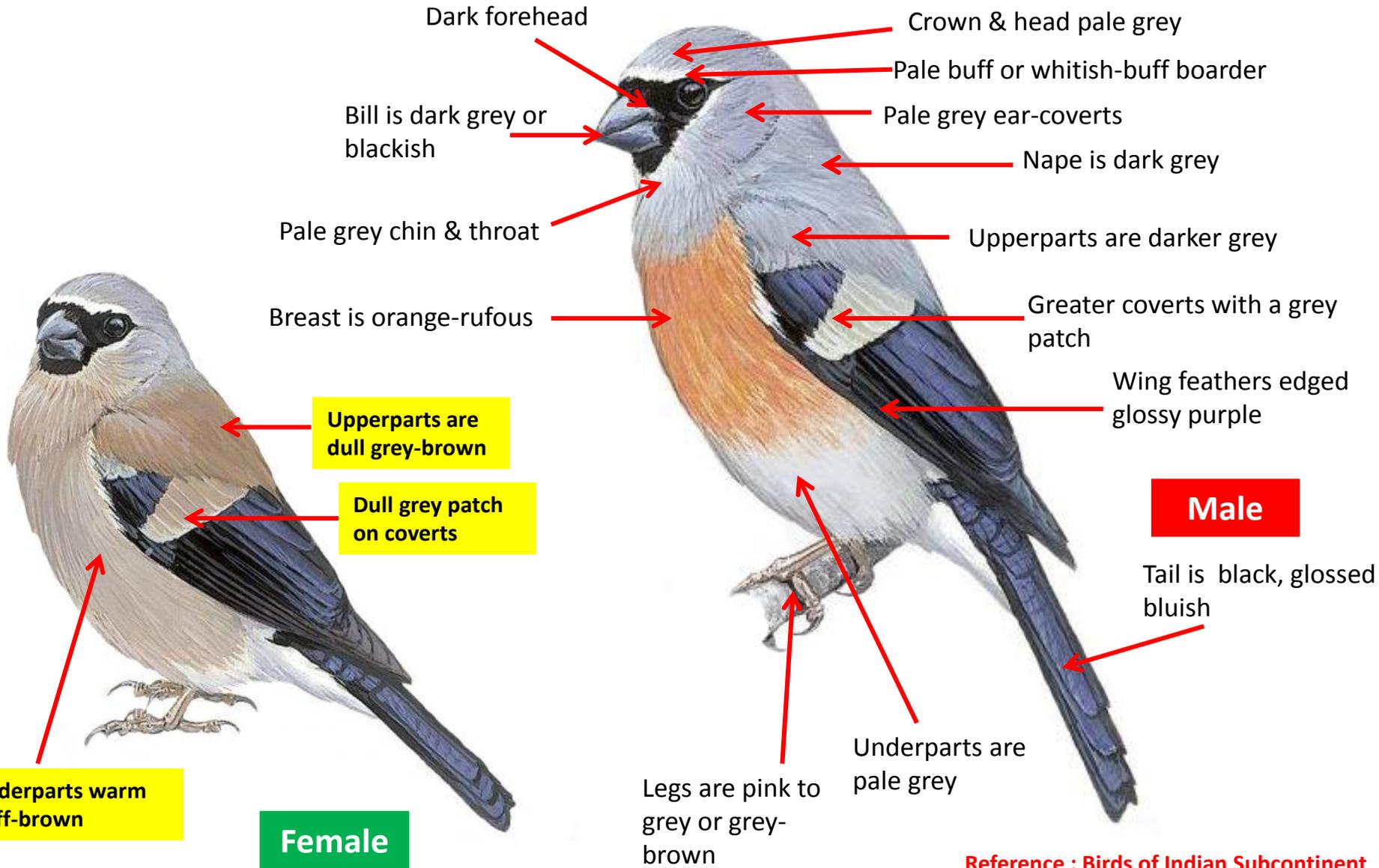
Brown Bullfinch Identification Tips

Brown Bullfinch : *Pyrrhula nipalensis* : Resident of Himalayas & North East India



Grey-headed Bullfinch Identification Tips

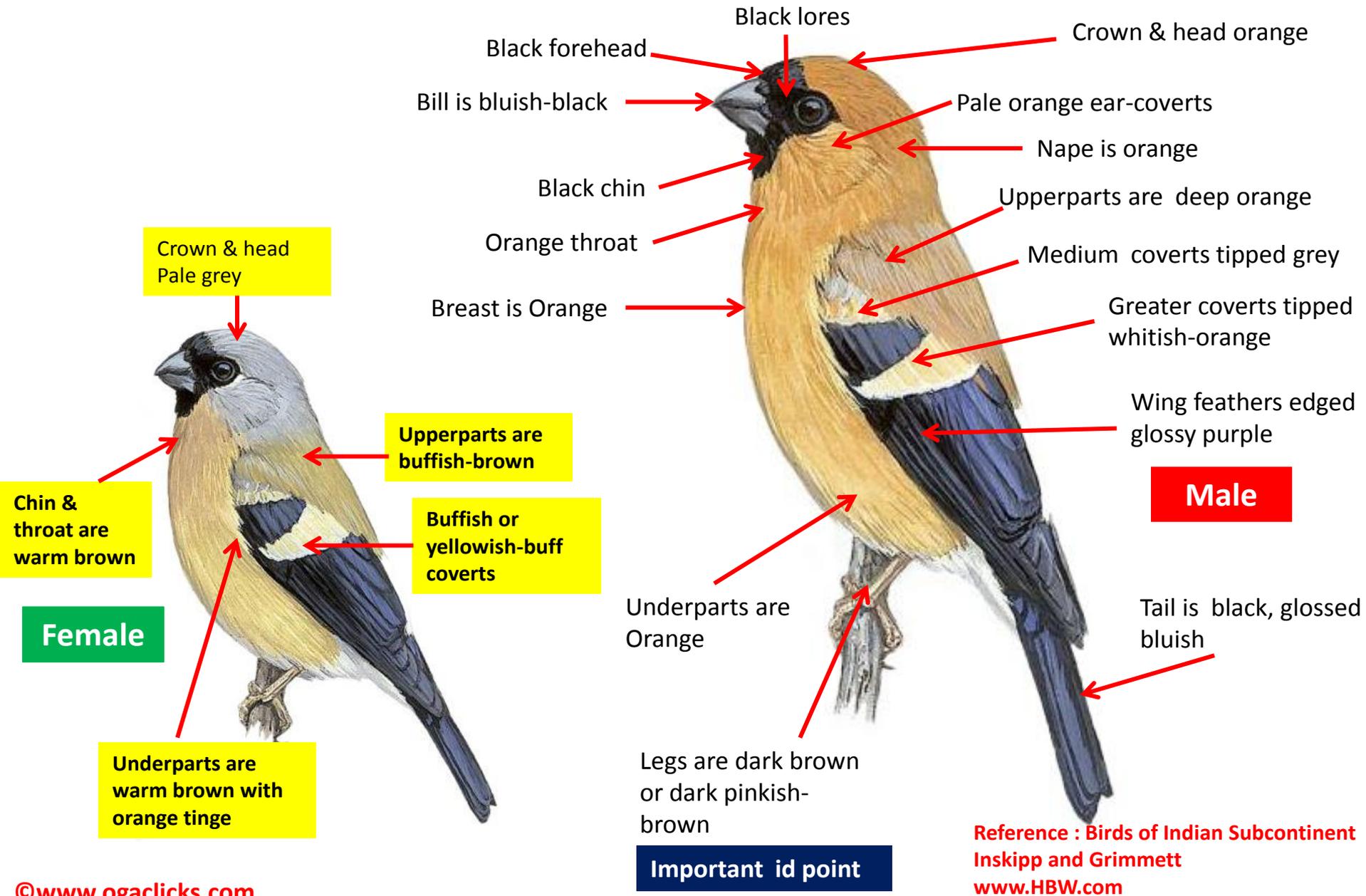
Grey-headed Bullfinch : *Pyrrhula erythaca* : Resident of Himalayas & North East India



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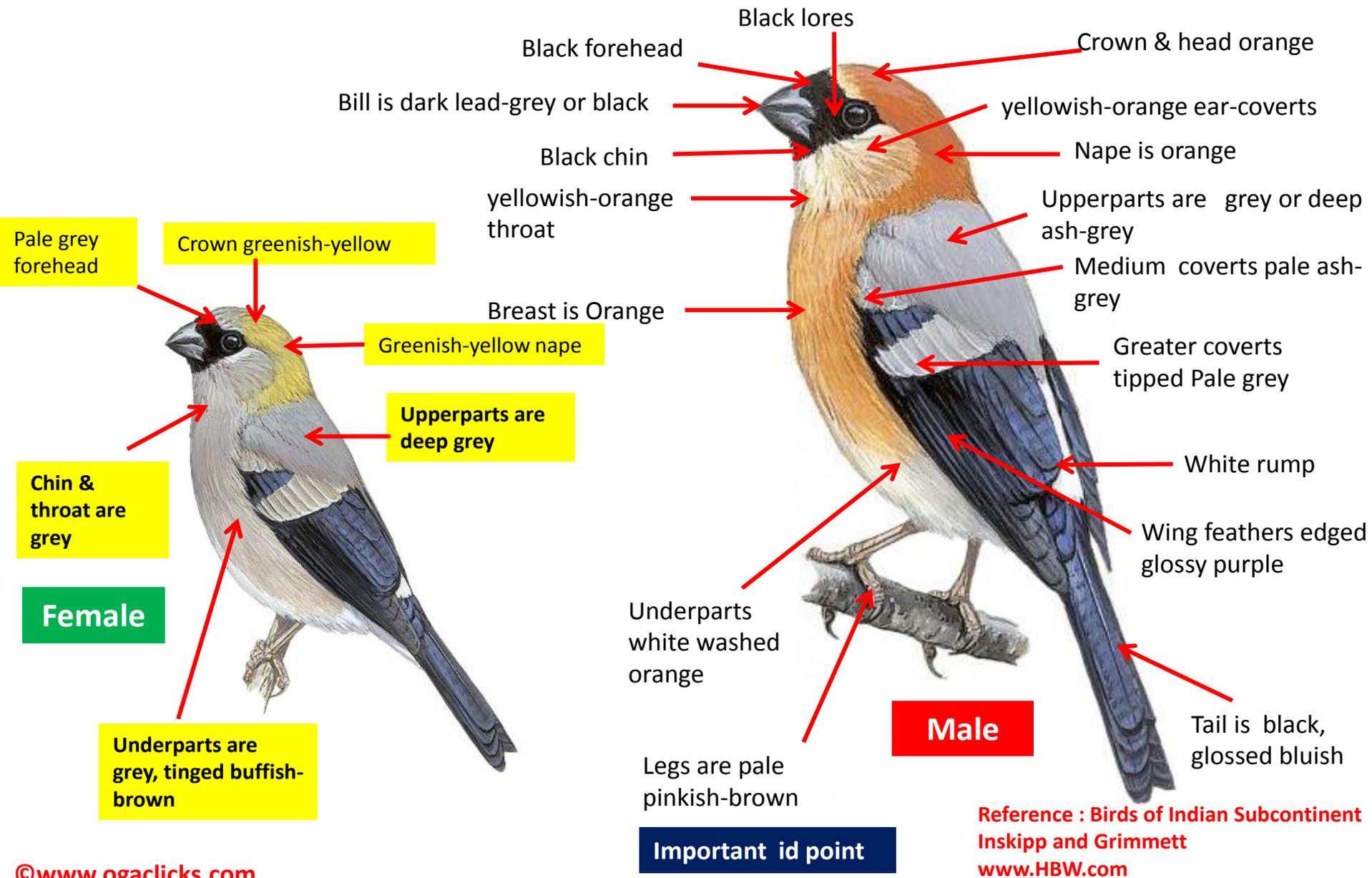
Orange Bullfinch Identification Tips

Orange Bullfinch : *Pyrrhula aurantiaca*: Winters in Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand in India



Red-headed Bullfinch Identification Tips

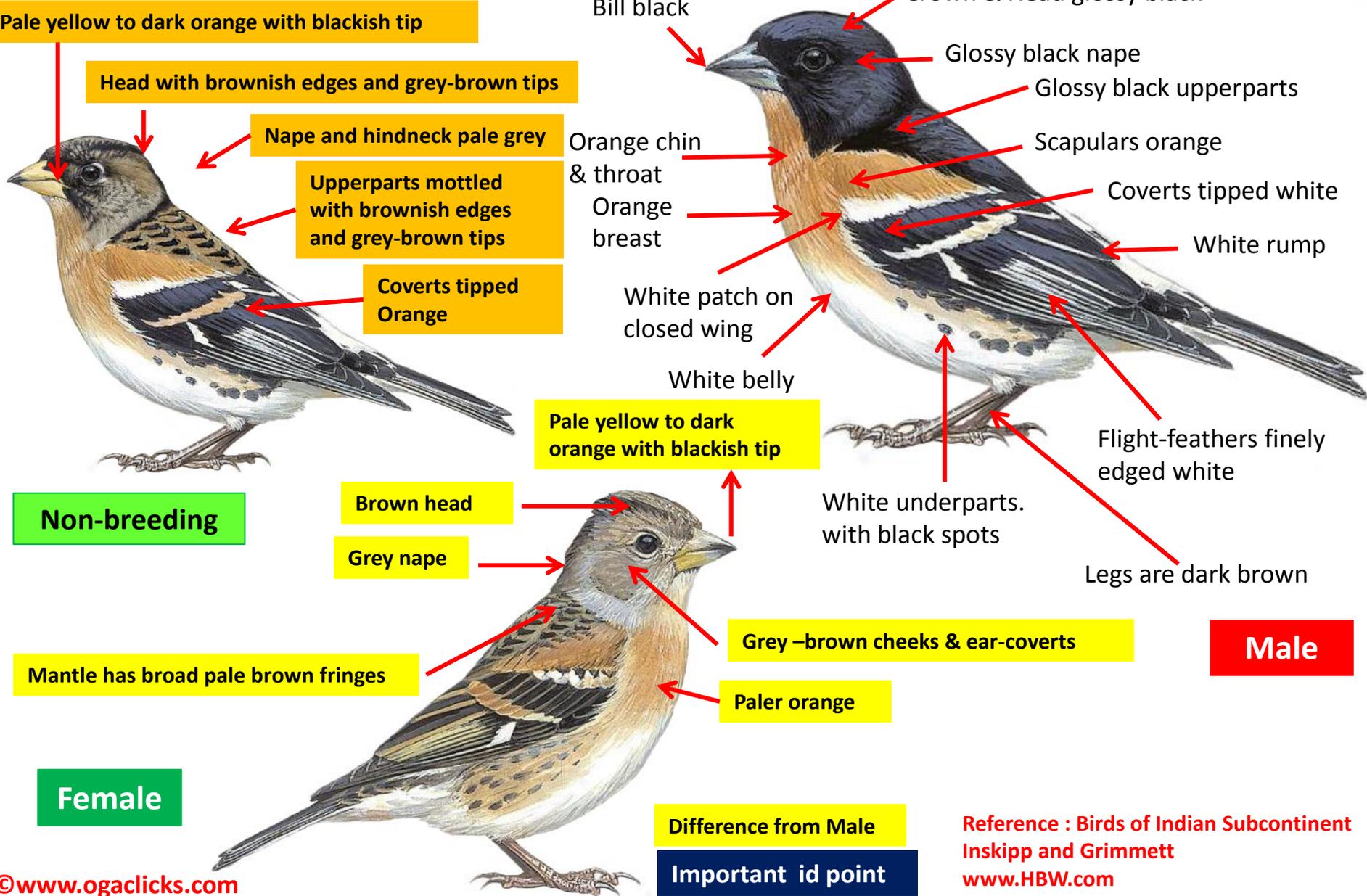
Red-headed Bullfinch : *Pyrrhula erythrocephala* : Resident of Himalayas in India



