



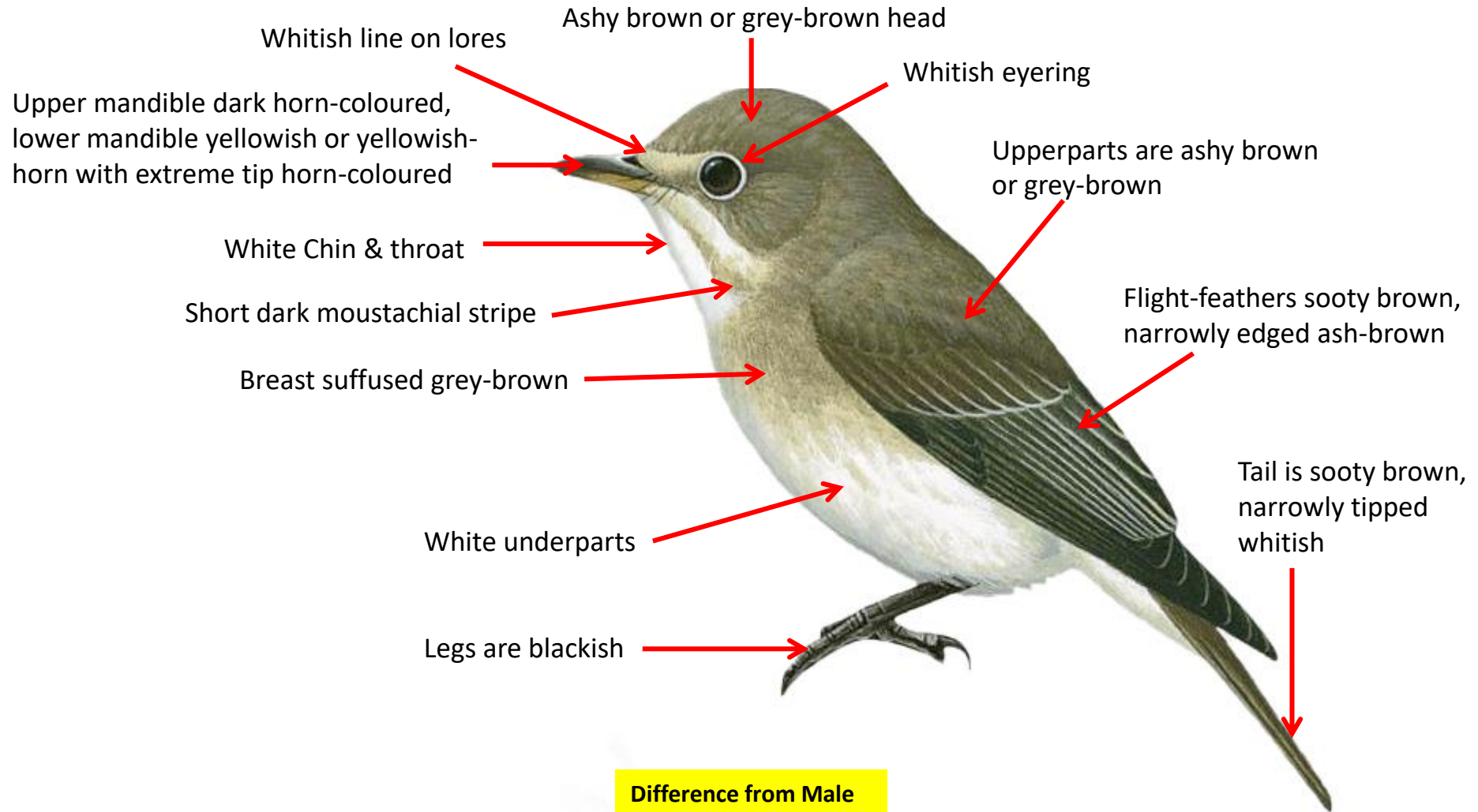
- The following pages have some identification markers for each of the Flycatchers found in India
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# List of Flycatchers found in India

Sno.	Name	Binomial Name
1	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
2	Asian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
3	Black & Orange Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula nigrorufa</i>
4	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
5	Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cynoris rubeculoides</i>
6	Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
7	Dark-sided Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa sibirica</i>
8	Ferruginous Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa ferruginea</i>
9	Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
10	Hill Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis banyumas</i>
11	Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>
12	Large Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis magnirostris</i>
13	Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>
14	Nicobar Jungle Flycatcher	<i>Rhinomyias nicobaricus</i>
15	Nilgiri Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias albicaudatus</i>
16	Pale Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis unicolor</i>
17	Pale-chinned Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis poliogenys</i>
18	Pygmy Blue Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapella hodgsoni</i>
19	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>
20	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophiatea</i>
21	Rusty-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa ruficauda</i>
22	Sapphire Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula sapphira</i>
23	Slaty-backed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hodgsonii</i>
24	Slaty-blue Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>
25	Snowy-browed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>
26	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
27	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>
28	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
29	Ultramarine Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>
30	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>
31	White-bellied Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis pallipes</i>
32	White-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Anthipes monileger</i>
33	White-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis concretus</i>
34	Yellow-rumped Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula zanthopygia</i>

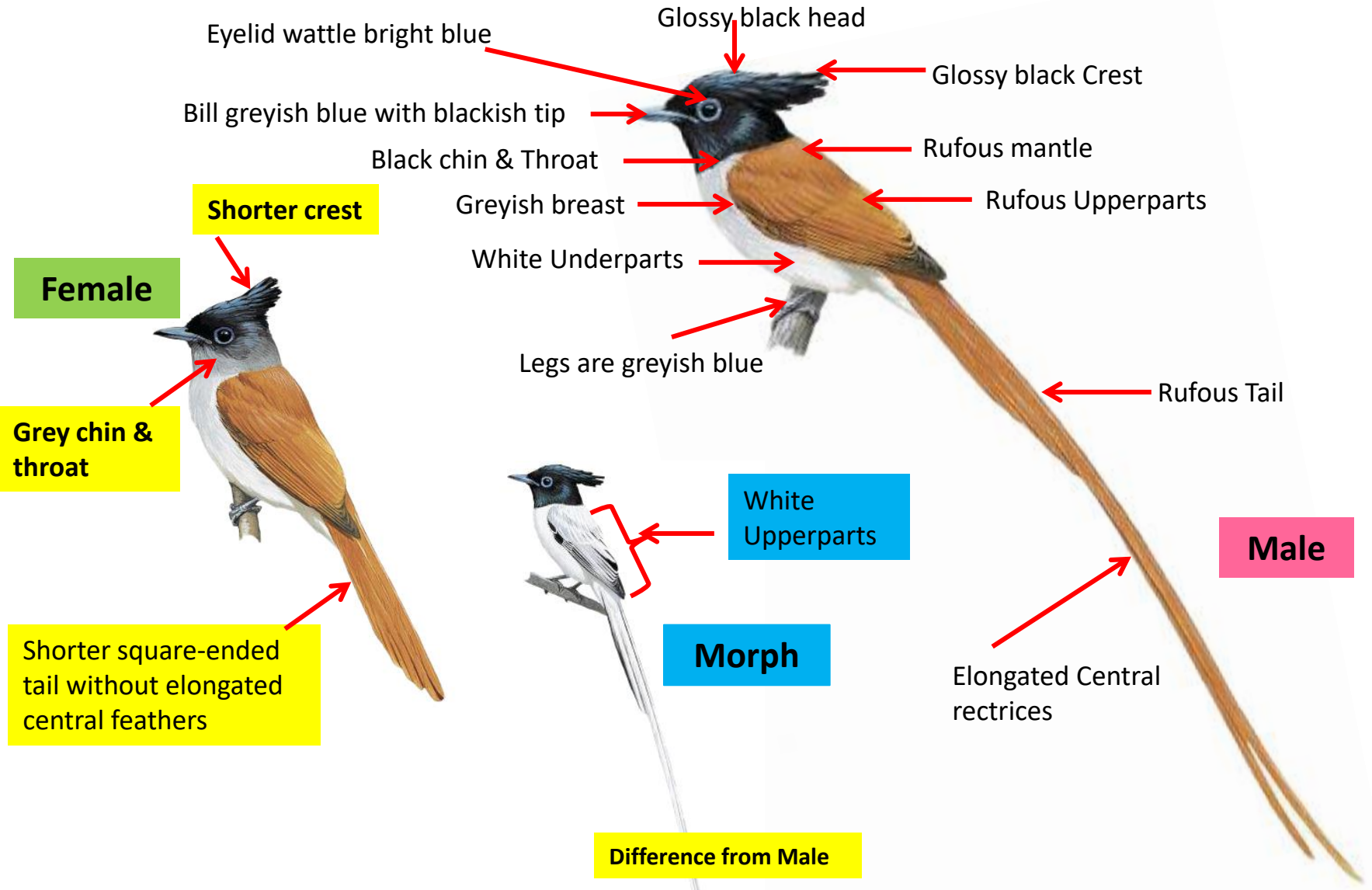
## Asian Brown Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Asian Brown Flycatcher : *Muscicapa dauurica poonensis*:** Himalayan foothills to Nepal, also Central & South India (Vindhya and Satpura Ranges, Western Ghats, Eastern Ghats); non-breeding peninsular India (principally South of Vindhya Range), Sri Lanka, Andaman Is and Nicobar Is



# Asian Paradise Flycatcher Identification Tips

Asian Paradise Flycatcher : *Terpsiphone paradisi*: Widespread Resident in India



Eyelid wattle bright blue

Glossy black head

Glossy black Crest

Bill greyish blue with blackish tip

Black chin & Throat

Rufous mantle

Shorter crest

Greyish breast

Rufous Upperparts

Female

White Underparts

Legs are greyish blue

Rufous Tail

Grey chin & throat

White Upperparts

Male

Shorter square-ended tail without elongated central feathers

Morph

Elongated Central rectrices

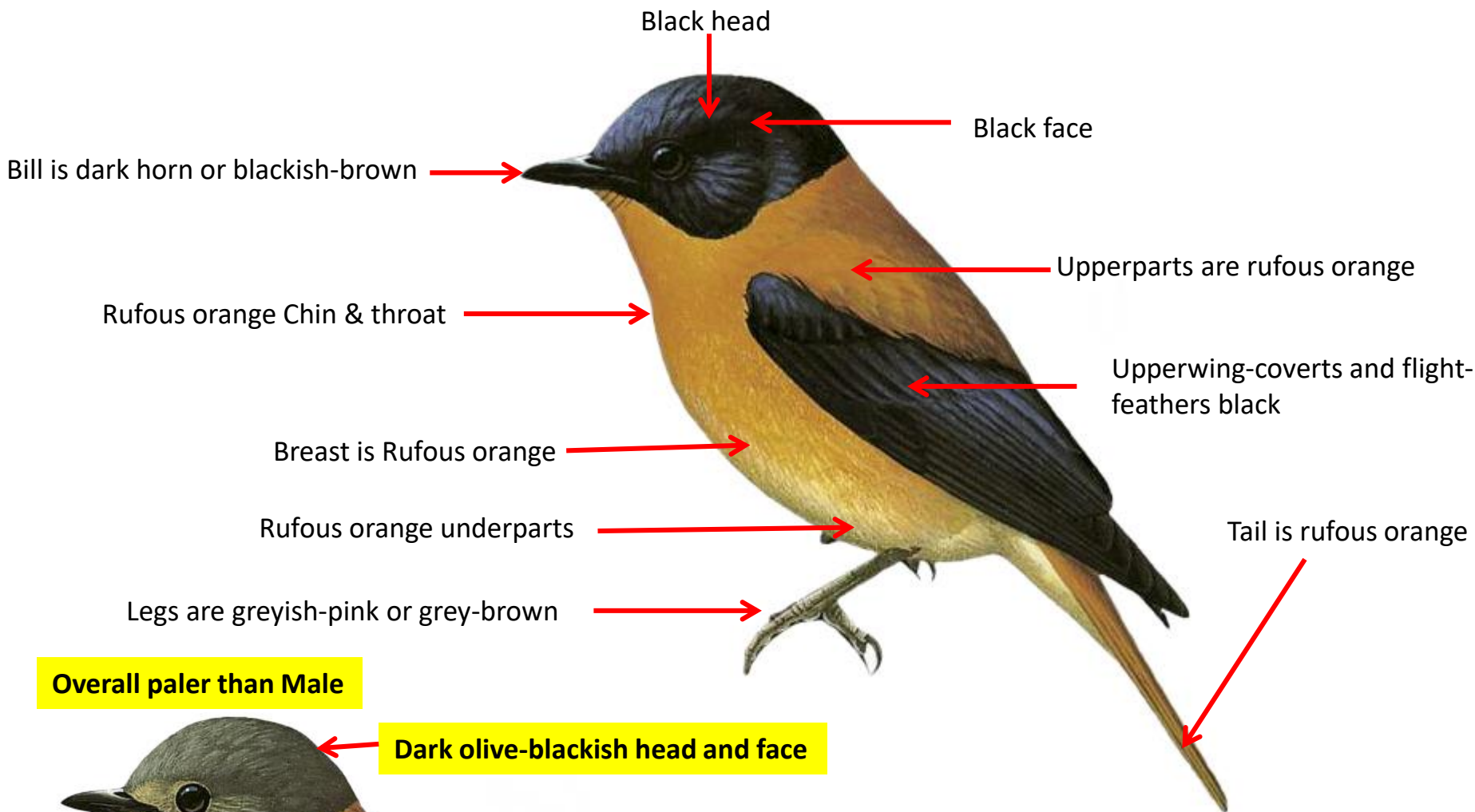
Difference from Male

Difference from Nominate

Important id point

# Black & Orange Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Black & Orange Flycatcher : *Ficedula nigrorufa***: Resident of Western Ghats in India



**Overall paler than Male**

**Dark olive-blackish head and face**

**Difference from Male**

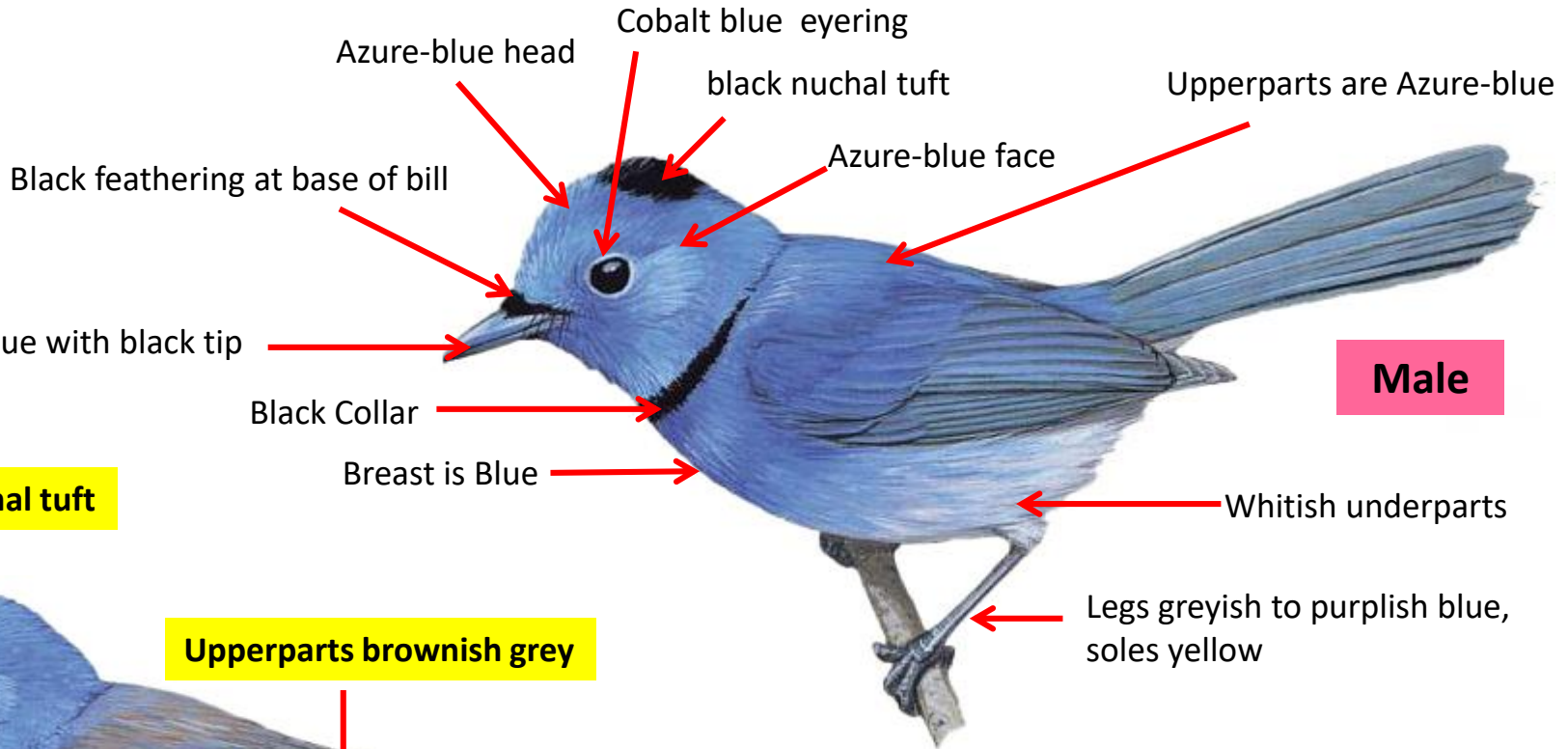
**Difference from Breeding plumage**

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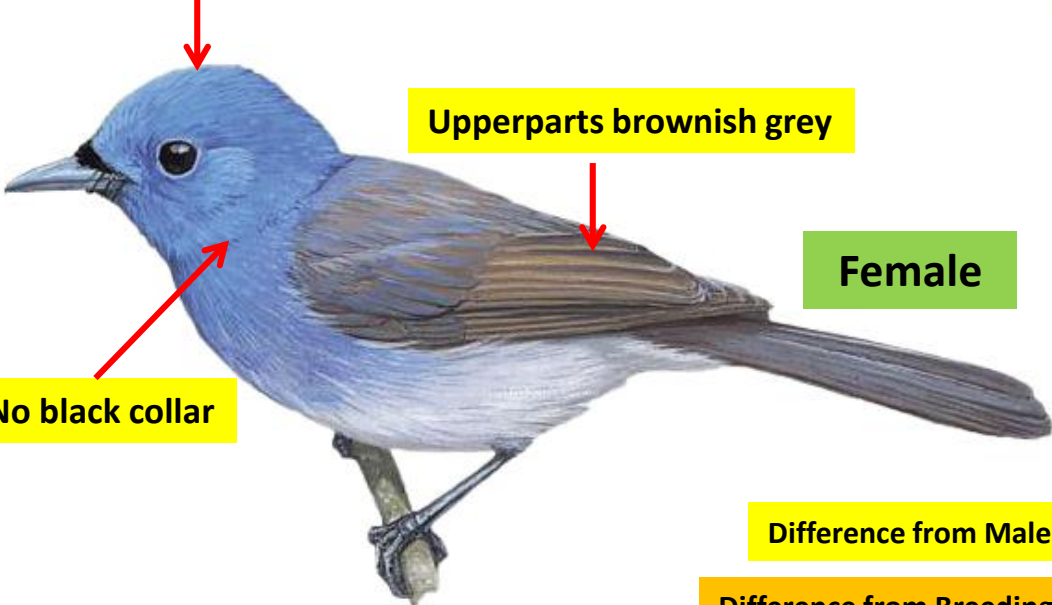
# Black-naped Monarch Identification Tips

**Black-naped Monarch : *Hypothymis azurea* :** Widespread resident of India ( except North India)



**Male**

**No black nuchal tuft**



**Upperparts brownish grey**

**Female**

**Difference from Male**

**Difference from Breeding plumage**

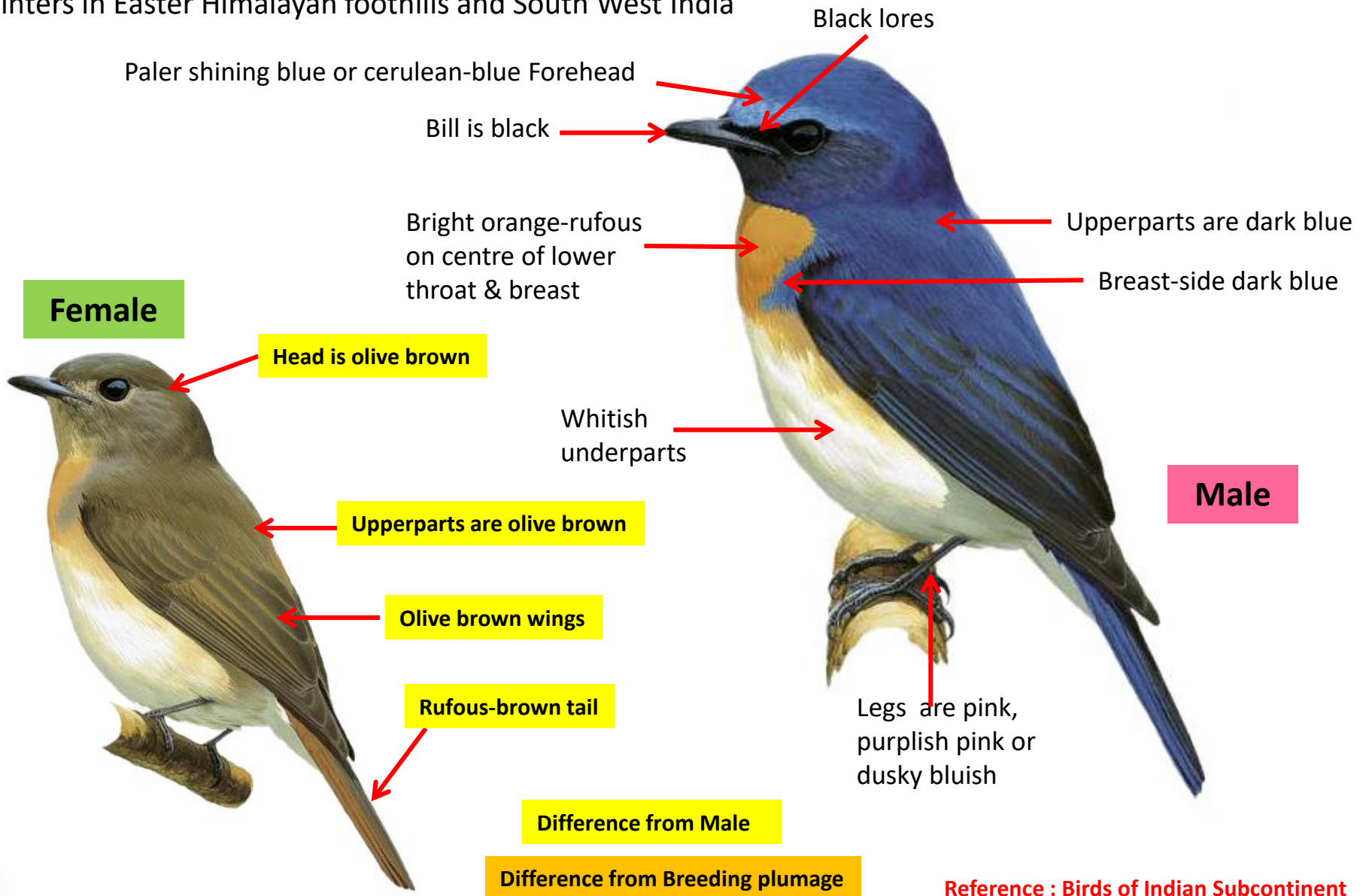
**Important id point**

**Blue is duller than Male**

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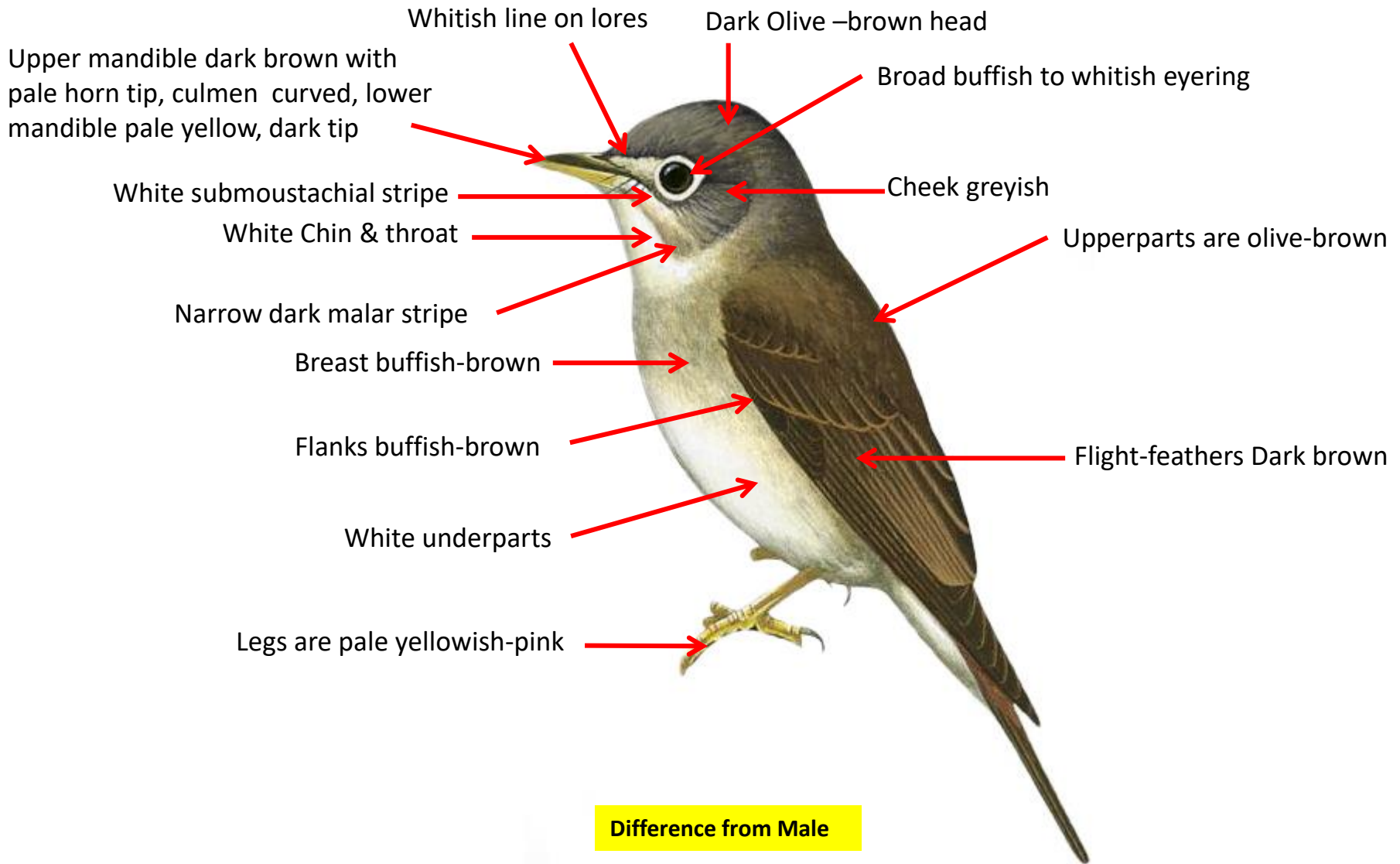
# Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher : *Cynoris rubeculoides*** : Summers in Himalayas, resident of North East India, winters in Easter Himalayan foothills and South West India