Miscell. Finches

Brambling Identification Tips

Brambling : *Fringilla montifringilla* : Winter visitor to North Himalayas in India



Bill black
Crown & Head glossy black
Glossy black nape
Glossy black upperparts
Scapulars orange
Coverts tipped white
White rump
White belly
White patch on closed wing
Flight-feathers finely edged white
Legs are dark brown
White underparts with black spots

Pale yellow to dark orange with blackish tip
Head with brownish edges and grey-brown tips
Nape and hindneck pale grey
Upperparts mottled with brownish edges and grey-brown tips
Coverts tipped Orange

Brown head
Grey nape
Grey -brown cheeks & ear-coverts
Paler orange

Non-breeding

Female

Male

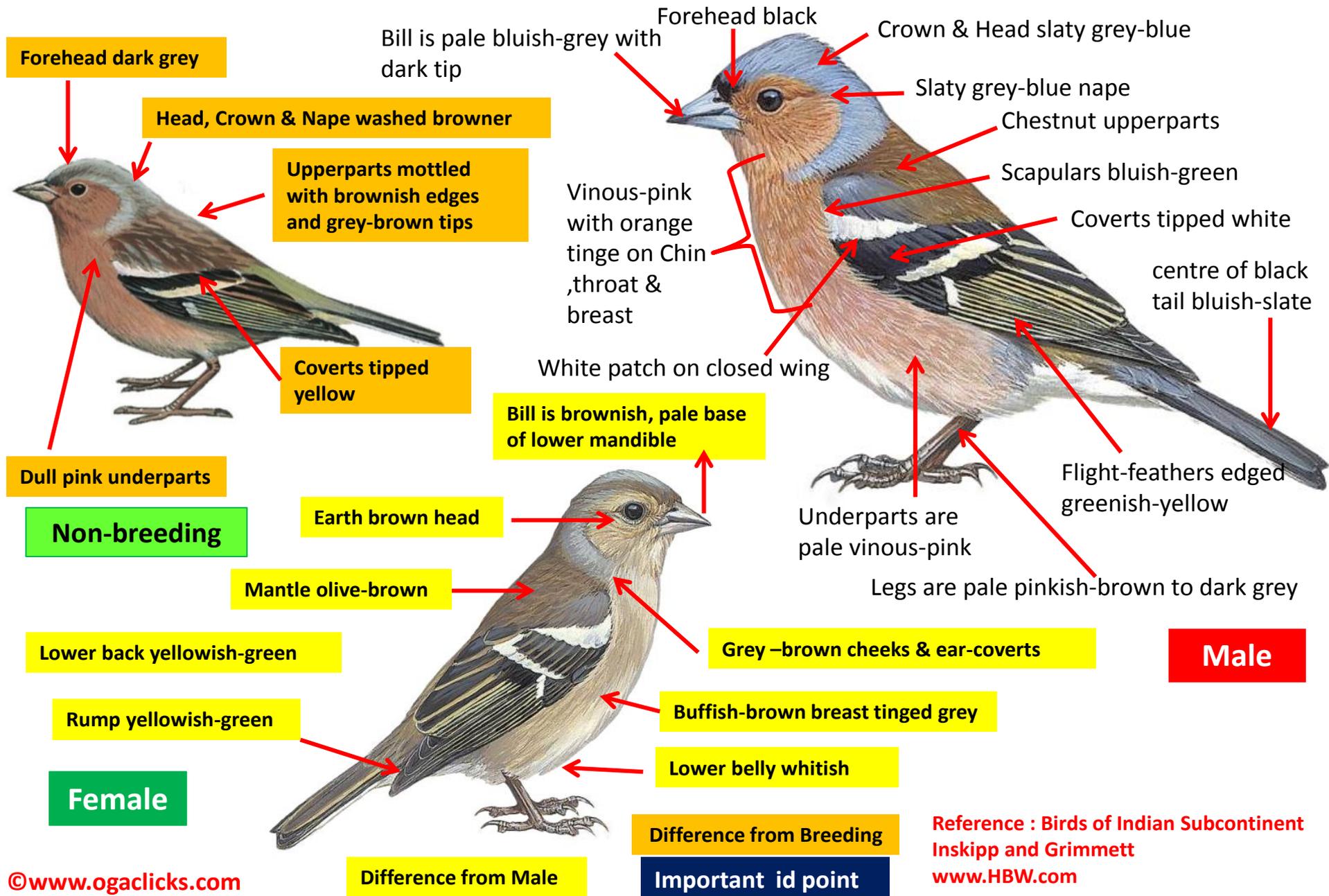
Difference from Male
Important id point

Mantle has broad pale brown fringes

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Common chaffinch Identification Tips

Common chaffinch: *Fringilla coelebs* : Winter visitor to North Himalayas in India



Eurasian Siskin Identification Tips

Eurasian Siskin : *Carduelis spinus* : Vagrant in India

Head & crown are black

yellow supercilium till side of neck

bill dark-brown to greyish-horn, paler lower mandible

Olive cheeks, olive-grey ear-coverts

Crown till nape greenish, fine dark streaks

Black chin

Yellow throat

scapulars olive-green

Upperparts are greenish, streaked

Yellow breast, Sides tinged green

Coverts tipped yellow forming wing bars

Rump yellow

Flight-feathers black with yellow bases

Rump is dark-streaked greenish-yellow

Chin & throat are dull yellow, streaked

Breast is dull yellow, streaked

flight-feathers edged very pale yellow,

Upperwing-coverts tipped yellowish-green

Male

Underparts white, streaked broadly dark brown or blackish

Legs are dark brown

Female

Underparts white streaked broadly dark brown or blackish

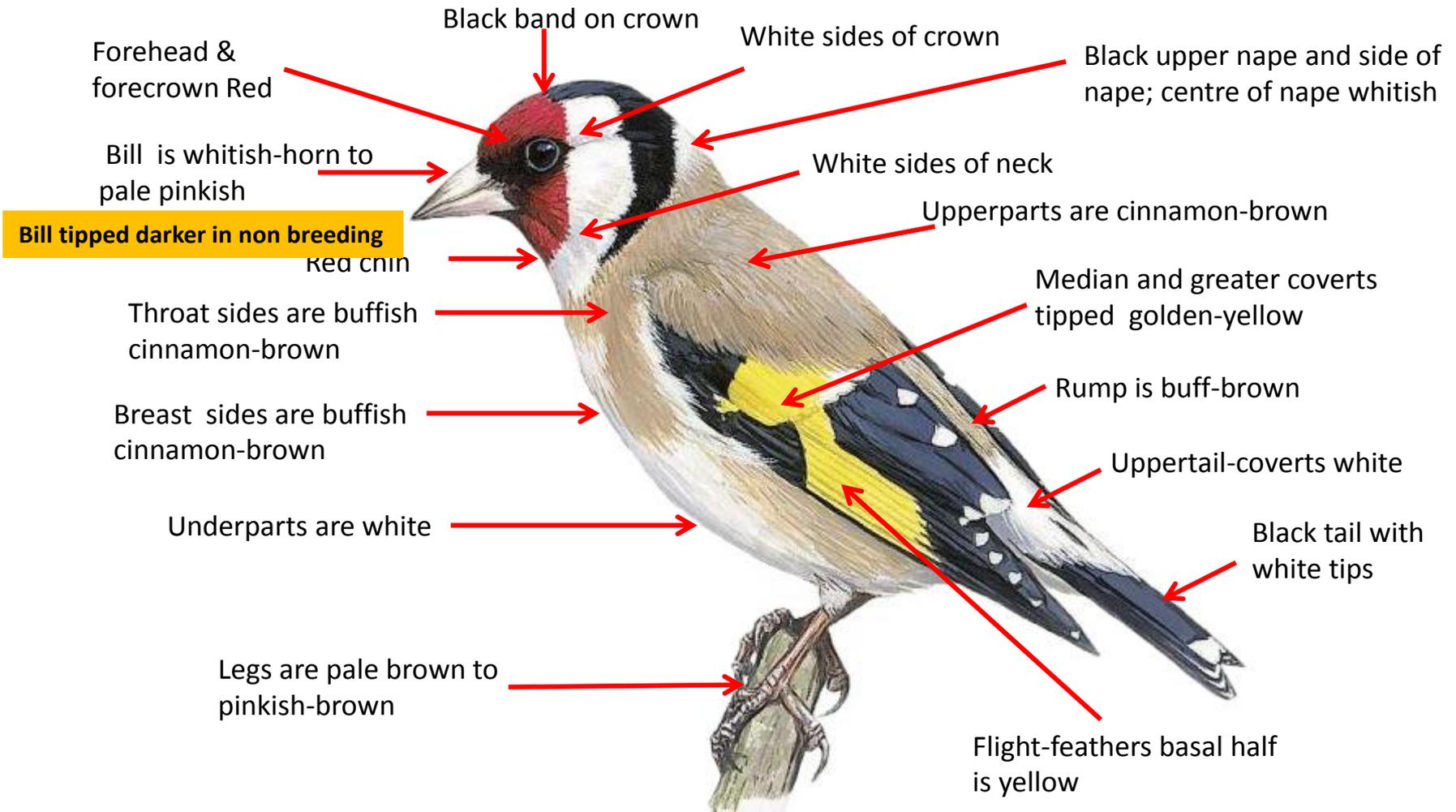
Difference from Male

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European Goldfinch Identification Tips

European Goldfinch: *Carduelis carduelis*: Resident of West & Central Himalayas in India



Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding

Important id point

Golden-naped Finch Identification Tips

Golden-naped Finch : *Pyrrhoplectes epauletta* : Resident of Eastern Himalayas in India

Head & crown are black

Bright orange hindcrown and nape

Bill is black

Upperparts are Glossy black

Hind crown till nape olive-green

Fore crown grey

Black chin

Coverts are black

Ear-coverts olive-green

Black throat

Inner edges of tertials white

Upperparts are deep grey

Black breast

Axillaries rufous-orange

Flight-feathers black

Coverts Chestnut

Chin & throat are Chestnut

Lower scapulars Chestnut

Breast is chestnut

Underparts Chestnut

Underparts black

Black tail

Female

flight-feathers black

Legs are dark grey or pinkish-grey

Male

Difference from Male

Important id point

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Hawfinch Identification Tips

Hawfinch: *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* : Winter visitor in Jammu in India

Forehead & crown are light warm brown

Chestnut Upper nape

Slate-blue or lead-grey, paler base of lower mandible

Pale grey Upper nape

Hind crown dull brown

Forehead paler brown

Black chin

Side of neck pale grey

Ear-coverts pale brown

Black throat

Upperparts rich dark brown

Upperparts are dull brown

Pale brown, tinged pink breast

Coverts tipped buffish-white

Rump and uppertail-coverts paler brown

Rump and uppertail-coverts warm orange-brown

Chin & throat Pale brown

Tail cinnamon-brown, tipped white

Breast is pale brown

Underparts pale brown

Underparts pale brown, tinged pink

Flight-feathers black

Legs are pale pinkish-brown

Female

Secondaries pale bluish-grey

Male

Difference from Male

Important id point

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Mongolian Finch Identification Tips

Mongolian Finch : *Eremopsaltria mongolica*: Resident of Ladhak in India

Forehead & crown are pale grey-brown, streaked finely darker

Bill is greyish-yellow, paler base of lower mandible

Crown & head dull brown

Upperparts are buffish-brown

Greater coverts edged white at base, tipped light pink

Rump and uppertail-coverts paler brown

Female

Primaries edged narrowly pale pink

Bill pale yellow

Brown chin
Brown throat

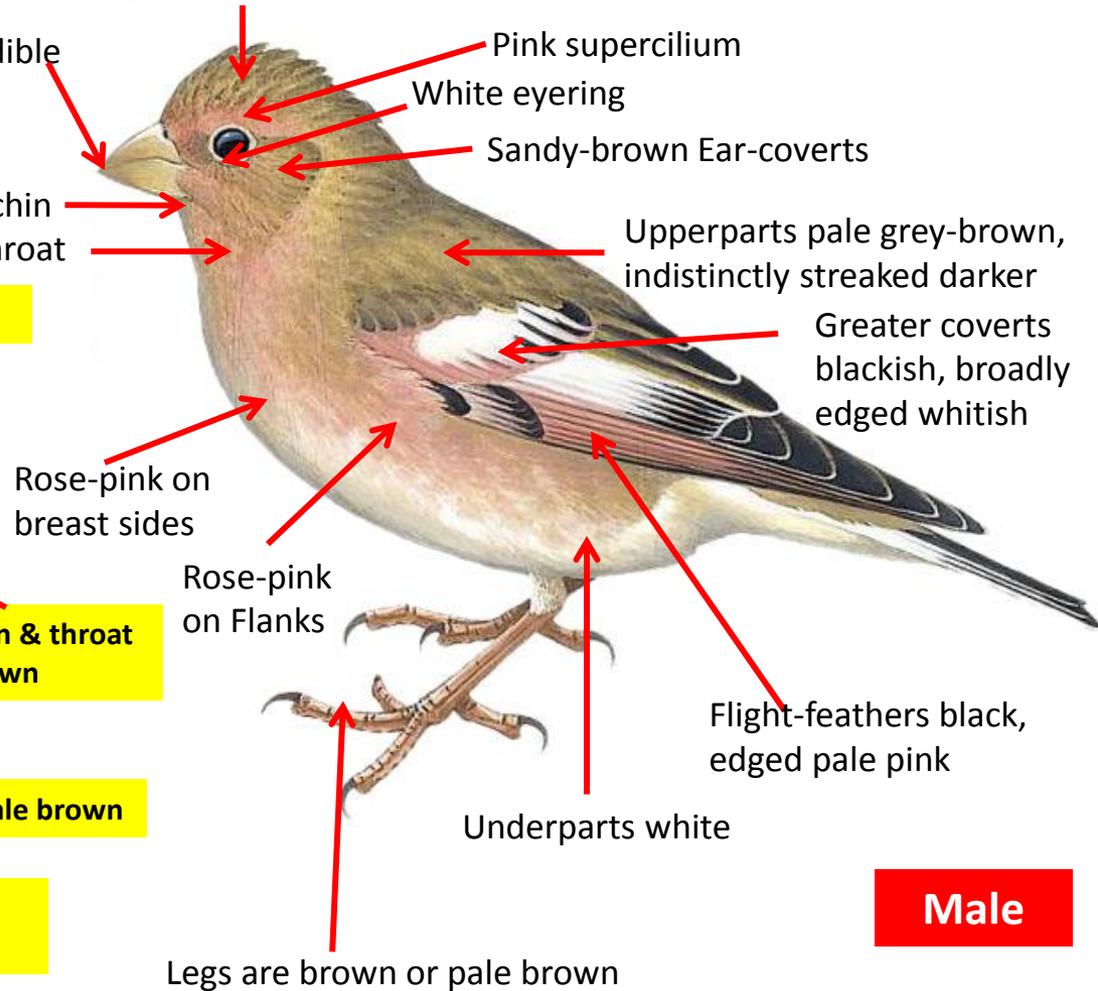
Chin & throat brown

Breast is pale brown

Underparts whitish-grey

Difference from Male

Important id point



Male

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Red Crossbill Identification Tips