# Brown-breasted Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Brown-breasted Flycatcher : *Muscicapa muttui*:** Breeds in North East India., winters in South west India



Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

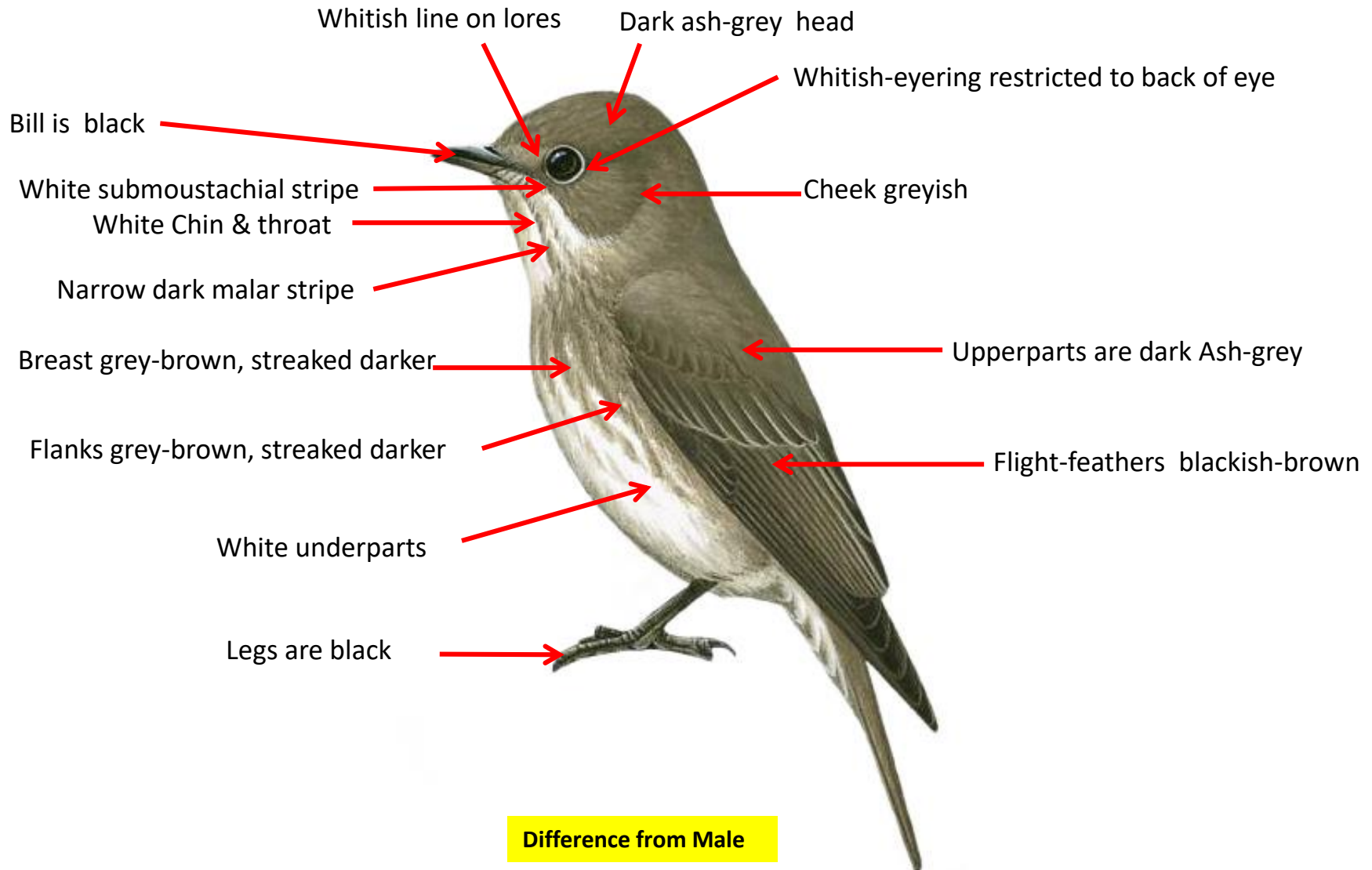
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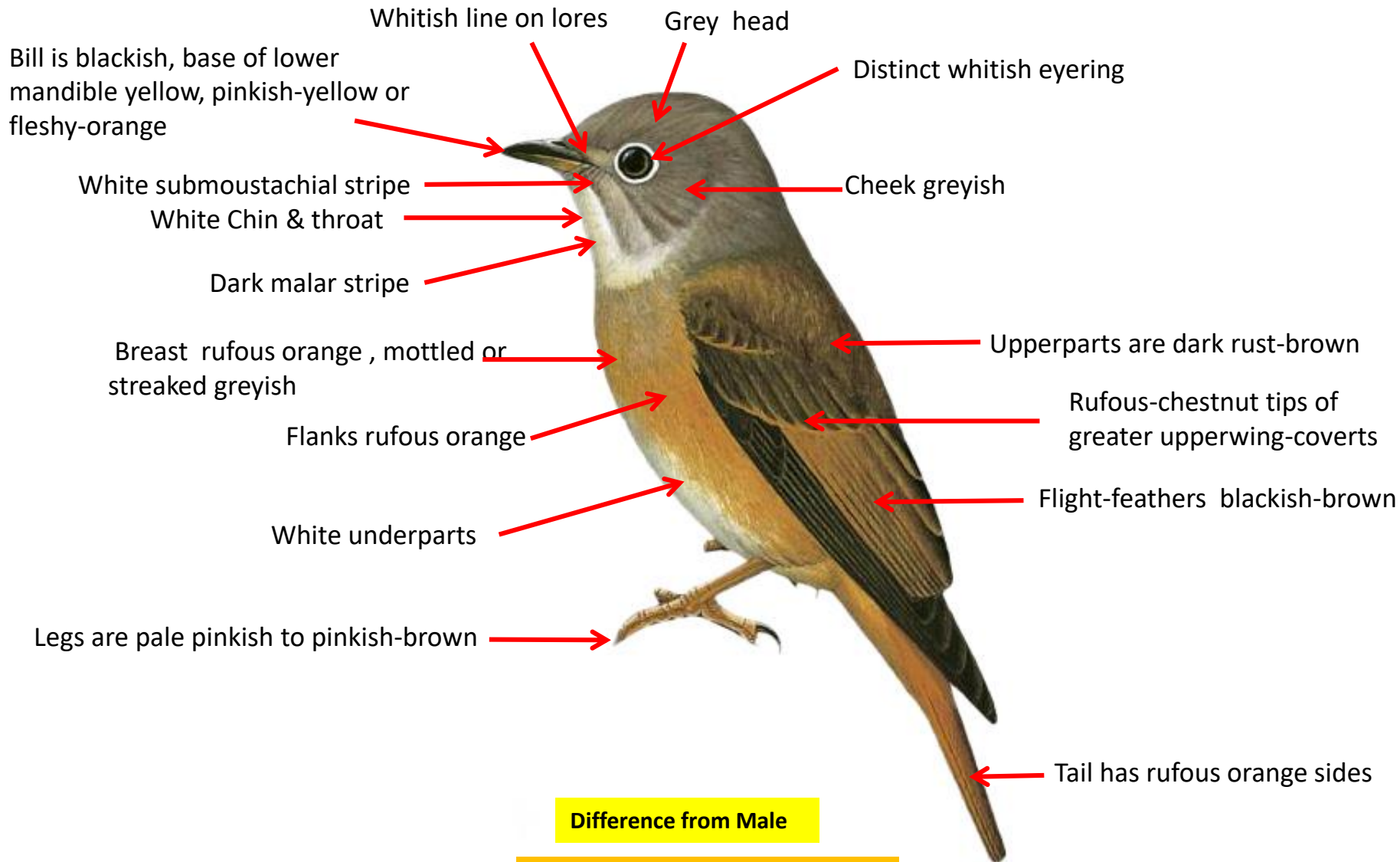
# Dark-sided Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Dark-sided Flycatcher : *Muscicapa sibirica* :** Breeds in Himalayas & North East India



# Ferruginous Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Ferruginous Flycatcher** : *Muscicapa ferruginea* : Breeds in East Himalayas & North East India



Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

Important id point

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# Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher : *Culicicapa ceylonensis*** : Breeds in Himalayas ,resident of Western Ghats & North East India, winter visitor to North, Central and East India