Red Crossbill : *Loxia curvirostra*: Resident of Central & Eastern Himalayas in India

Brick-red crown & head, dusky-brown mottling

Bill is grey with pointed mandibles crossed at tip

Crown & head olive-green, mottled

Upperparts are olive-green, mottled

Rump and uppertail-coverts yellowish-green

Female

Chin & throat olive grey

Breast is olive yellow

Whitish Underparts with dusky spots and shaft streaks

Primaries edged narrowly Greenish-olive

Difference from Male

Red chin & Throat

Mottled darker on red breast

Greyish Flanks

Legs are brown or dark brown

Important id point

Brick-red Nape

Grey Eyestripe & Ear-coverts

Brick-red Upperparts, dusky-brown mottling

Coverts finely edged pinkish to reddish-brown

Male

Underparts off-white washed pinkish dark grey feather centres

Flight-feathers edged buffish to pink or reddish-brown

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Red-fronted Serin Identification Tips

Red-fronted Serin : *Serinus pusillus* : Resident of Central & Western Himalayas in India

Deep orange circular patch on forehead

Bill is dark brown or black

Thin red patch on forehead

Head & crown are brown

Upperparts are brownish-black, Streaked

Female

Primaries edged narrowly brownish

Difference from Male

Black chin & Throat

Black breast

Streaked sooty black on Belly

Chin & throat brown

Breast is brown

paler Underparts with dusky spots and shaft streaks

Important id point

Sooty black crown & head

Sooty black Nape

Sooty black Ear-coverts

Black Upperparts, broad yellowish or golden-buff feather edges

Median coverts edged pale orange

Greater coverts edged pale buffish yellow

Male

Underparts off-white streaked

Flight-feathers dark brown, finely edged yellowish-orange

Legs are dark brown or black

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Spectacled Finch Identification Tips

Spectacled Finch : *Callacanthis burtoni*: Resident of Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand in India

Scarlet lores & forehead forming a spectacle

Black crown & head

Ear-coverts, cheek and moustachial area black

Bill is yellow, dusky brown or black tip and orange-brown base of lower mandible

Tawny-brown neck

Lower forehead to around eye yellow

Paler Bill

Blackish spotted chin

Greyish-olive upperparts, fringed reddish-brown

Head & crown are dusky brown

Throat is scarlet, tipped blackish

Greater coverts tipped pinkish-white

Pinkish-red feather fringes on breast

Brown on belly

undertail-coverts pale buffish-brown

spotted blackish on chin and throat

Flight-feathers jet-black, broadly tipped white

Female

Breast is brown

Underparts pale grey-brown

Legs yellowish-brown

Male

Legs are dark brown or black

Greater coverts tipped white, less broader than male

Difference from Male

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Tibetan Serin Identification Tips

Tibetan Serin : *Serinus thibetanus* : Resident of Central & Western Himalayas in India

Bill is bluish-grey above, pale flesh-brown below

Olive-green crown & head

supercilium to side of nape and neck yellow

Cheek and ear-coverts greenish-yellow,

yellow subocular crescent

Greenish-yellow malar stripe

Upperparts are olive green

Deep yellow throat

Greenish tinge on breast

secondaries finely tipped whitish

Head & crown are olive-green, streaked

Upperparts are olive-green, heavy streaks

Covert tips are yellowish-green

Brown bill

Chin & throat yellow, streaked

Breast is lemon yellow, streaked

Underparts white with dark brownish streaks

Dark brown legs

Female

Primaries edged lime green

Difference from Male

Important id point

Underparts are white

Flight-feathers blackish, edged greenish-yellow

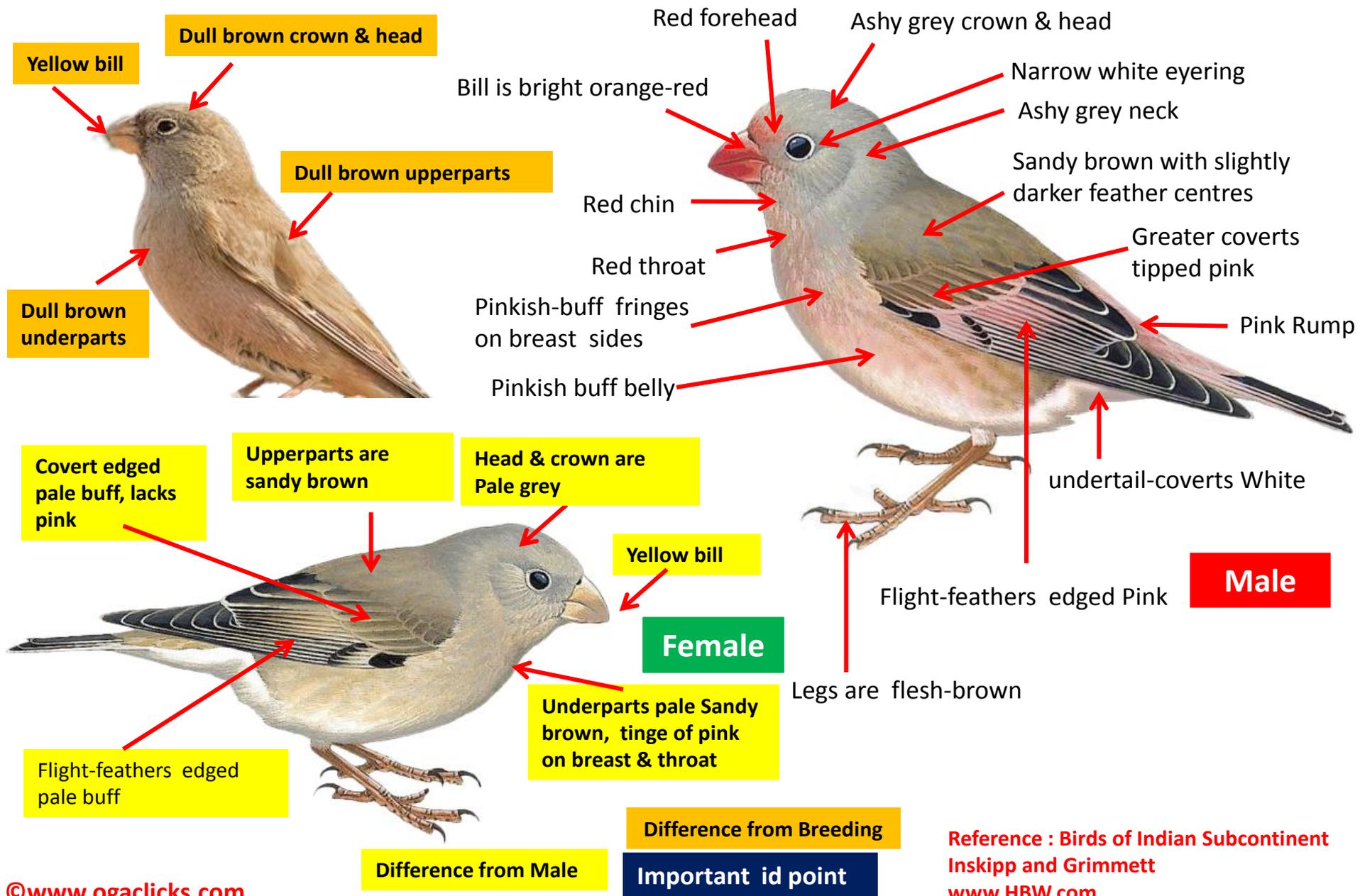
Legs are dark brown or black

Male

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Trumpeter Finch Identification Tips

Trumpeter Finch: *Bucanetes githagineus*: Winter visitor to Rajasthan & Haryana in India



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Twite Identification Tips

Twite : *Carduelis flavirostris* : Resident of North Himalayas in India (Ladhak)

Bill is orange-yellow, brown base of lower mandible

Bill is blackish above, dull yellow base of lower mandible

Brown crown & head, streaked

Buff-brown supercilium

Nape to neck lighter brown, streaked darker,

Buff brown chin & throat

cheek and ear-coverts buffish-brown, finely streaked darker

Buff brown breast, streaked brown

Upperparts streaked with warm buff edges

Coverts tipped buff brown

More uniform upperparts

Pink rump

Rump is pale buff

Coverts tipped white

Underparts are white

Flight-feathers blackish, edged white

Legs are black or blackish-brown

Male

Female

Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding

Important id point

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Yellow-breasted Greenfinch Identification Tips

Yellow-breasted Greenfinch : *Carduelis spinoides*: Resident of Himalayas & North East India

bill brown to brownish-pink, dark tip of upper mandible, paler or pinkish tip of on lower mandible

yellow submoustachial stripe

Black malar stripe

Underparts are Yellow

Black crown & head

Yellow supercilium

Bright yellow collar across nape to side of neck

Black cheek and ear-coverts

Blackish-olive upperparts

Coverts edged yellow

Yellow rump

Male

Flight-feathers blackish, bright yellow bases

Legs are pinkish or pinkish-brown

Head & crown are dark olive, streaked

Upperparts are dark olive, streaked

Covert tips are paler

Underparts are dull yellow smudged streaks across breast, and flanks tinged brownish

Flight-feathers blackish, pale yellow bases

Female

Difference from Male

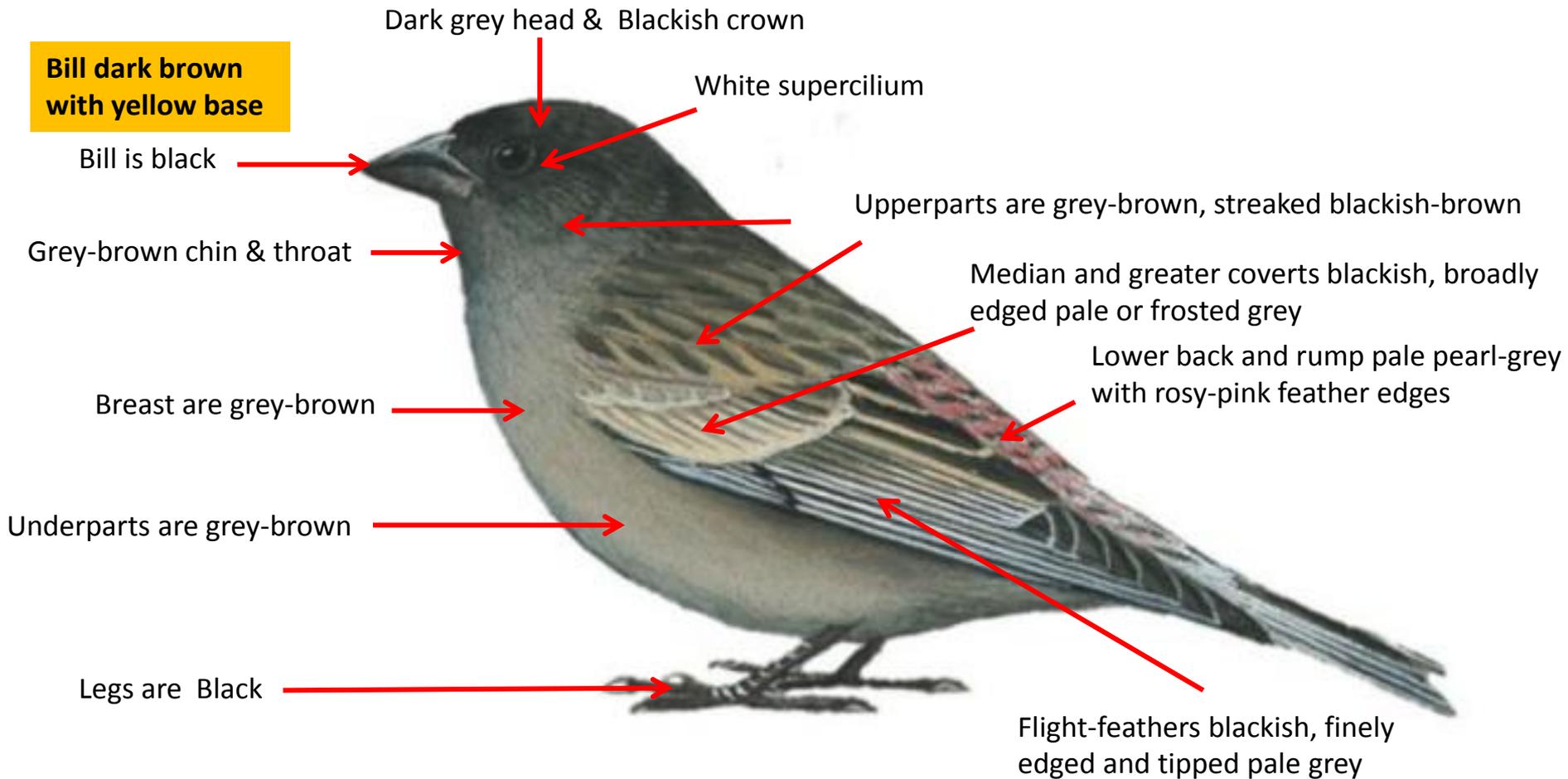
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Mountain finch

Brandt's Mountain Finch Identification Tips

Brandt's Mountain Finch : *Leucosticte brandti*: Resident of North Himalayas in India



Difference from Male

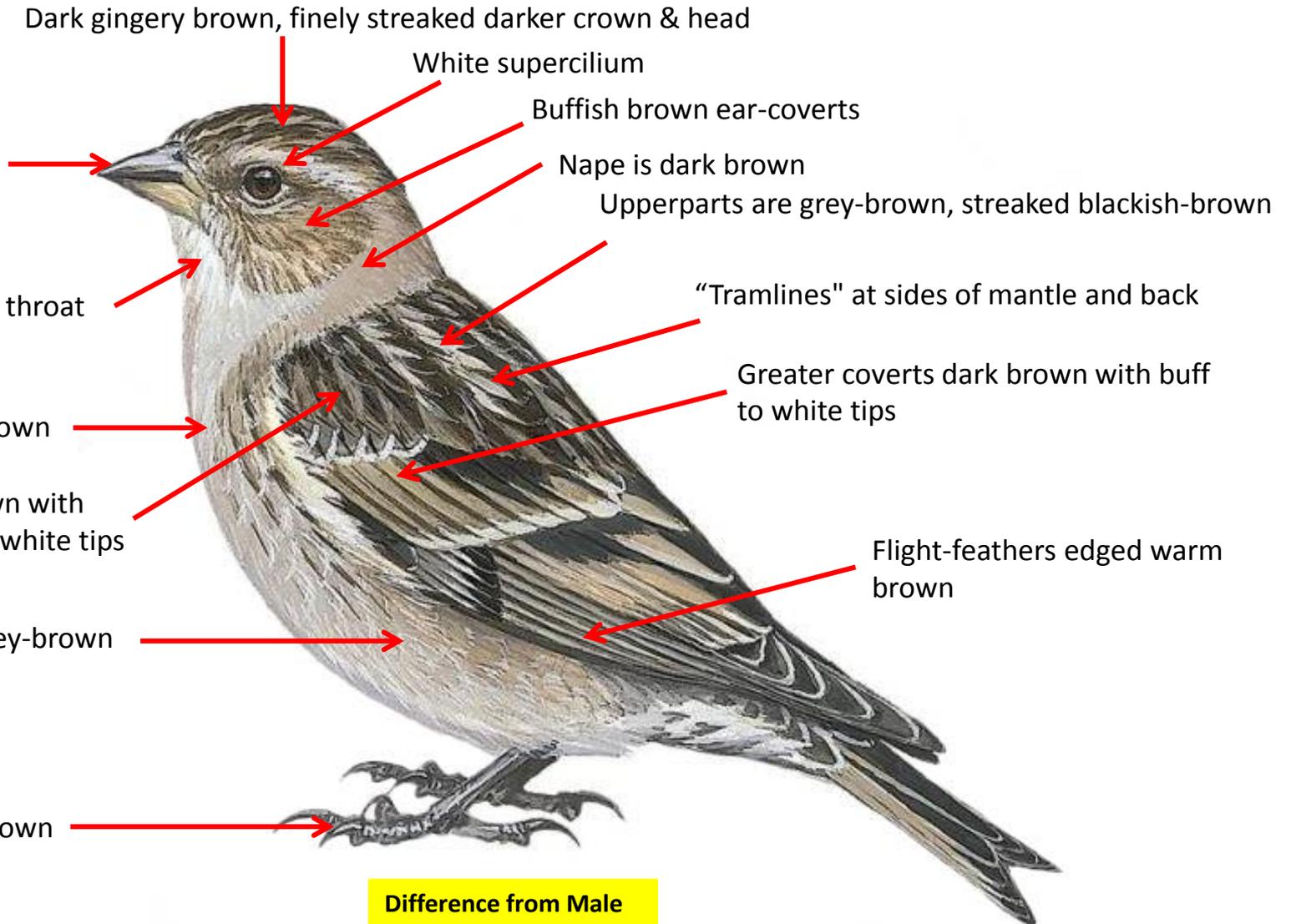
Difference from Nominata

Important id point

Plain Mountain Finch Identification Tips

Plain Mountain Finch : *Leucosticte nemoricola* : Resident of Himalayas in India

Bill dark brown with yellow base



Dark gingery brown, finely streaked darker crown & head

White supercilium

Buffish brown ear-coverts

Nape is dark brown

Upperparts are grey-brown, streaked blackish-brown

"Tramlines" at sides of mantle and back

Greater coverts dark brown with buff to white tips

Flight-feathers edged warm brown

Bill is brownish-horn, paler base of lower mandible

Grey-brown chin & throat

Breast are grey-brown

Median coverts brown with blackish centres and white tips

Underparts are grey-brown

Legs are dark brown

Difference from Male

Difference from Nominata

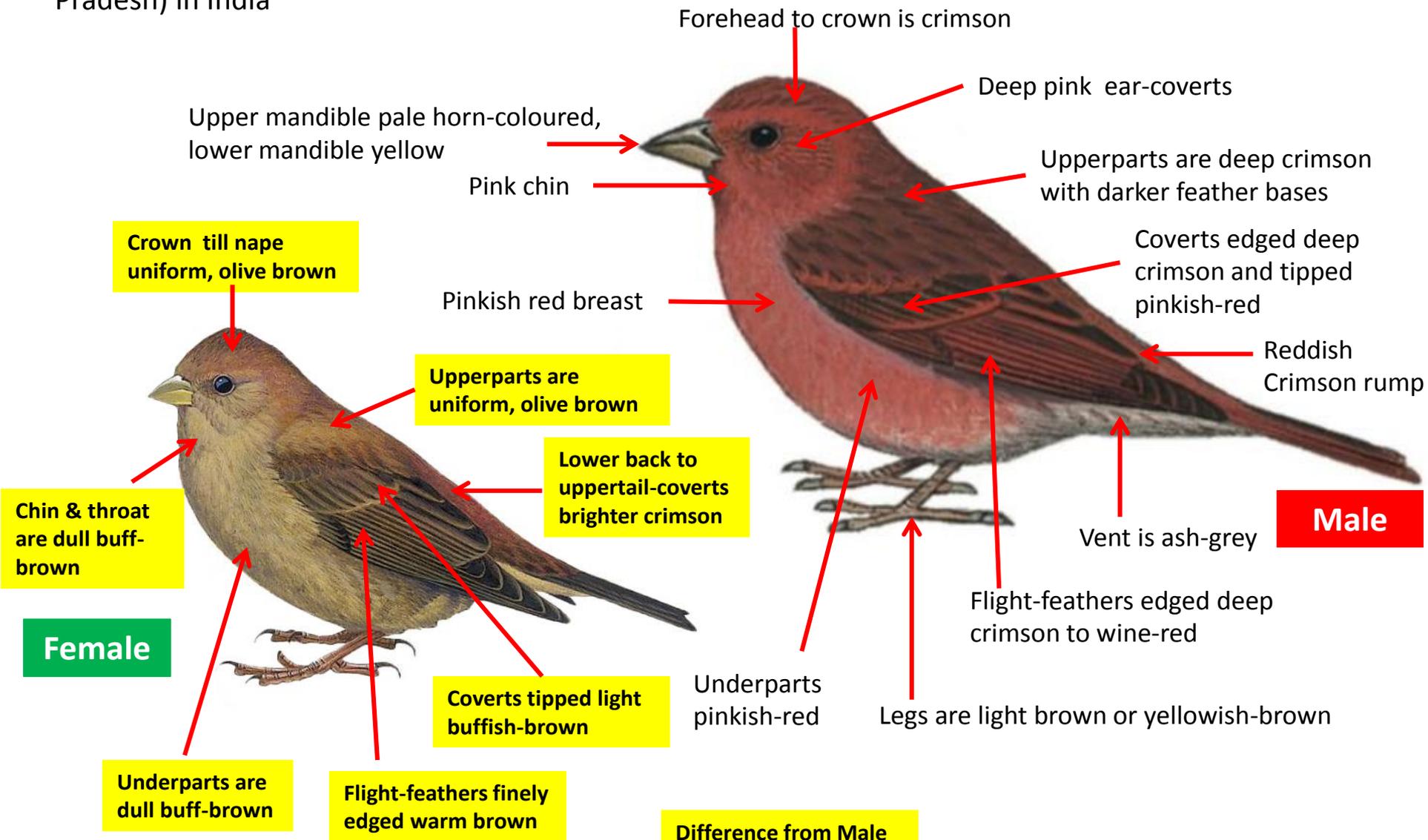
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Rosefinch

Blanford's Rosefinch Identification Tips

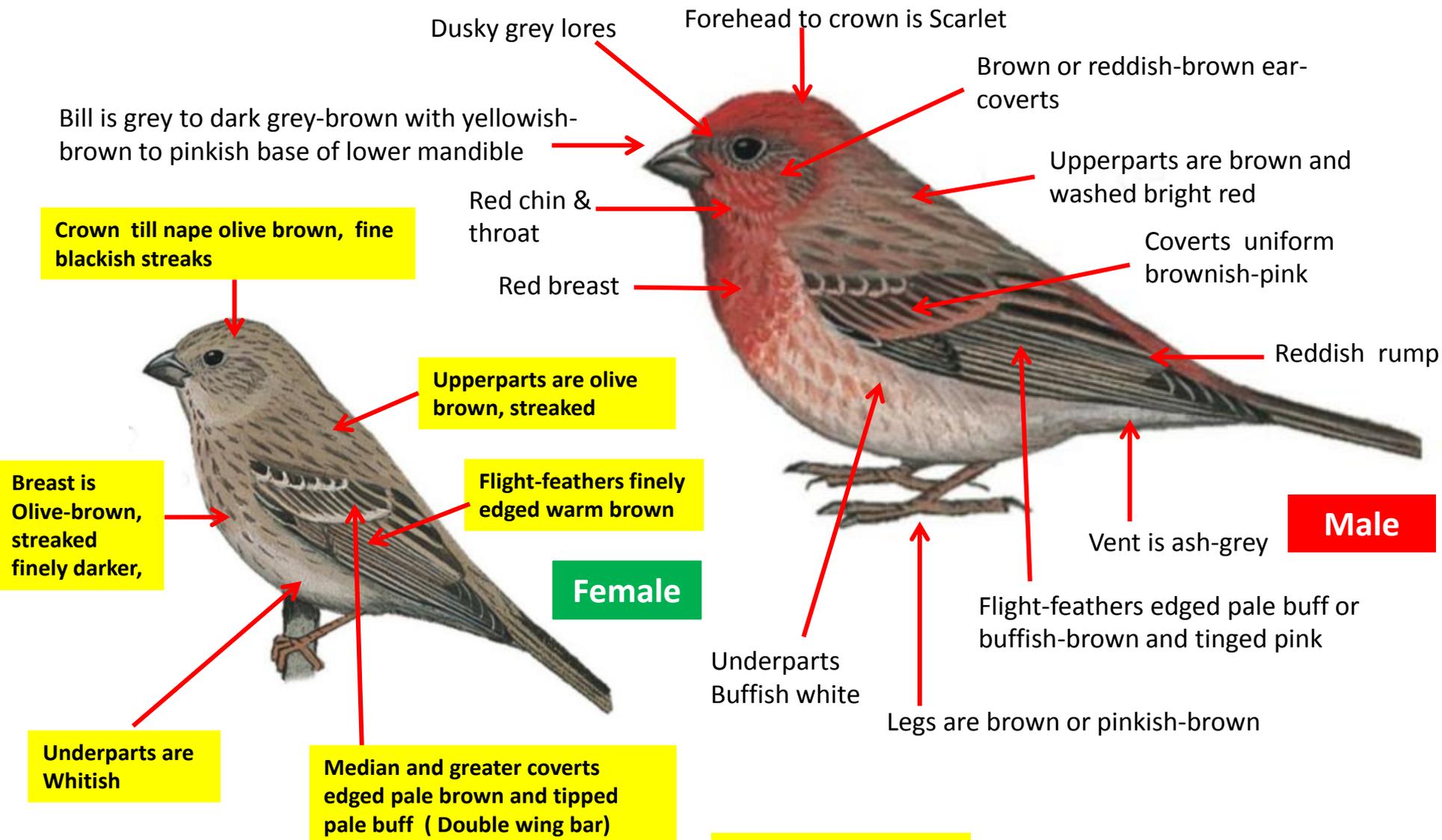
Blanford's Rosefinch : *Carpodacus rubescens* : Resident of East Himalayas (Sikkim, West Arunachal Pradesh) in India



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Common Rosefinch Identification Tips

Common Rosefinch : *Carpodacus erythrinus* : Breeds in Himalayas , widespread winter visitor in India



Bill is grey to dark grey-brown with yellowish-brown to pinkish base of lower mandible

Crown till nape olive brown, fine blackish streaks

Dusky grey lores

Forehead to crown is Scarlet

Brown or reddish-brown ear-coverts

Red chin & throat

Upperparts are brown and washed bright red

Red breast

Coverts uniform brownish-pink

Upperparts are olive brown, streaked

Reddish rump

Flight-feathers finely edged warm brown

Vent is ash-grey

Male

Female

Flight-feathers edged pale buff or buffish-brown and tinged pink

Underparts Buffish white

Legs are brown or pinkish-brown

Underparts are Whitish

Median and greater coverts edged pale brown and tipped pale buff (Double wing bar)

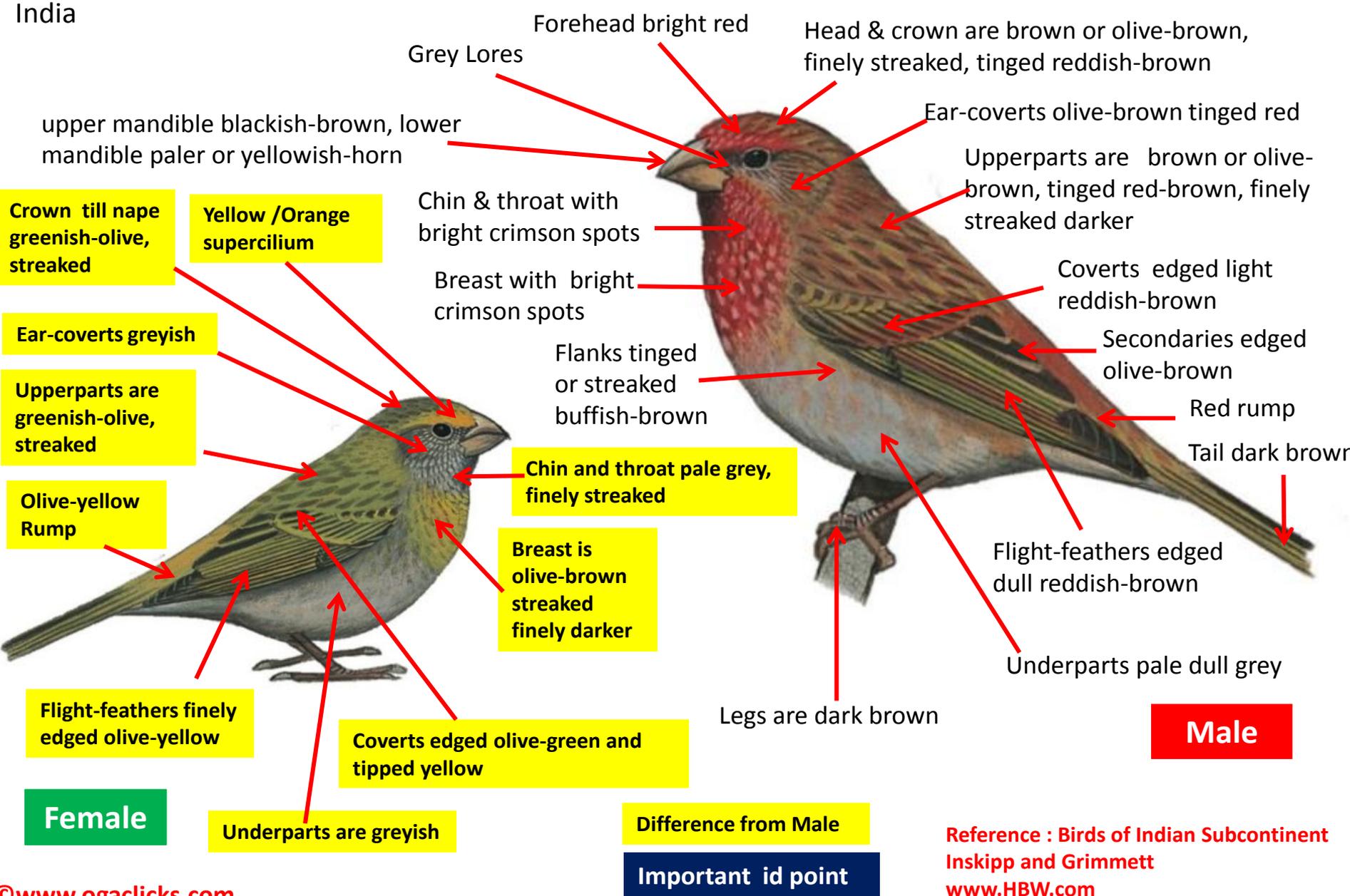
Difference from Male

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Crimson-browed Finch Identification Tips