Plain smoky grey Forehead

Plain smoky grey head & crown

Bill is black, pinkish base of lower mandible

Distinct whitish eyering

Cheek greyish

Smoky grey Chin & throat

Upperparts are greenish or yellowish olive-green

Upper breast plain smoky grey

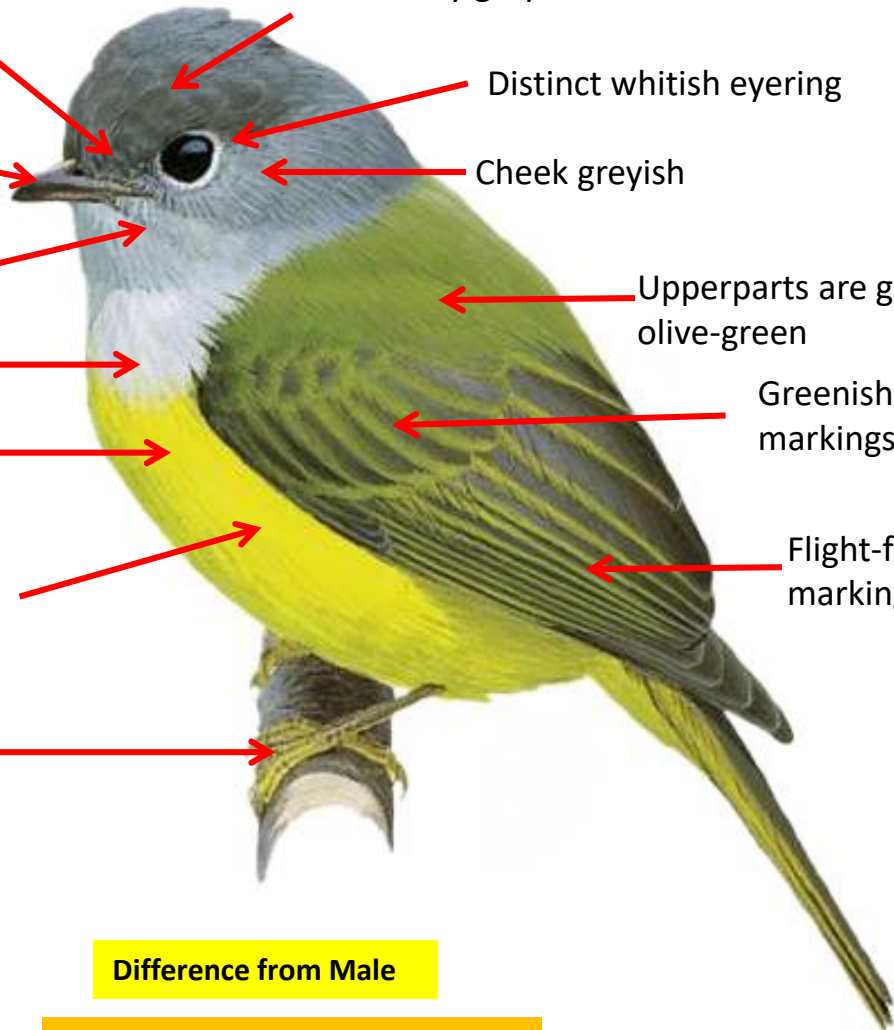
Greenish with black markings on coverts

Lower breast Bright Yellow

Flight-feathers with black markings

Bright yellow underparts

Legs are light brown to yellowish or pinkish-brown



Difference from Male

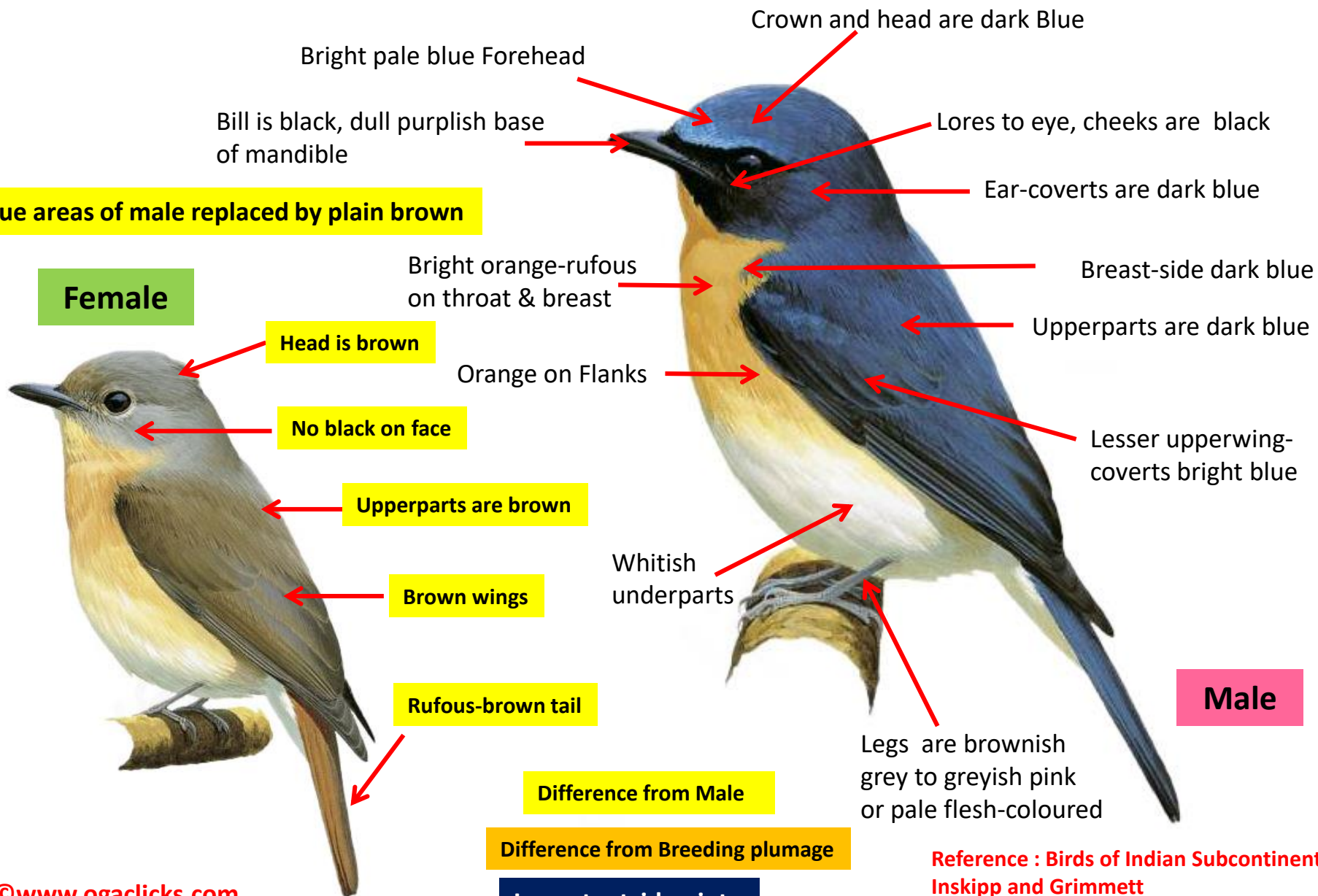
Difference from Breeding plumage

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# Hill Blue Flycatcher Identification Tips

Hill Blue Flycatcher : *Cyornis banyumas* : Resident of North East India (Arunachal Pradesh)



# Kashmir Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Kashmir Flycatcher: *Ficedula subrubra*:** Breeds in North West Himalayas, winters in Western Ghats

Crown and Head Umber brown

Lores to eye, cheeks, ear-coverts are Dark Grey

**Black line from base of bill to breast side**

Upperparts are Umber brown

Whitish underparts

Legs are dark brown

**Male**

Bright orange on throat & breast

**Female**

Upperparts are paler brown

Chin & throat are white

No black line on upper body

Rufous moulting on breast

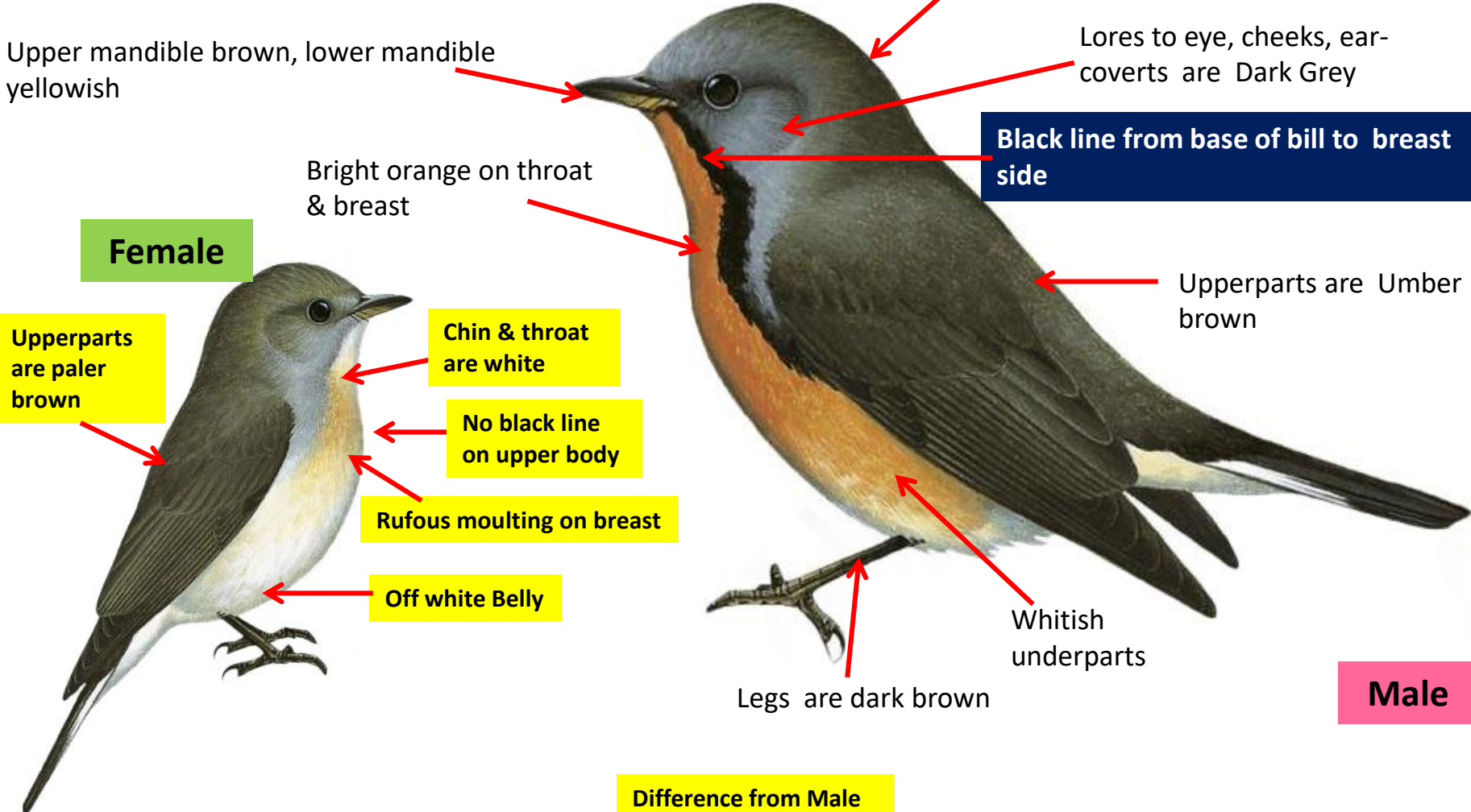
Off white Belly

**Difference from Male**

**Difference from Breeding plumage**

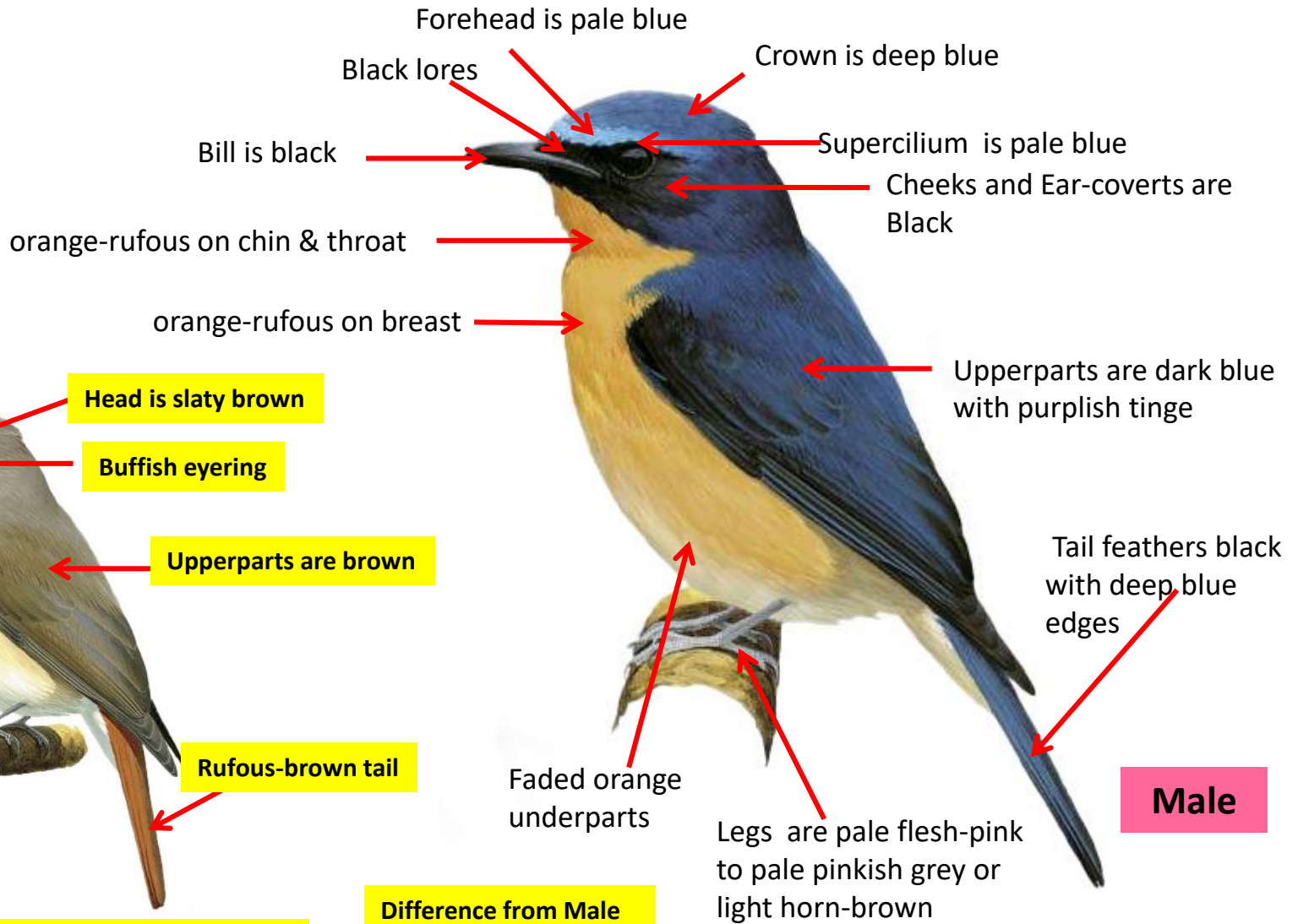
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# Large Blue Flycatcher Identification Tips

Large Blue Flycatcher: *Cyornis magnirostris*: Summer visitor to Eastern Himalayas



Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

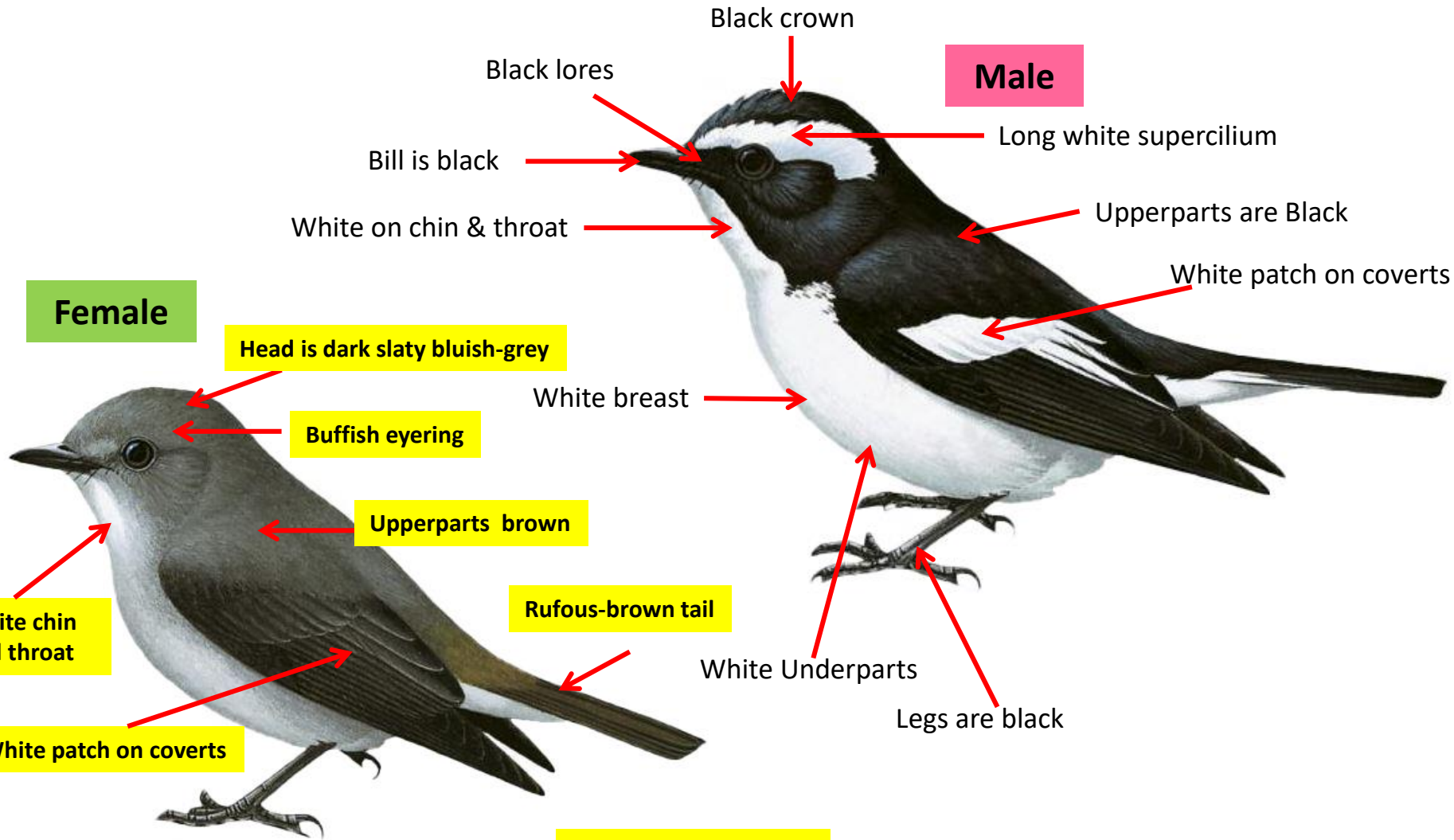
Important id point

Blue areas of male replaced by plain brown

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# Little Pied Flycatcher Identification Tips