Crimson-browed Finch : *Propyrrhula subhimachala*: Resident of Himalayas , winter visitor to North East India



Forehead bright red
 Head & crown are brown or olive-brown, finely streaked, tinged reddish-brown
 Ear-coverts olive-brown tinged red
 Upperparts are brown or olive-brown, tinged red-brown, finely streaked darker
 Coverts edged light reddish-brown
 Secondaries edged olive-brown
 Red rump
 Tail dark brown
 Flight-feathers edged dull reddish-brown
 Underparts pale dull grey
 Legs are dark brown

Grey Lores
 upper mandible blackish-brown, lower mandible paler or yellowish-horn
 Chin & throat with bright crimson spots
 Breast with bright crimson spots
 Flanks tinged or streaked buffish-brown
 Chin and throat pale grey, finely streaked
 Breast is olive-brown streaked finely darker

Crown till nape greenish-olive, streaked
 Yellow /Orange supercilium
 Ear-coverts greyish
 Upperparts are greenish-olive, streaked
 Olive-yellow Rump
 Flight-feathers finely edged olive-yellow
 Coverts edged olive-green and tipped yellow
 Underparts are greyish

Female

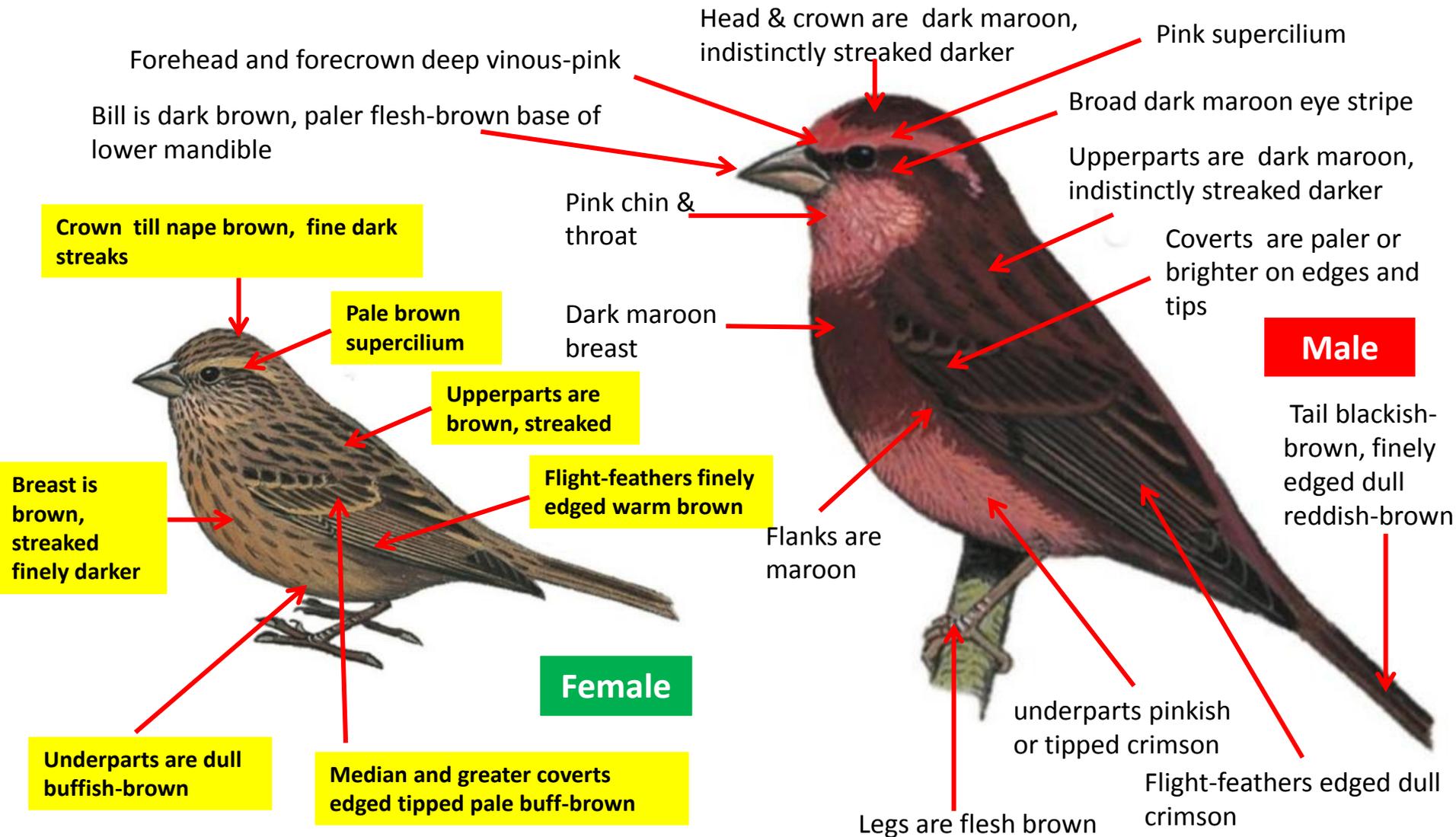
Male

Difference from Male
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Dark-breasted Rosefinch Identification Tips

Dark-breasted Rosefinch : *Carpodacus nipalensis*: Resident of Himalayas in India



Male

Female

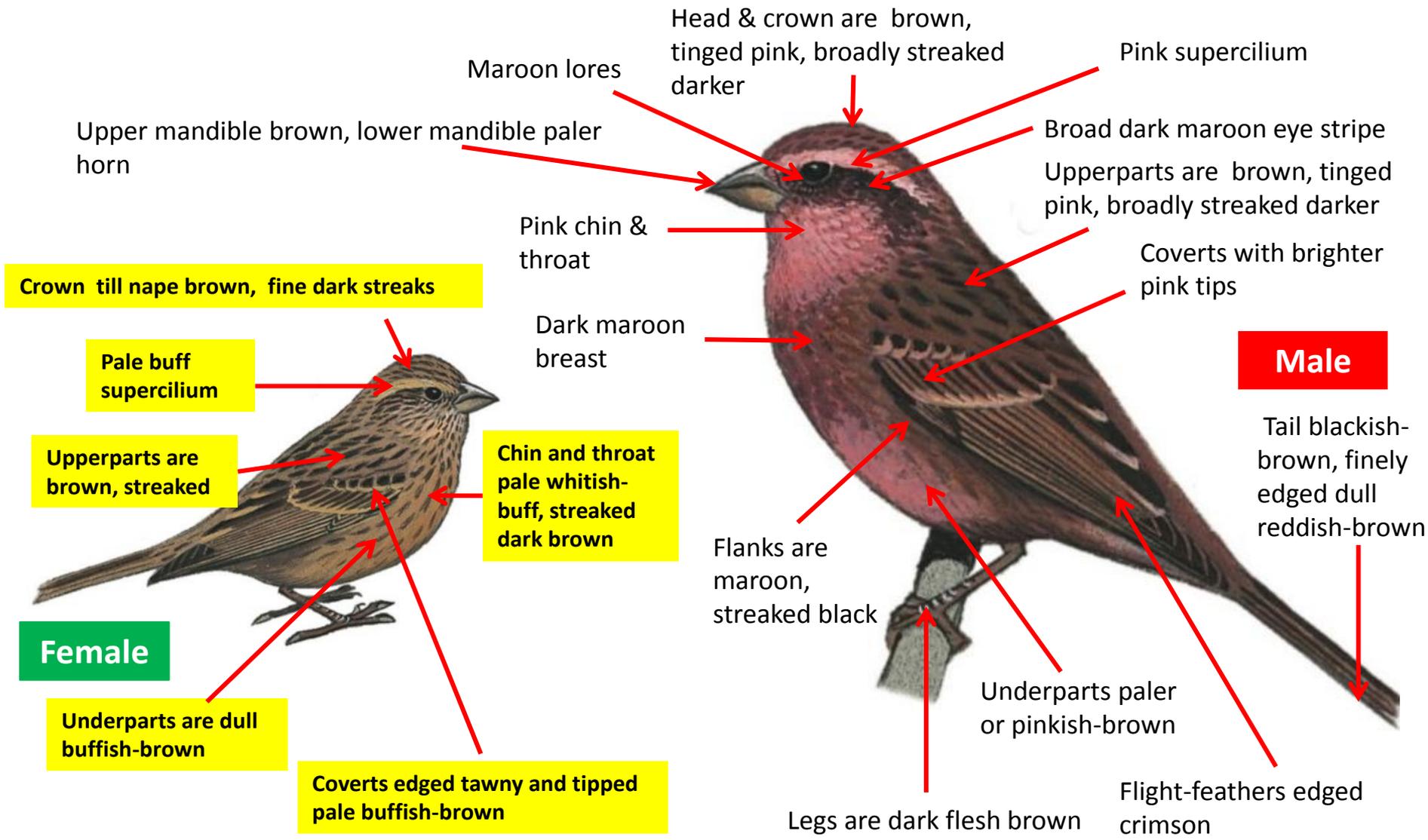
Difference from Male

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Dark-rumped Rosefinch Identification Tips

Dark-rumped Rosefinch : *Carpodacus edwardsii* : Resident of Central & Eastern Himalayas in India



Difference from Male

Important id point

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Great Rosefinch Identification Tips

Great Rosefinch : *Carpodacus rubicilla* : Resident of North Himalayas in India

Upper mandible dark horn-yellow, lower mandible paler or greyer

Head & crown are bright strawberry-red, finely streaked white

Male

Red ear-coverts fringed white

Upperparts are bright red or crimson and streaked

Coverts tipped pale pink

Pink rump

Tail blackish-brown

Underparts whitish, tinged pink, with dark central shaft streaks

Legs are dark brown

Flight-feathers finely edged pale buff

Red chin & throat, fine white tips

Red breast, fine white tips

Breast is olive or olive-brown streaked finely darker

Difference from Male

Important id point

Crown till nape grey-brown, fine dark streaks

Upperparts are grey-brown, streaked

Flight-feathers finely edged brown

Female

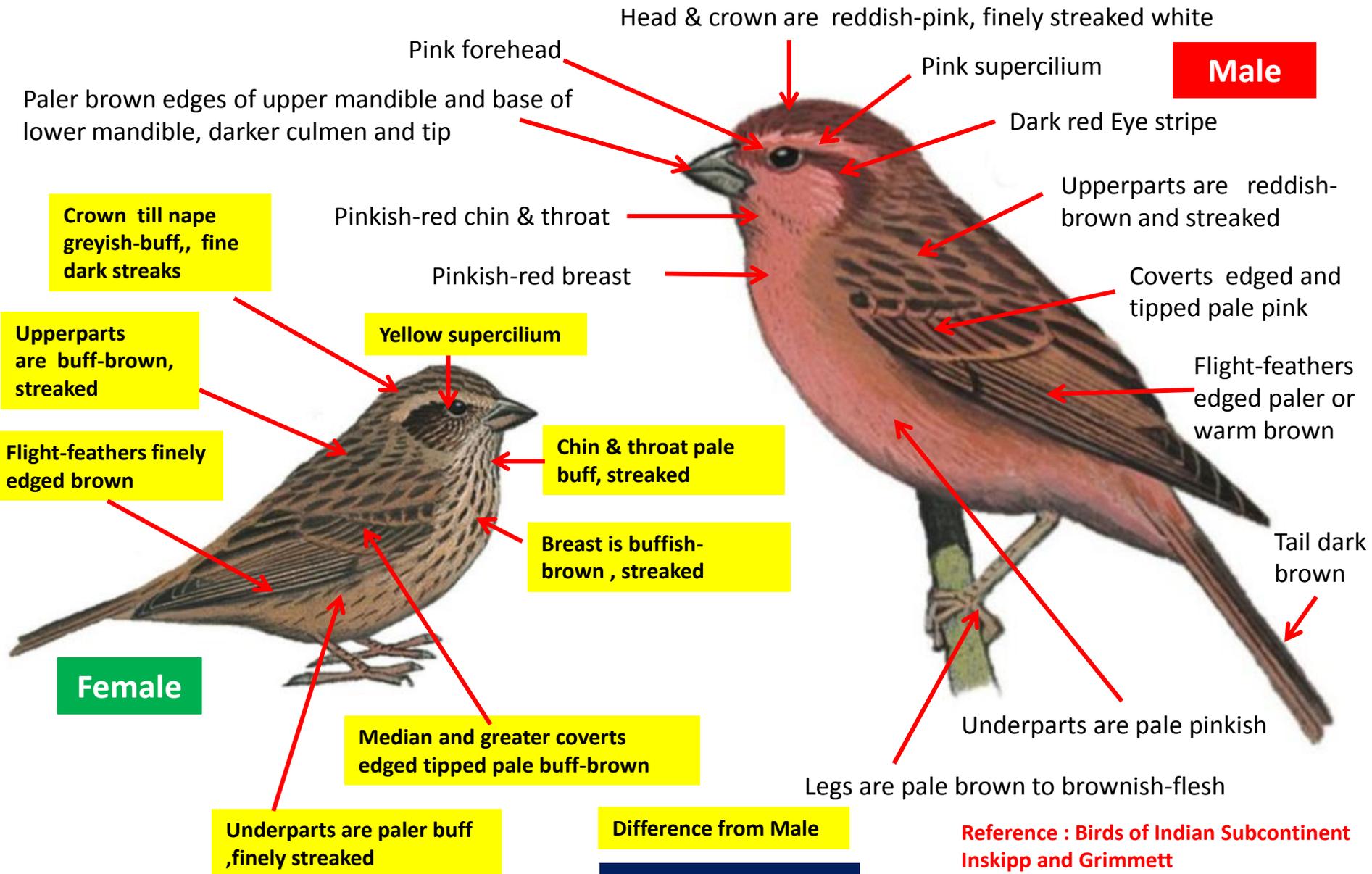
Median and greater coverts edged tipped pale buff-brown

Underparts are whiter, finely streaked

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Pink-browed Rosefinch Identification Tips

Pink-browed Rosefinch : *Carpodacus rodochroa* : Resident of Himalayas in India



Head & crown are reddish-pink, finely streaked white

Pink forehead

Pink supercilium

Male

Paler brown edges of upper mandible and base of lower mandible, darker culmen and tip

Dark red Eye stripe

Upperparts are reddish-brown and streaked

Crown till nape greyish-buff, fine dark streaks

Pinkish-red chin & throat

Pinkish-red breast

Coverts edged and tipped pale pink

Upperparts are buff-brown, streaked

Yellow supercilium

Flight-feathers edged paler or warm brown

Flight-feathers finely edged brown

Chin & throat pale buff, streaked

Tail dark brown

Breast is buffish-brown, streaked

Underparts are pale pinkish

Female

Median and greater coverts edged tipped pale buff-brown

Legs are pale brown to brownish-flesh

Underparts are paler buff, finely streaked

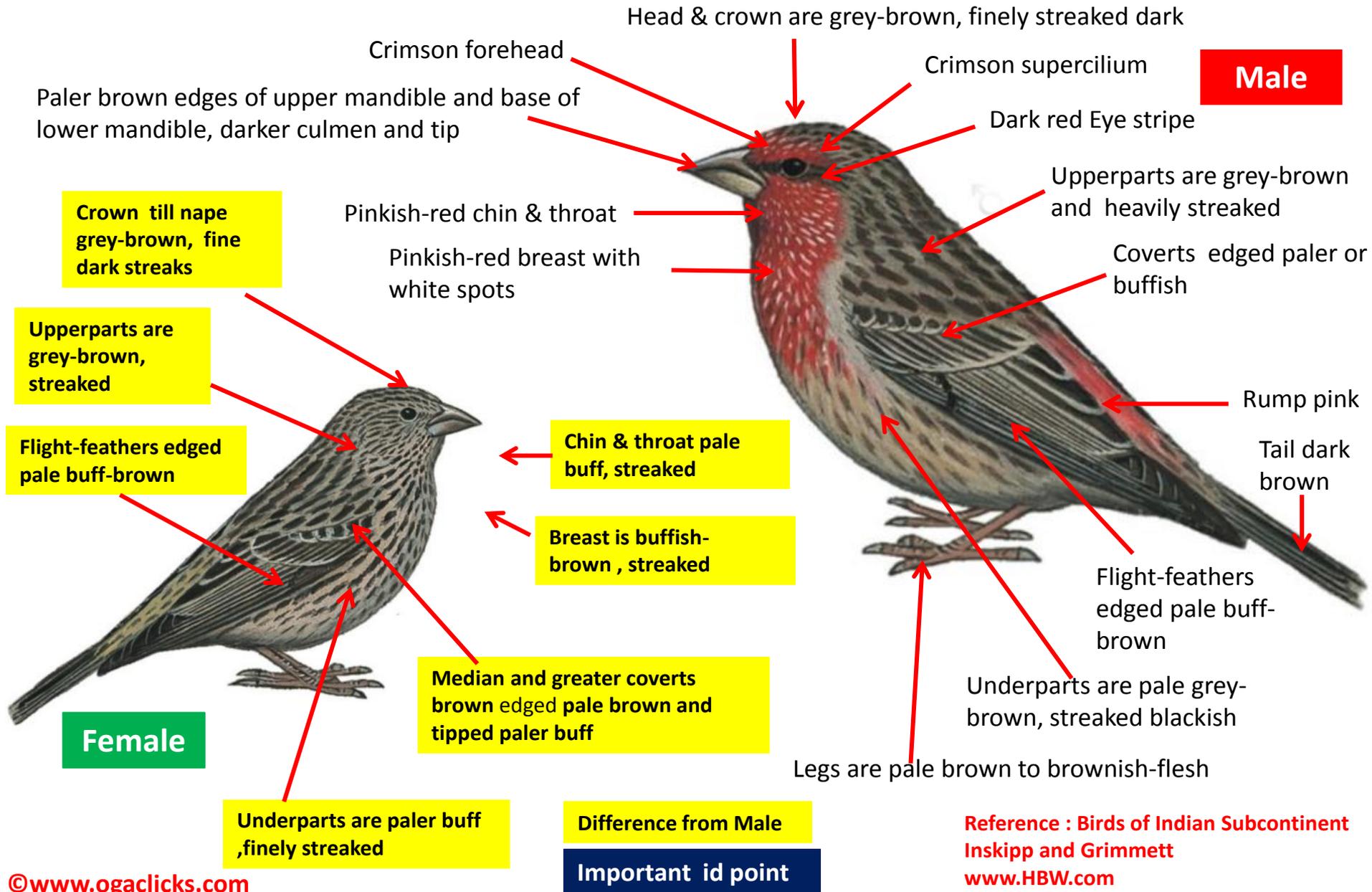
Difference from Male

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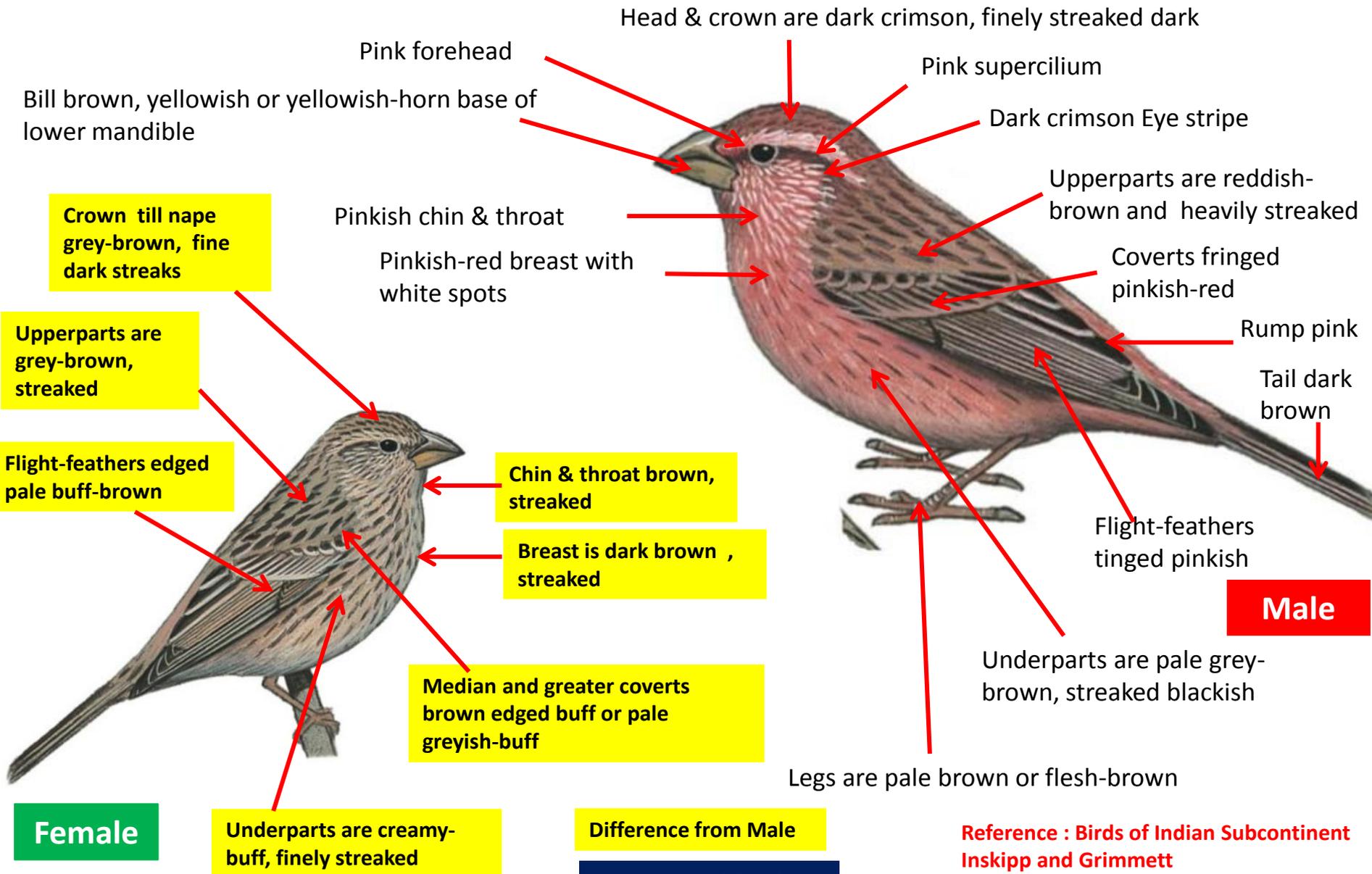
Red-fronted Rosefinch Identification Tips

Red-fronted Rosefinch : *Carpodacus puniceus* : Resident of North Himalayas in India



Red-mantled Rosefinch Identification Tips

Red-mantled Rosefinch : *Carpodacus rhodochlamys* : Resident of Himalayas in North India



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Scarlet Finch Identification Tips

Scarlet Finch : *Carpodacus sipahi* : Resident of Himalayas & North East India

Head & crown are bright Scarlet

Upper mandible pinkish to crimson, tinged brown, lower mandible yellowish or pale buffish-horn;

Scarlet ear-coverts & cheeks

Upperparts are bright Scarlet

Crown till nape olive yellow, fine dark streaks

Scarlet chin & throat

Upperwing black with edged bright scarlet edging

Scarlet breast

Upperparts are tinged paler green or olive-yellow, streaked

Black tail

Flight-feathers edged brown

Chin & throat Olive yellow, mottled

Rump bright yellow

Breast is Olive yellow, mottled

Median and greater coverts edged olive and broadly tipped pale buff,

Underparts are Scarlet

Male

Legs are pinkish-brown

Female

Underparts are grey, heavily mottled

Difference from Male

Important id point

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Spot-winged Rosefinch Identification Tips

Spot-winged Rosefinch : *Carpodacus rodopeplus* : Resident of Himalayas in India (Uttarakhand to Sikkim)

Pink supercilium Head & crown are Maroon , finely streaked dark

Dark lores

Dark crimson Eye stripe

Bill dark brown, slightly paler brown mandible

Upperparts are maroon and heavily streaked

Crown till nape dark brown, fine dark streaks

Pinkish chin & throat

Pale pink lines on scapulars

Pinkish-red breast with white spots

Coverts edged pink

Rump pink

Upperparts are olive-brown, streaked

Buff supercilium

Tail dark brown

Flight-feathers edged warm brown

Chin & throat brown, streaked

Flight-feathers tinged pinkish

Breast is brown , streaked

Underparts are deep pink

Flanks tinged brown

Median and greater coverts edged paler and tipped pale buff

Male

Legs are flesh-brown to pale greyish

Female

Underparts are buff brown, finely streaked

Difference from Male

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Streaked Rosefinch Identification Tips

Streaked Rosefinch: *Carpodacus rubicilloides* : Resident of North Himalayas in India (Ladhak, HP, Uttarakhand)

Head & crown are bright red, finely streaked white

Dark lores

Ear-coverts bright red, finely streaked white

upper mandible dark horn, lower mandible paler yellowish-horn

Upperparts are brown and streaked darker

Crown till nape grey-brown, fine dark streaks

Pink chin & throat, white tips

Pink breast with white spots

Coverts edged buff and pink

Rump pink

Upperparts are olive-brown, streaked

Bill is dark horn

Tail dark brown

Female

Chin & throat pale whitish-buff, streaked

Breast is pale whitish-buff, streaked

Flight-feathers edged pale buff

Underparts are pink whitish feather centres

Male

Upperwing-coverts paler or greyer brown and tipped slightly paler

Legs are flesh-brown to pale greyish

Underparts are pale whitish-buff, finely streaked

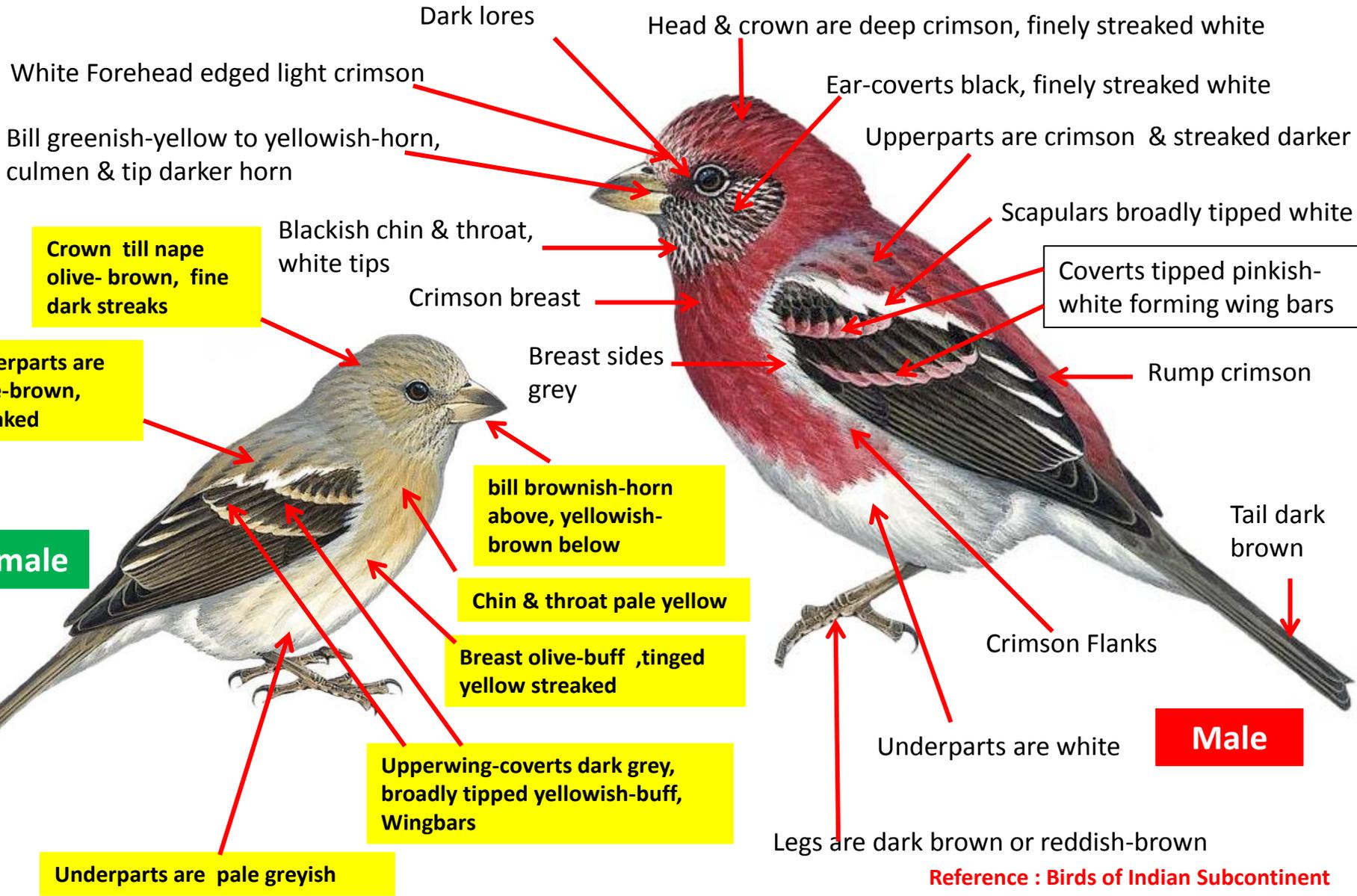
Difference from Male

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Three-banded Rosefinch Identification Tips