Little Pied Flycatcher : *Ficedula westermanni*: Resident of Himalayas, and North East India



**Male**

Black crown

Black lores

Long white supercilium

Bill is black

White on chin & throat

Upperparts are Black

White patch on coverts

**Female**

Head is dark slaty bluish-grey

White breast

Buffish eyering

Upperparts brown

Rufous-brown tail

White chin and throat

White Underparts

Legs are black

No White patch on coverts

Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

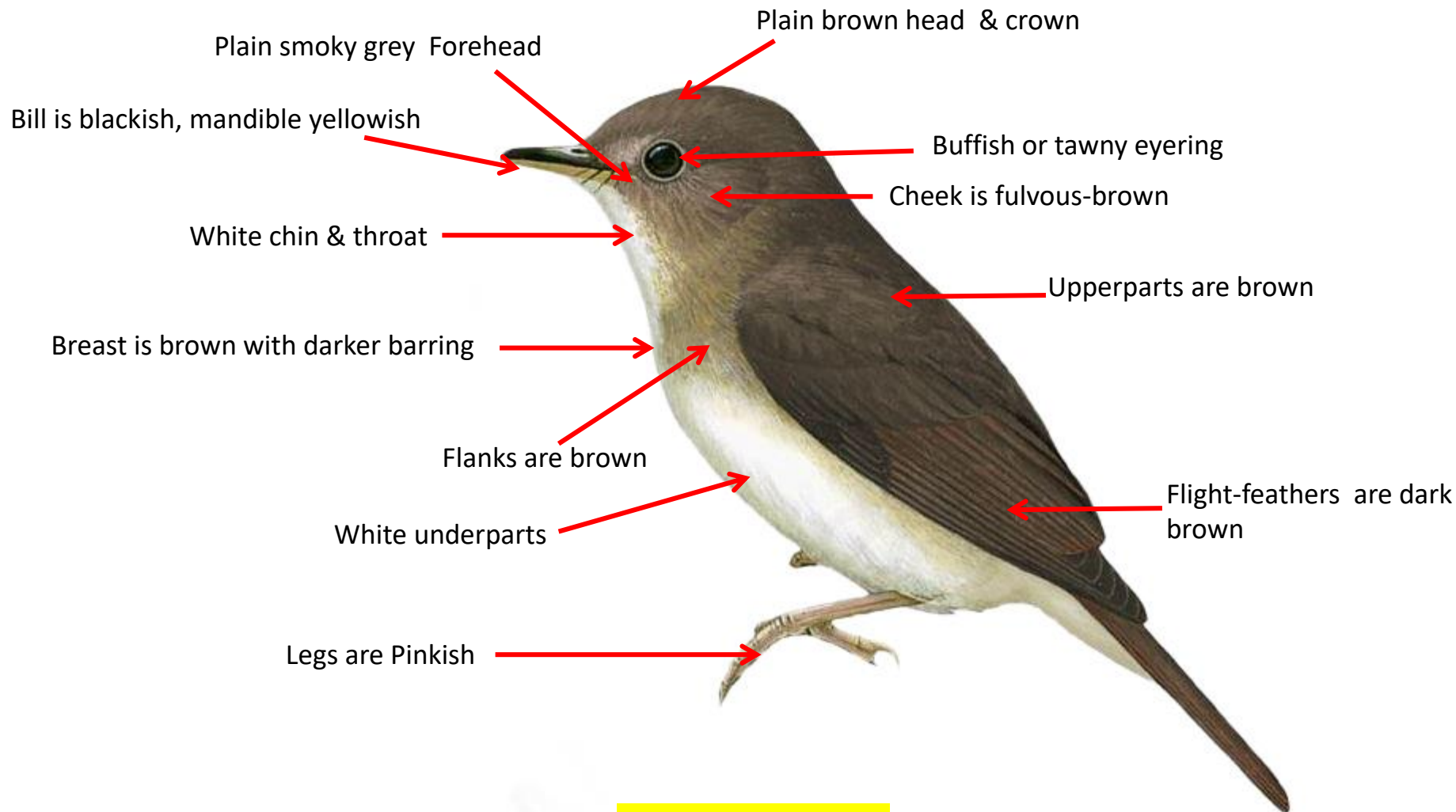
Black areas of male replaced by plain brown

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# Nicobar Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Nicobar Flycatcher: *Rhinomyias nicobaricus*:** Resident of Nicobar Islands, Vagrant to Andaman islands



Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

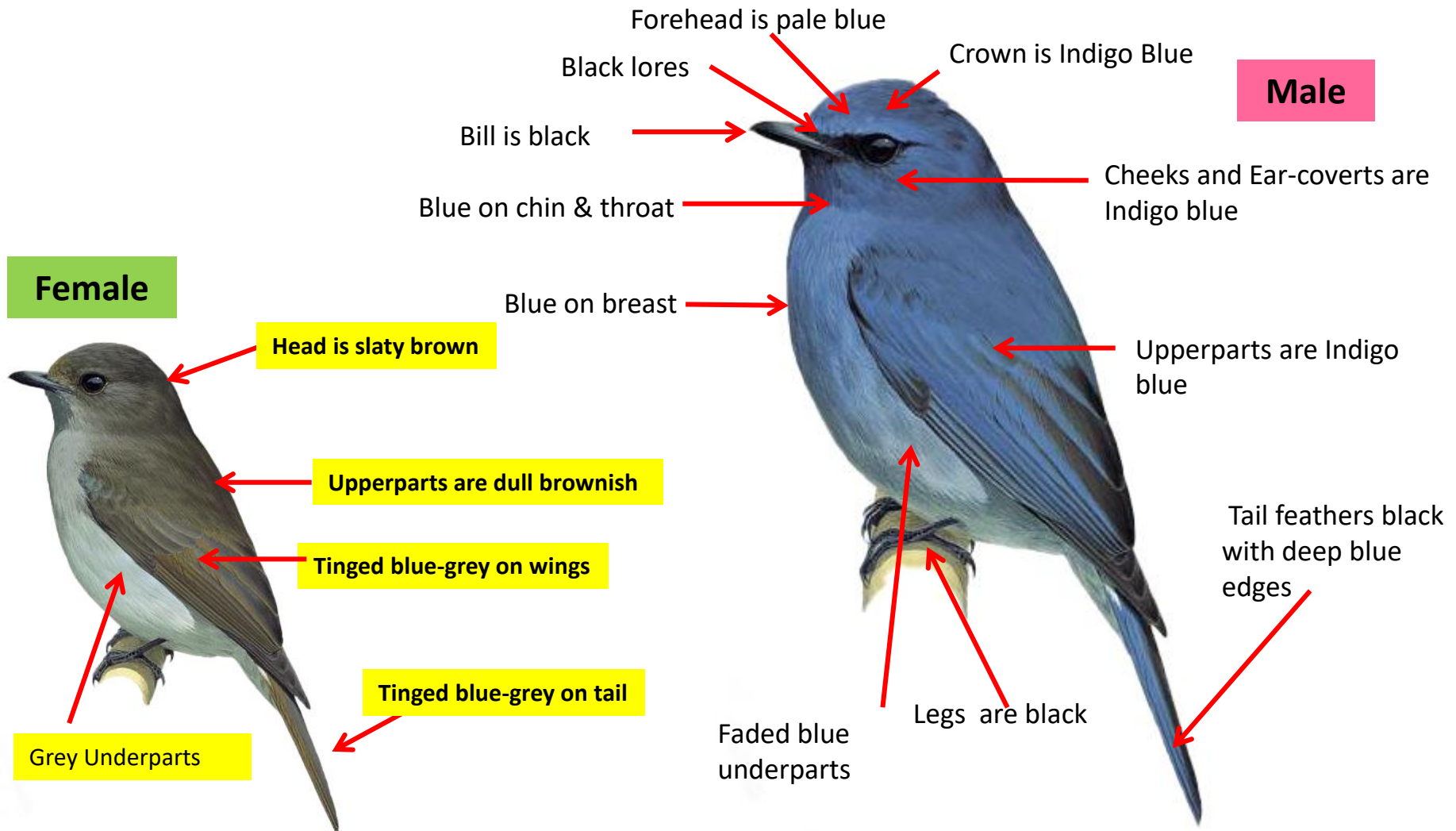
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# Nilgiri Flycatcher Identification Tips