Three-banded Rosefinch *Carpodacus trifasciatus*: Vagrant in India



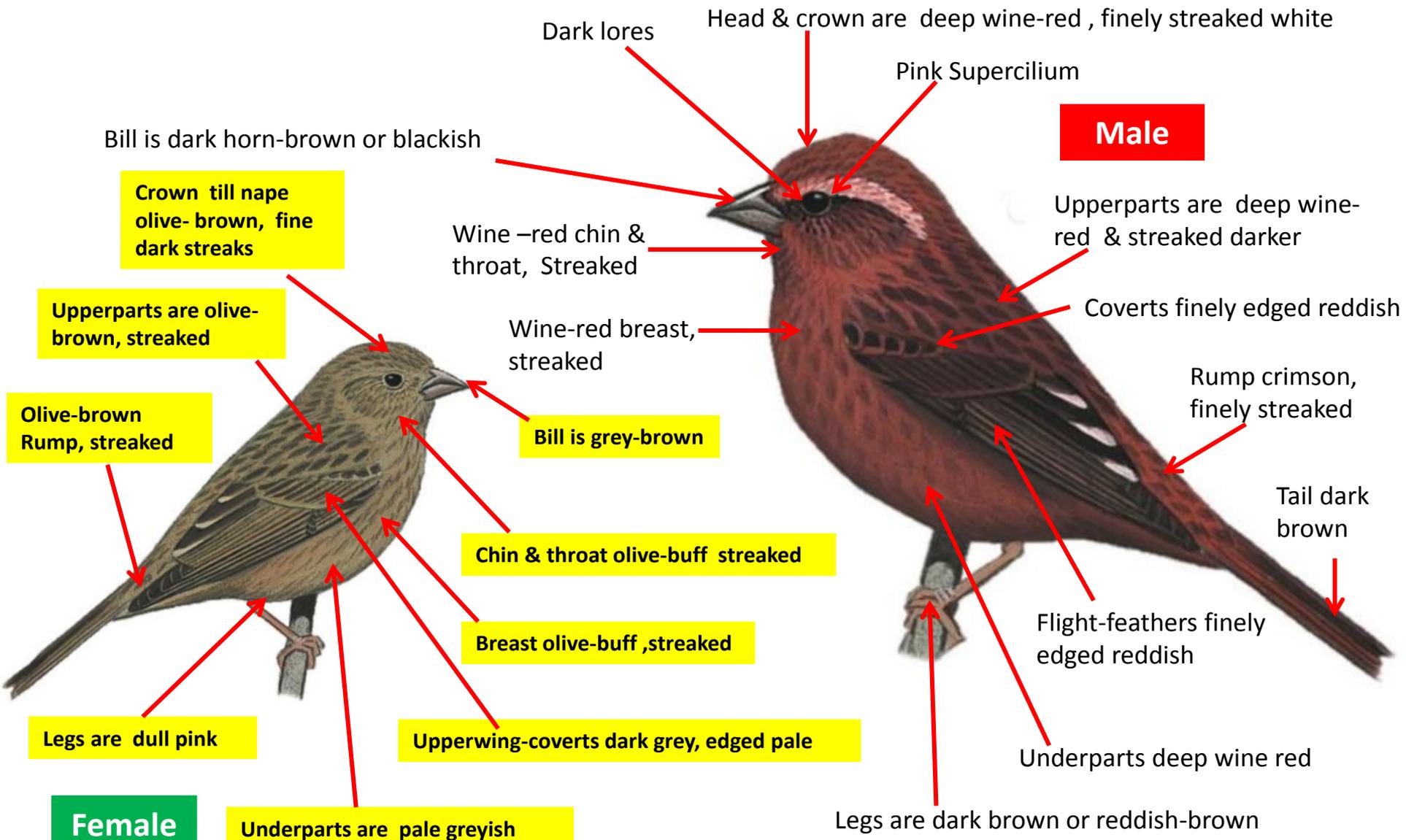
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Difference from Male

Important id point

Vinaceous Rosefinch Identification Tips

Vinaceous Rosefinch : *Carpodacus vinaceus*: Resident of Himalayas in HP & Uttarakhand in India



Difference from Male

Important id point

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White-browed Rosefinch Identification Tips

White-browed Rosefinch : *Carpodacus thura* : Resident of Himalayas in India

Pink Supercilium becoming white at end

Head & crown are deep wine-red , finely streaked white

Pink Forehead

Bill is brown or brownish horn

Fine white or pale pink feather tips on upper edge of forehead and supercilium

Upperparts are Greyish-brown & streaked darker

Crown till nape olive- brown, fine dark streaks

Creamy buff supercilium

Pink chin & throat, Streaked white

Dark eyestripe

Coverts tipped white forming wing bars

Pink breast, streaked white

Rump Pink finely streaked

Upperparts are olive-brown, streaked

Yellow Rump, streaked

White cheek & Ear-coverts

Tail dark brown

Chin & throat are rusty buff streaked

Breast is rusty buff ,streaked

Flight-feathers finely edged pale or dull pink

Upperwing-coverts dark grey, tipped white

Underparts pink, washed white

Male

Female

Underparts are white

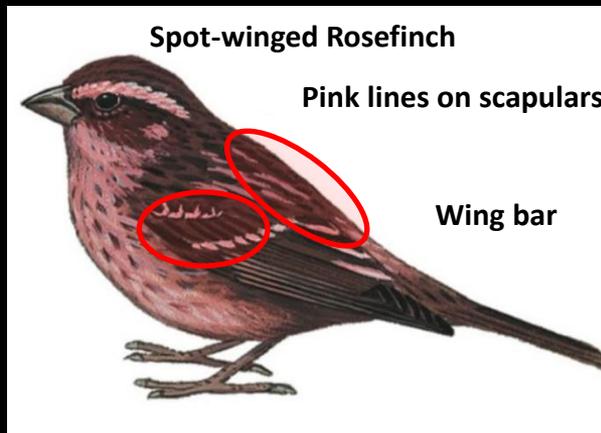
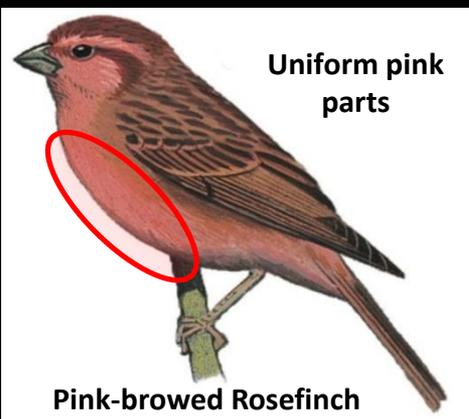
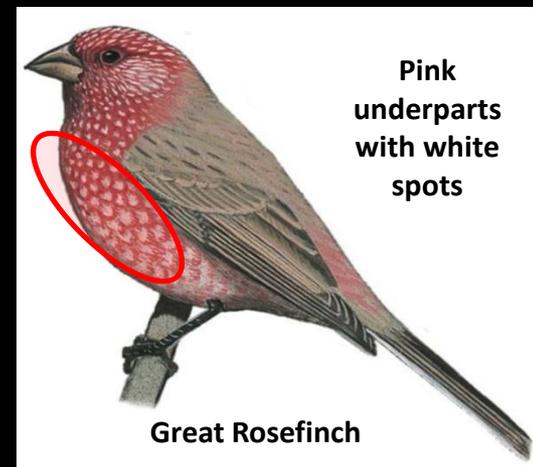
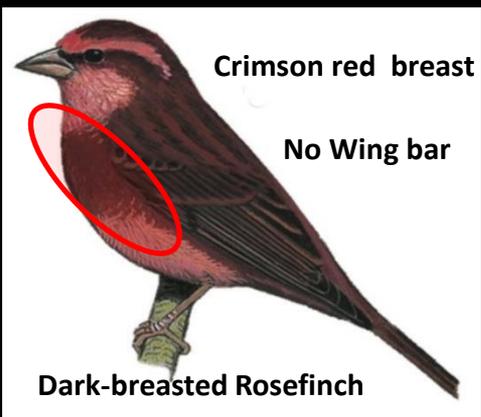
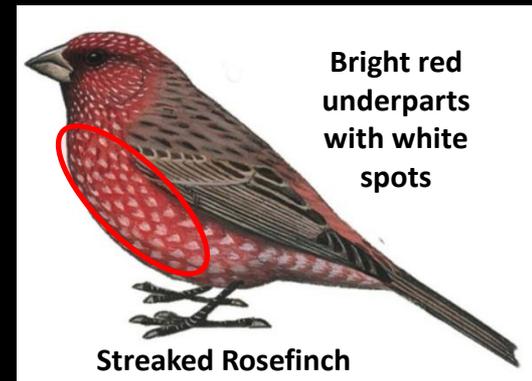
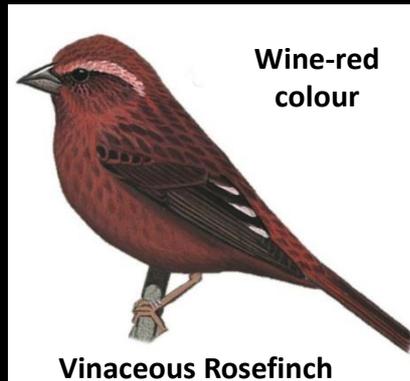
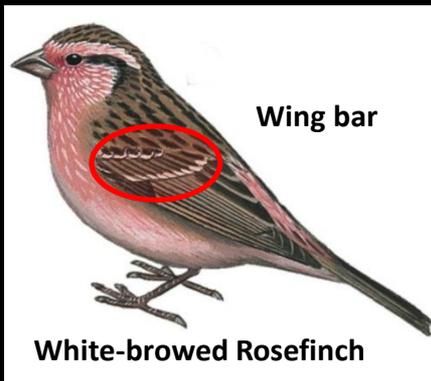
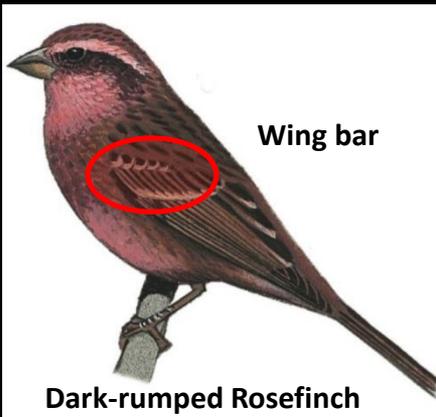
Legs are flesh-grey to dark brown

Difference from Male

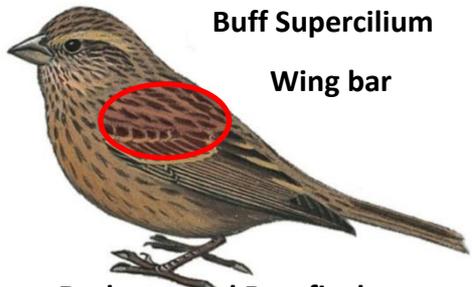
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Rosefinch Comparison -Male



Rosefinch Comparison -Female



Buff Supercilium

Wing bar

Dark-rumped Rosefinch



White Supercilium

Wing bar

White-browed Rosefinch



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Vinaceous Rosefinch



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Red-mantled Rosefinch



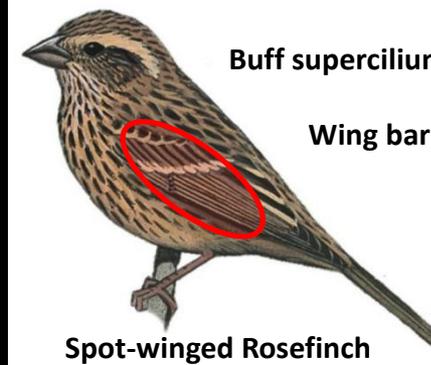
Dark-breasted Rosefinch

Brown Supercilium



Uniform olive-
yellow upperparts

Blanford's Rosefinch



Buff supercilium

Wing bar

Spot-winged Rosefinch



Yellow supercilium

Pink-browed Rosefinch



Heavily
streaked grey
face

Streaked Rosefinch



Less streaked
grey face

Great Rosefinch

Snowfinch

Blanford's Snowfinch Identification Tips

Blanford's Snowfinch : *Pyrgilauda blanfordi* : Resident of North Himalayas in India