Nilgiri Flycatcher: *Eumyias albicaudatus*: Resident of Western Ghats in Kerala



Blue areas of male replaced by plain Brown/Grey

Difference from Male

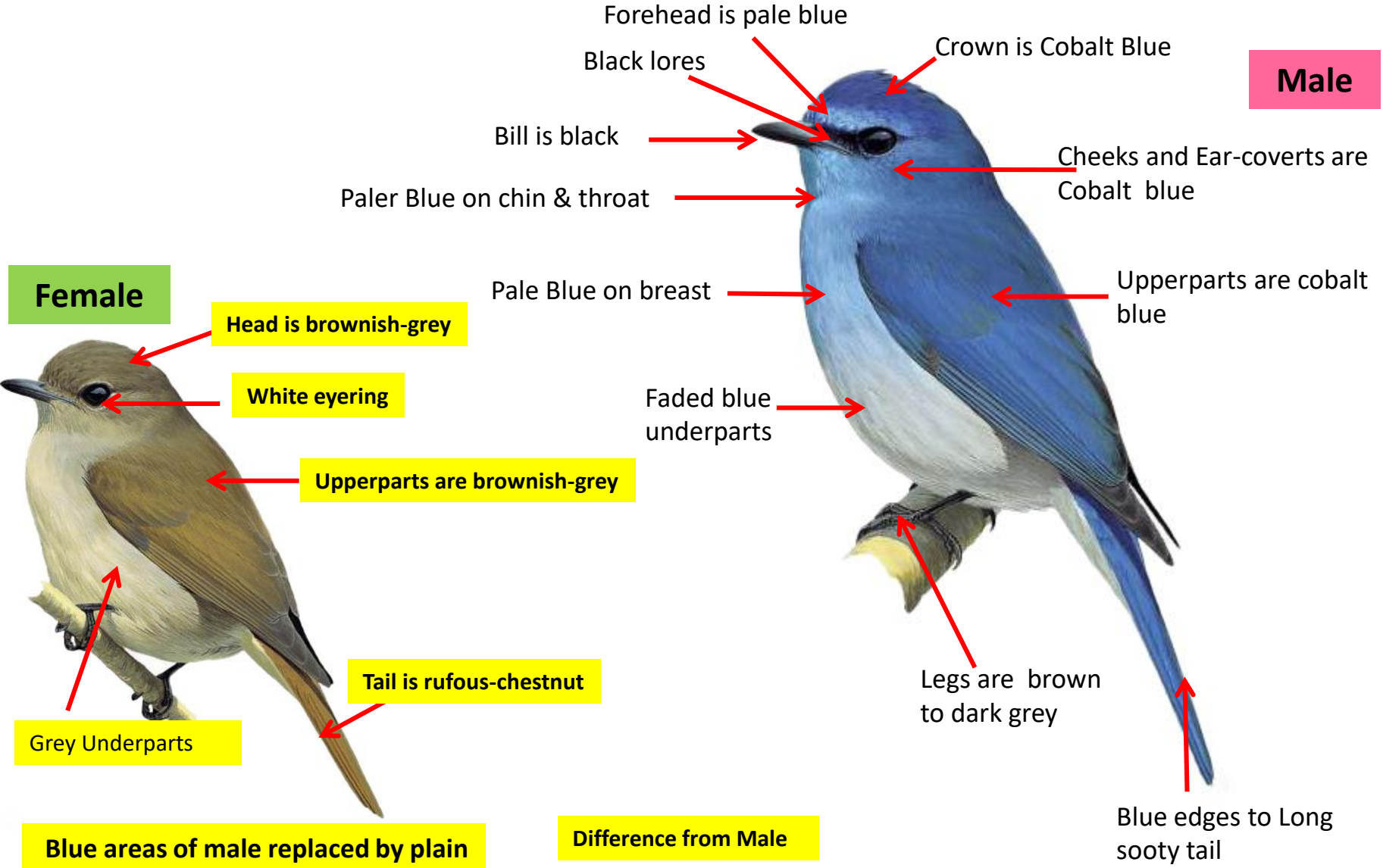
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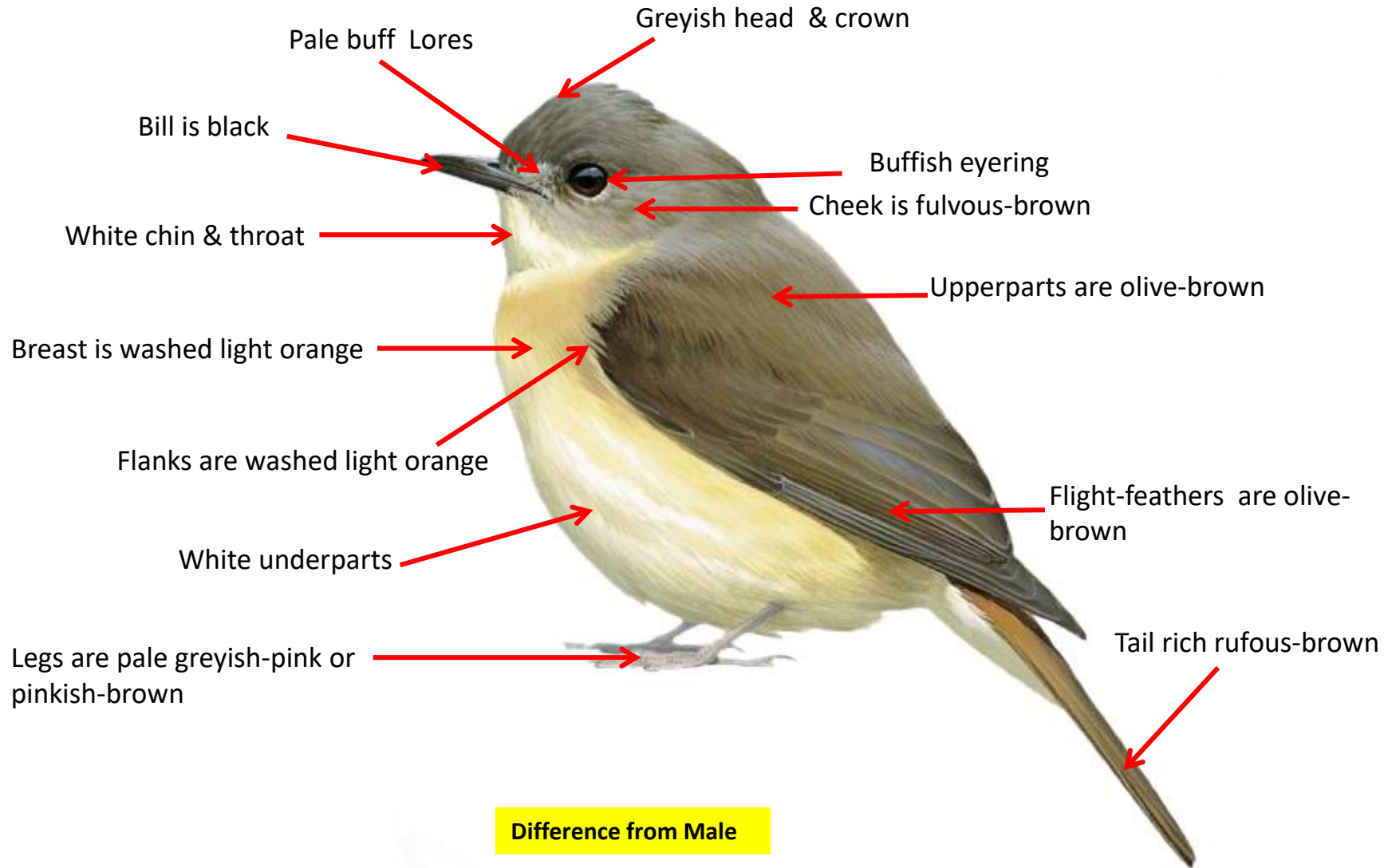
# Pale Blue Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Pale Blue Flycatcher : *Cyornis unicolor*:** Resident of North east India and Summer visitor to Himalayas



# Pale-chinned Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Pale-chinned Flycatcher : *Cyornis poliogenys* :** Resident of Himalayan foothills ,North East and East India



Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

Important id point

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# Pygmy Blue Flycatcher Identification Tips

Pygmy Blue Flycatcher : *Muscicapella hodgsoni* : Resident of Himalayas & North East India

**Male**

Forehead is pale blue

Ultramarine-blue crown

Black lores

Bill is black

Orange on chin & throat

Cheeks and Ear-coverts are dark blue

Orange on breast

Upperparts are cobalt blue

Blue rump

Faded orange underparts

Whitish undertail-coverts

Legs are bluish or purplish-grey

Head is Olive brown

Buff eyering

Upperparts are Olive brown

Rump is warmer

Tail is dull brown

Rufous-tinged orange-buff Underparts

Blue areas of male replaced by plain Brown/Grey

Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

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Bill is black with slate-grey base of lower mandible

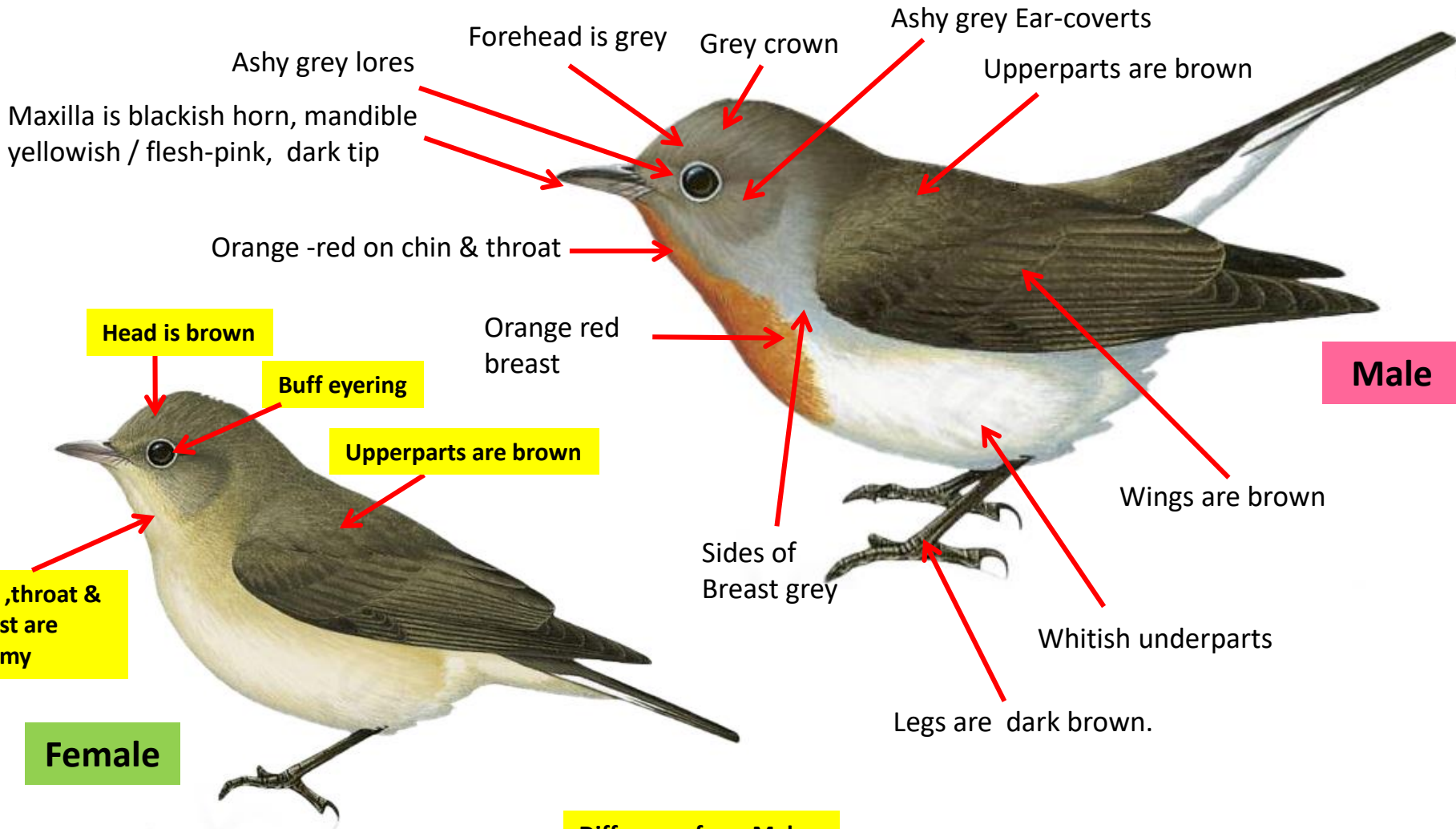
**Female**

**Female**

**Female**

# Red-breasted Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Red-breasted Flycatcher : *Muscicapella hodgsoni*** : Widespread winter & Passage migrant in North , West, Central & East India. Also in some parts of Kerala and Tamilnadu



**Male**

**Female**

**Difference from Male**

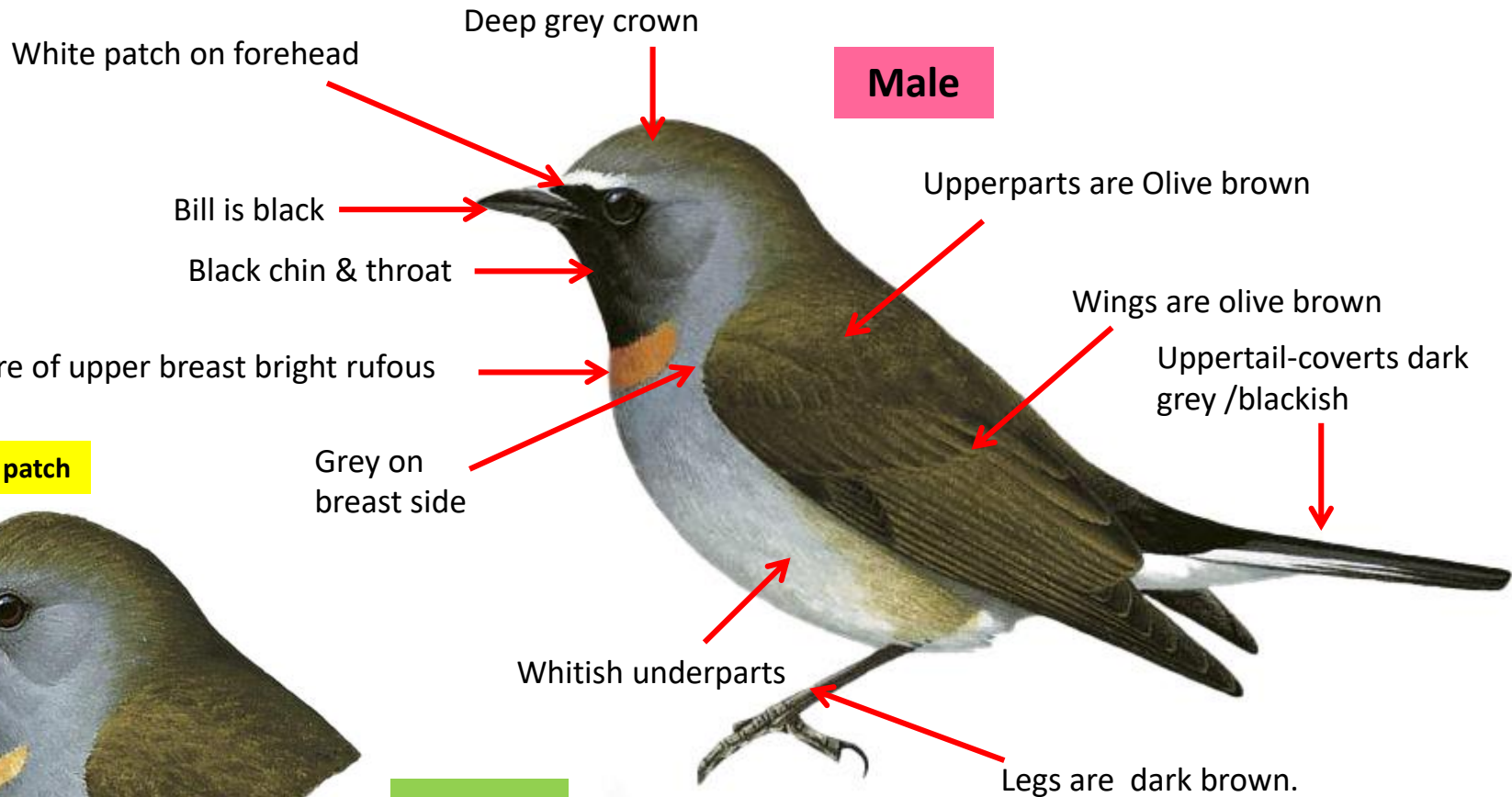
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# Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher Identification Tips

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher : *Ficedula strophinata*: Resident of Himalayas and North East India



Female

Difference from Male

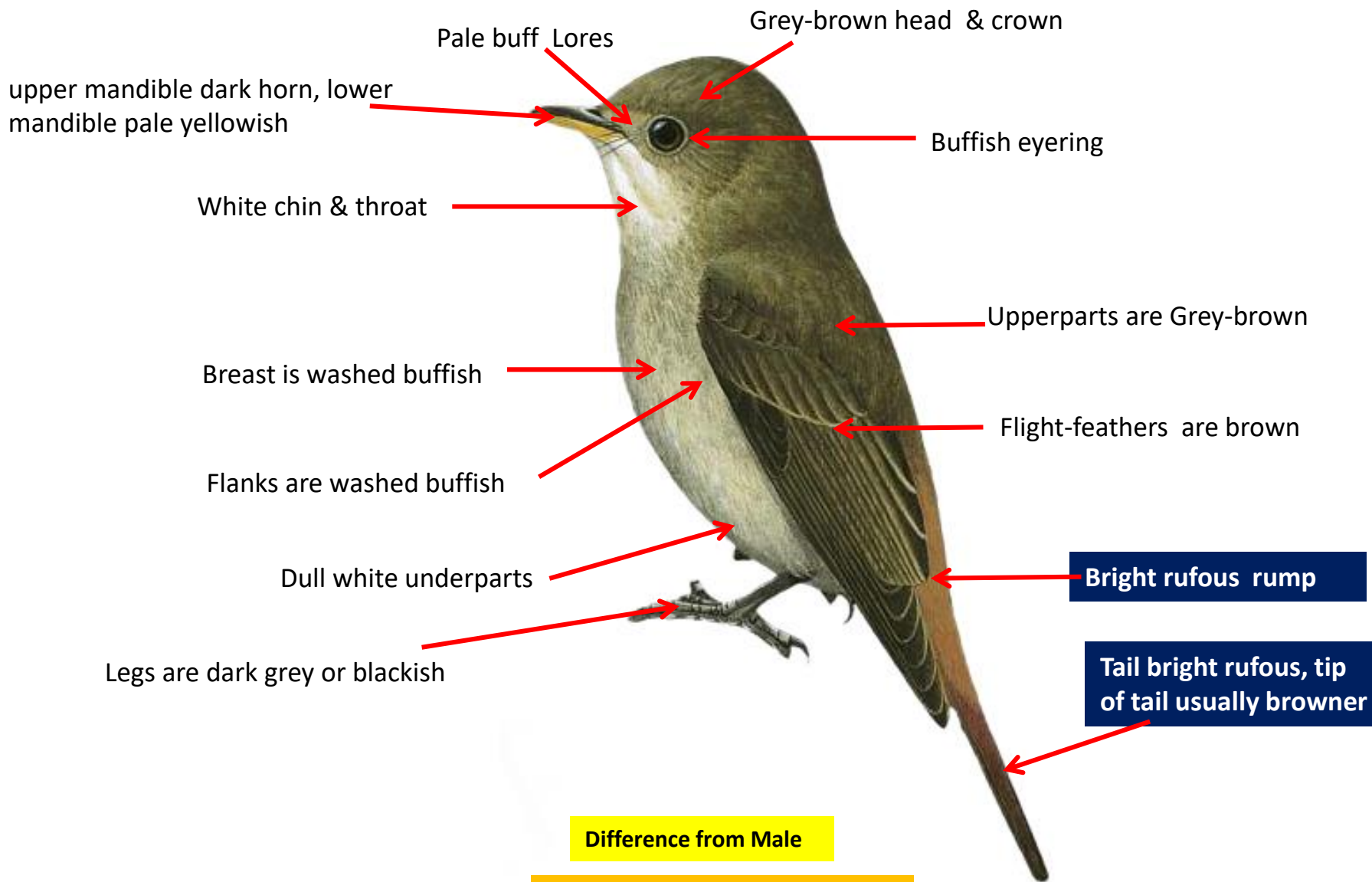
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# Rusty-tailed Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Rusty-tailed Flycatcher : *Muscicapa ruficauda*:** Breeds in Himalayas, winter visitor to South West India



Difference from Male

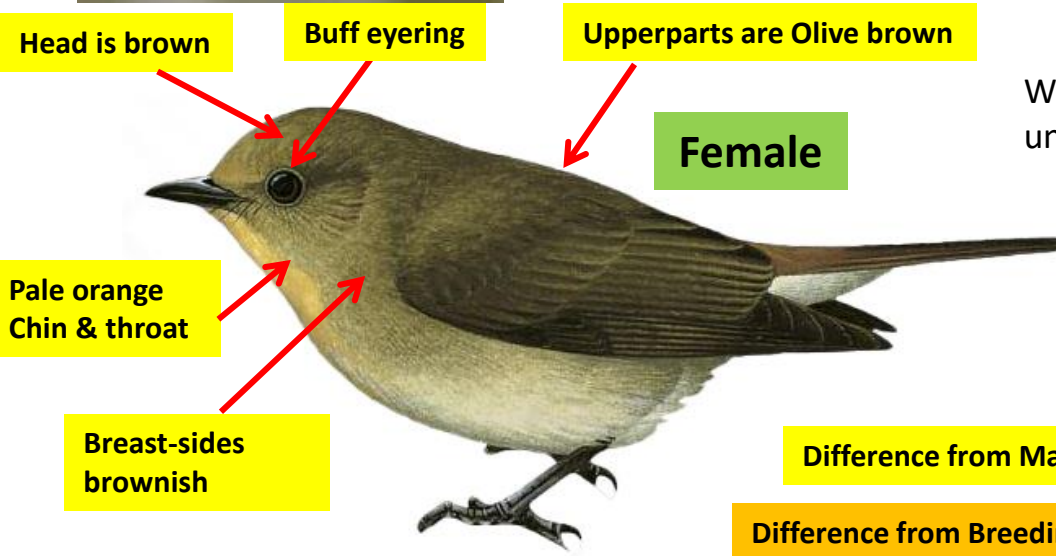
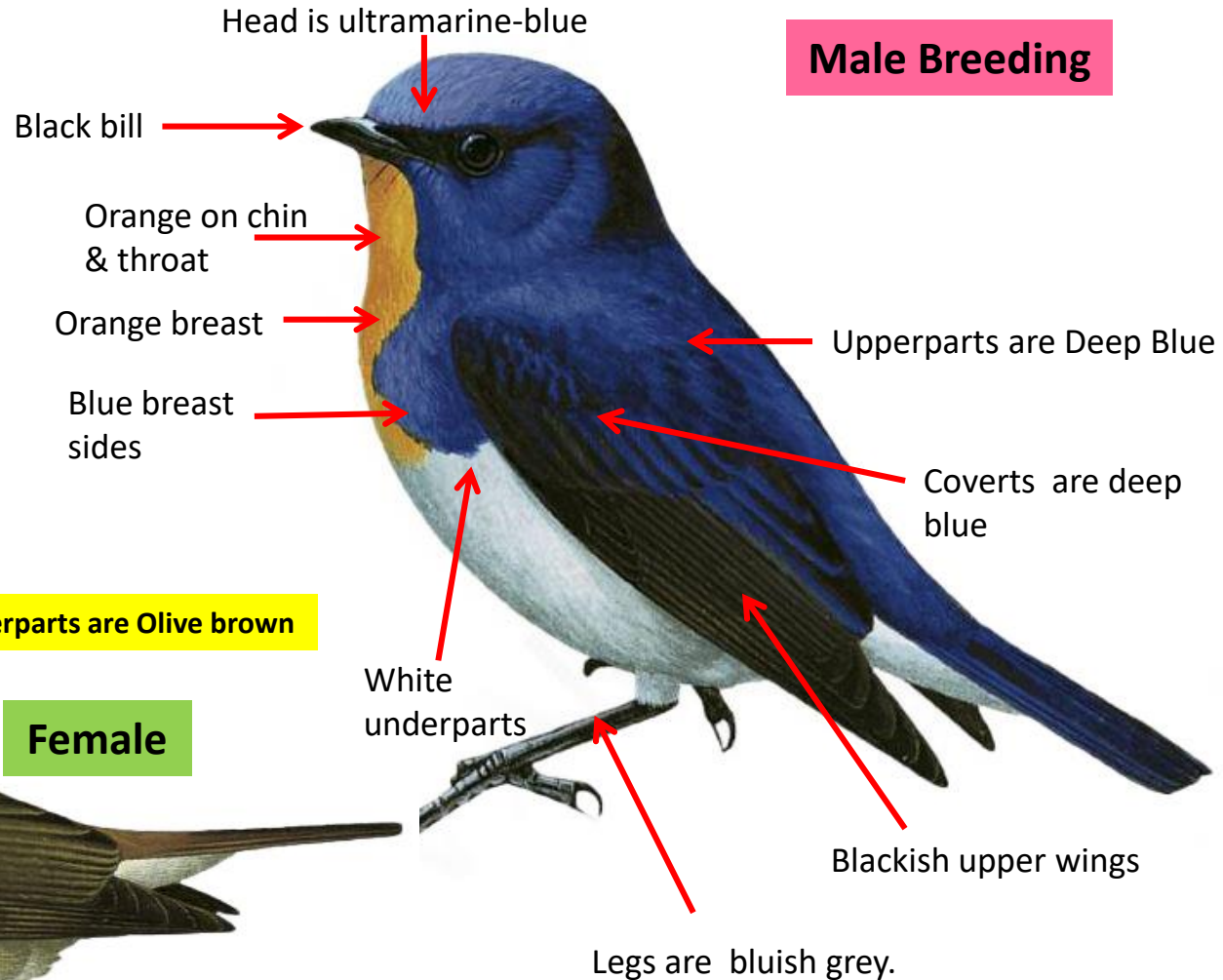
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# Sapphire Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Sapphire Flycatcher: *Ficedula sapphira*:** Resident of Eastern Himalayas and North East India



Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

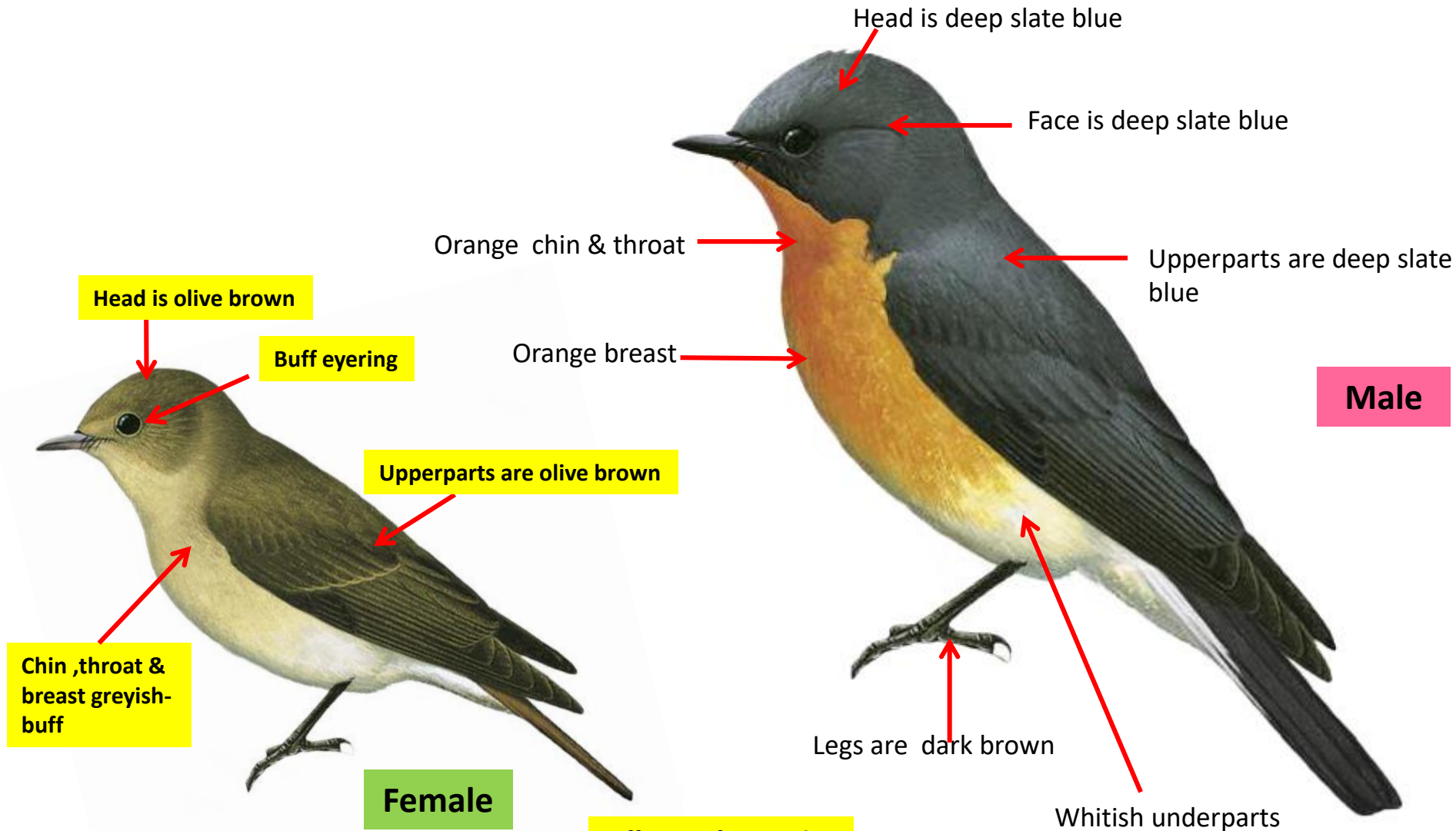
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# Slaty-backed Flycatcher Identification Tips