White forehead bisected by black

Black line through eye

Bill is Horn coloured

Bill is slaty black

Reddish-chestnut nape

Creamy-white cheek

Black chin & throat in a bib

Upperparts are sandy brown, streaked darker brown

Greater coverts with paler edges and tips

Pale patch at base of secondaries

Flight-feathers dark brown with whitish edging

Central rectrices brown to grey-brown

Breast washed warm buffish

Legs Black

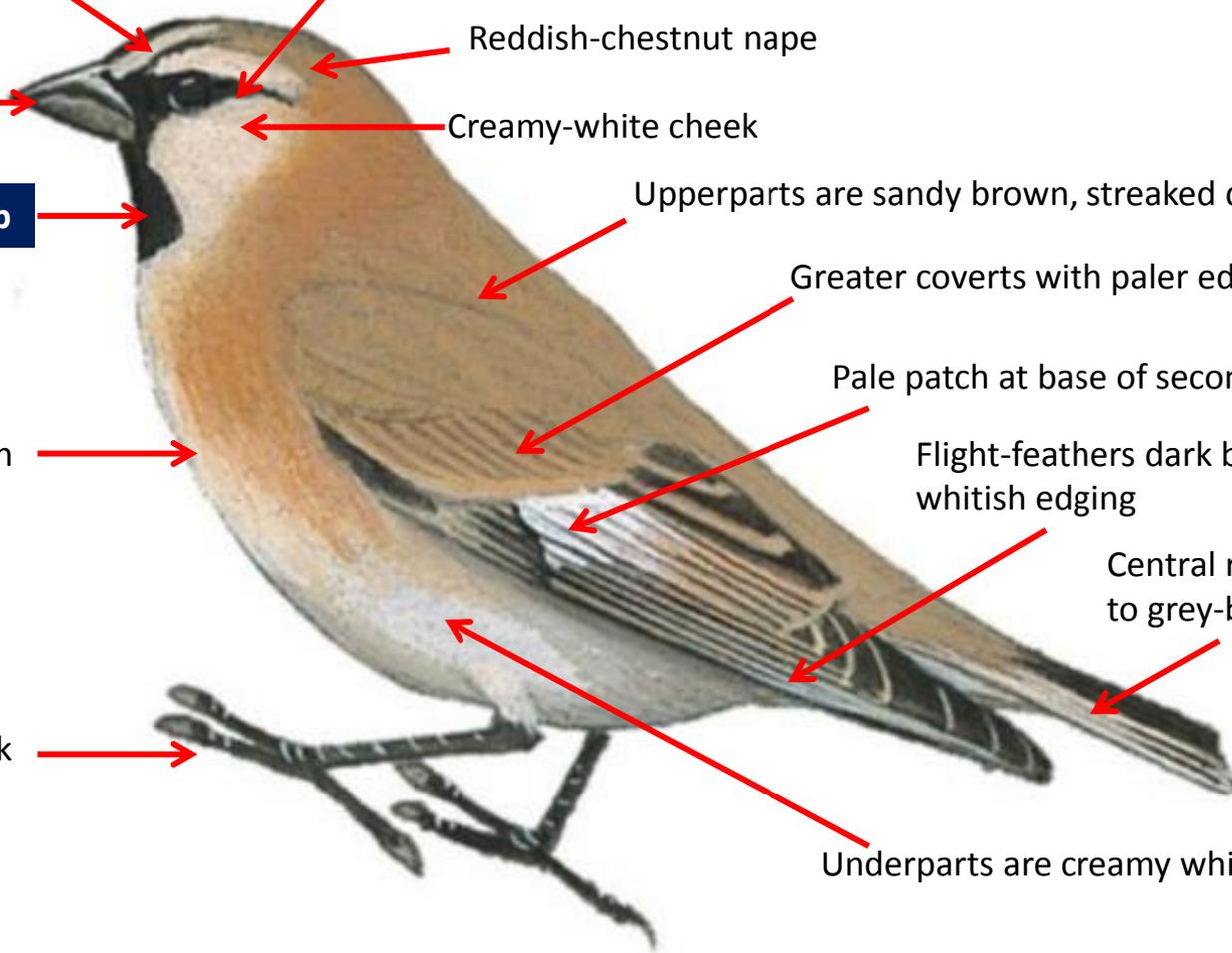
Underparts are creamy white

Difference from Male

Difference from Nominat

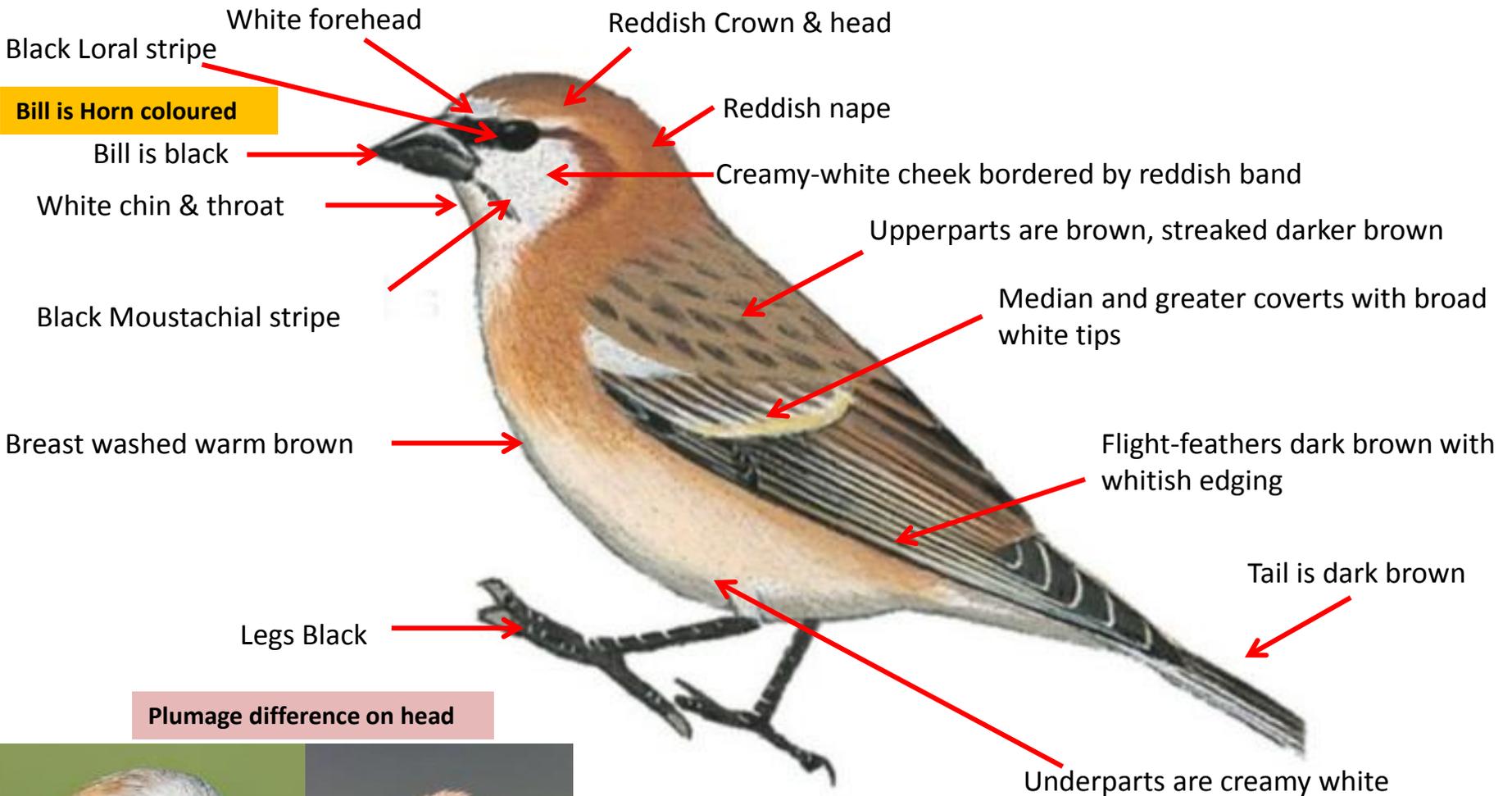
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Rufous-necked Snowfinch Identification Tips

Rufous-necked Snowfinch : *Pyrgilauda ruficollis* : Resident of North Himalayas in India



Plumage difference on head



Difference from Male

Difference from Nominat

Important id point

Tibetan Snowfinch (Black-winged Snowfinch) Identification Tips

Tibetan Snowfinch/ Black-winged Snowfinch : *Montifringilla adamsi* : Resident of North Himalayas in India

Grey head & crown

Bill is Horn coloured

Bill is black

Black chin & throat in a bib
streaked white

Grey face

Grey nape

Upperparts are grey-brown with dark streaks

Greater coverts are white

White patch at base of secondaries

Flight-feathers blackish-brown
with narrow pale edges

Breast washed buff

Underparts are creamy white

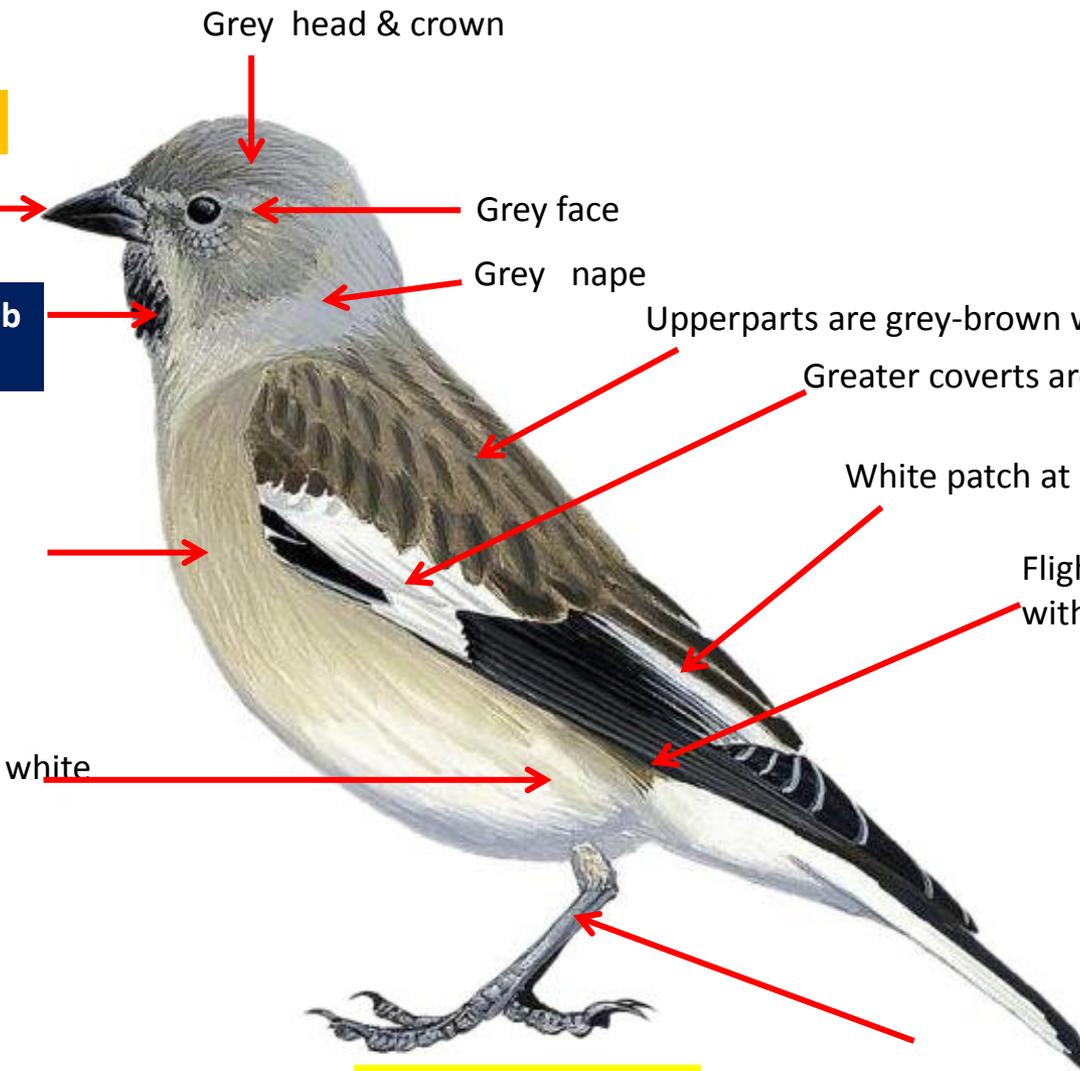
Difference from Male

Difference from Nominate

Important id point

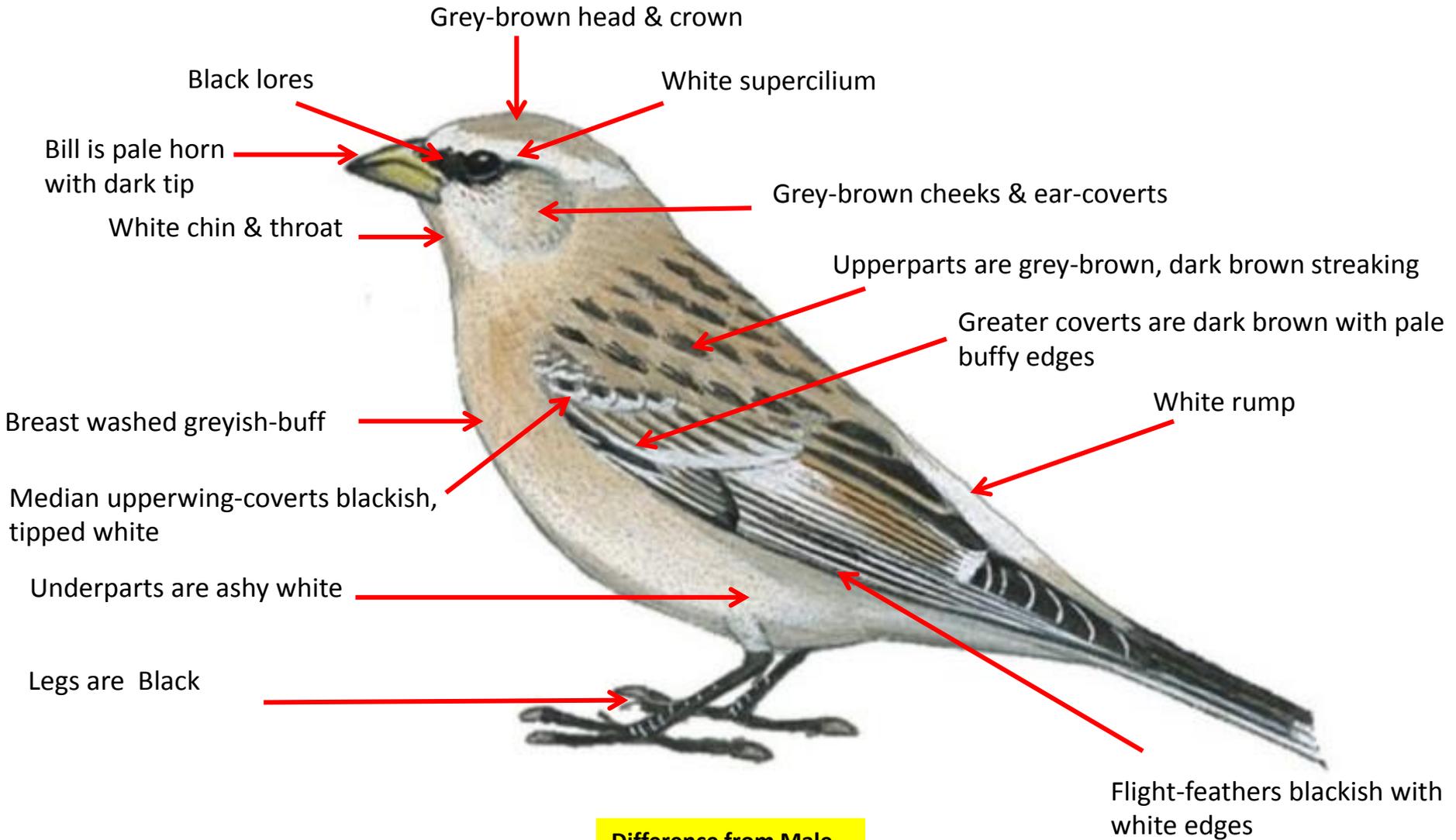
Legs are Black

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White-rumped Snowfinch Identification Tips

White-rumped Snowfinch : *Montifringilla taczanowskii* : Winter visitor to North Himalayas in India



Difference from Male

Difference from Nominate

Important id point