Slaty-backed Flycatcher : *Ficedula hodgsonii*: Winter visitor to Himalayas and North East India



Head is olive brown

Buff eyering

Upperparts are olive brown

Chin ,throat & breast greyish-buff

Female

Head is deep slate blue

Face is deep slate blue

Orange chin & throat

Orange breast

Upperparts are deep slate blue

Male

Legs are dark brown

Whitish underparts

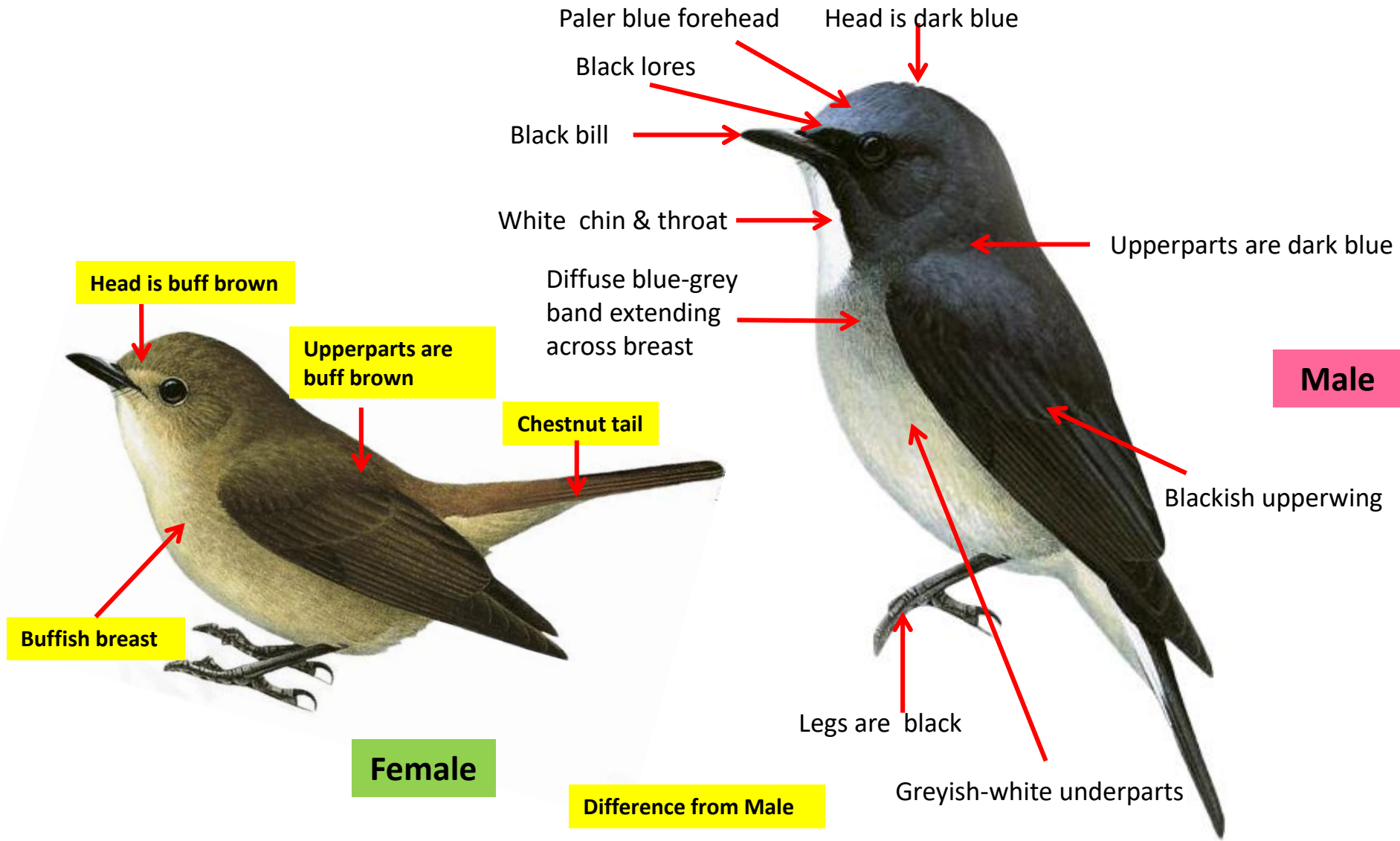
Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

Important id point

# Slaty-blue Flycatcher Identification Tips

Slaty-blue Flycatcher : *Ficedula tricolor* : Summer Visitor to Kashmir eastwards to Nepal



Difference from Male

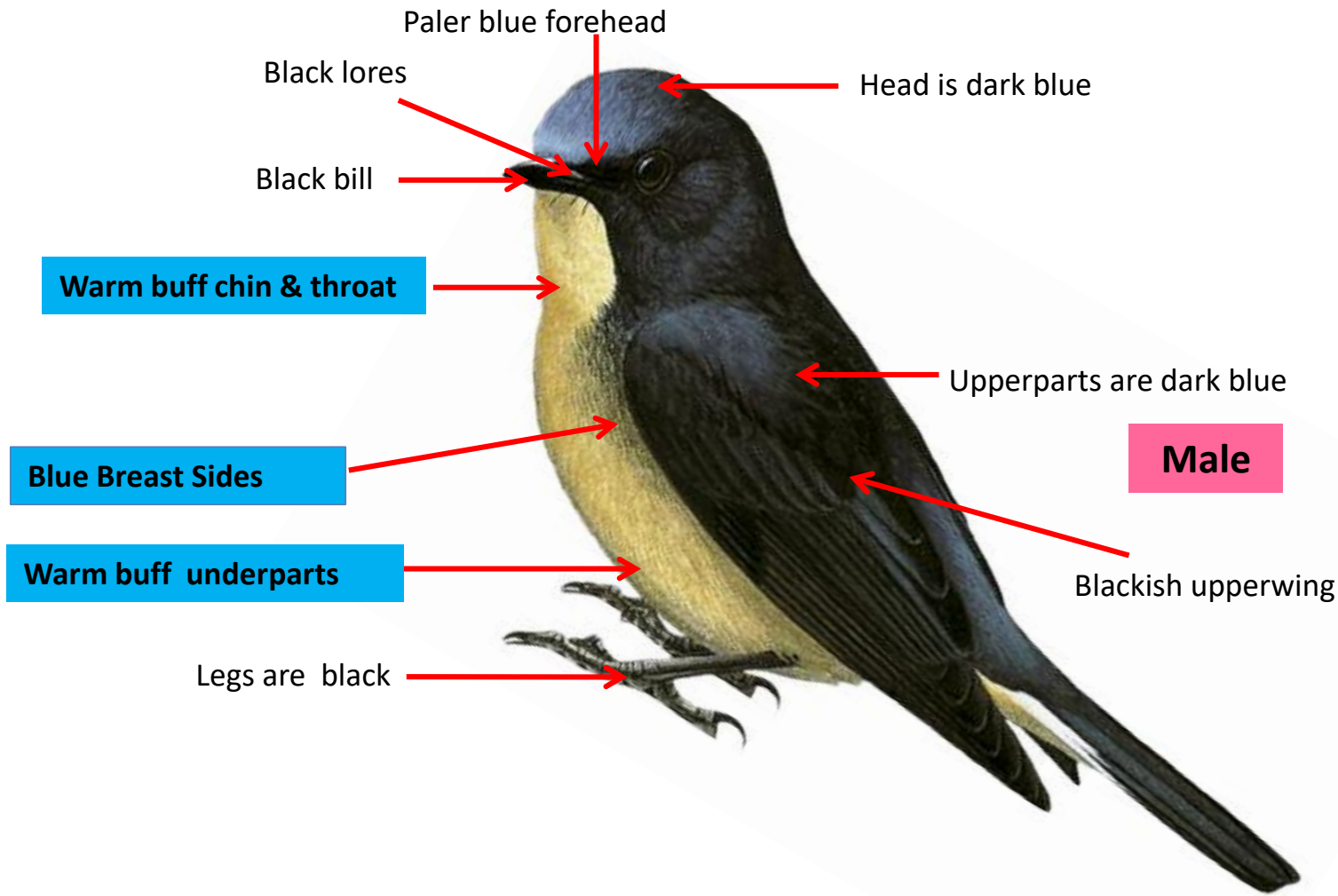
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# Slaty-blue Flycatcher Identification Tips- *F. t. cerviniventris*

**Slaty-blue Flycatcher : *Ficedula tricolor cerviniventris*** : Resident North East India (Meghalaya, East Nagaland and South East Assam to Mizoram)



Paler blue forehead

Black lores

Black bill

Warm buff chin & throat

Blue Breast Sides

Warm buff underparts

Legs are black

Head is dark blue

Upperparts are dark blue

Male

Blackish upperwing

Difference from Male

Difference from Nominate

Important id point

# Snowy-browed Flycatcher Identification Tips

Snowy-browed Flycatcher : *Ficedula hyperythra* : Resident of Himalayas and North East India

Prominent short white stripe over upper lores

Head is deep slate blue

Black bill

Face is deep slate blue

Blue areas of male replaced by olive brown

Orange chin & throat

Upperparts are deep slate blue

White stripe replaced by Buff Orange

Orange breast

Edges of flight-feathers warm brown or dull rufous-brown

Buff eyering

Upperparts are olive brown

Male

Legs are dull purplish to pale grey or pinkish

Off white underparts

Chin ,throat & breast orange-buff

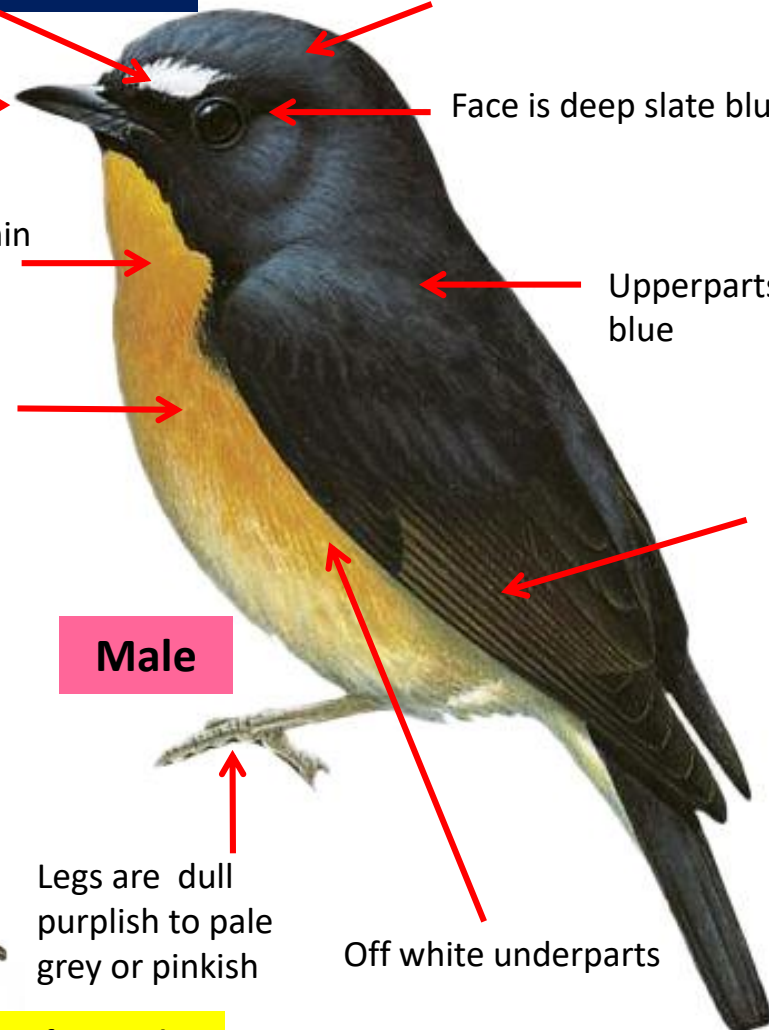
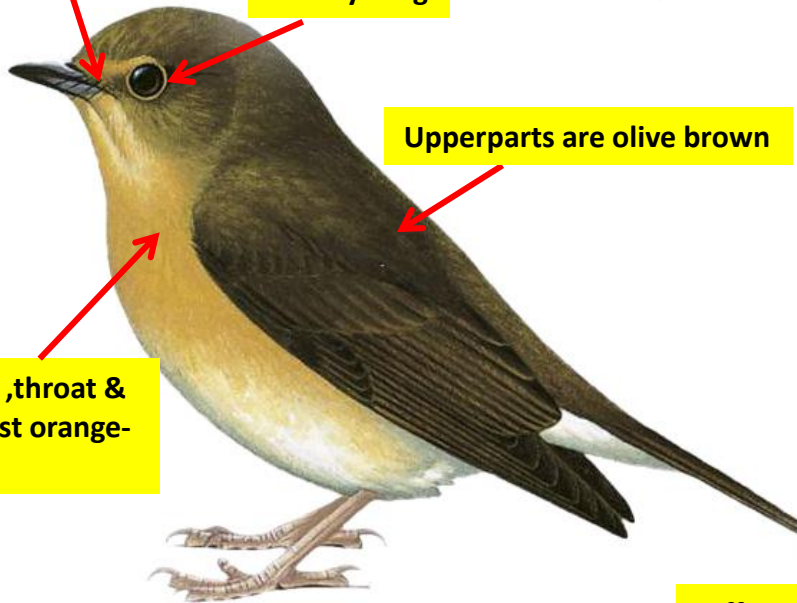
Female

Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

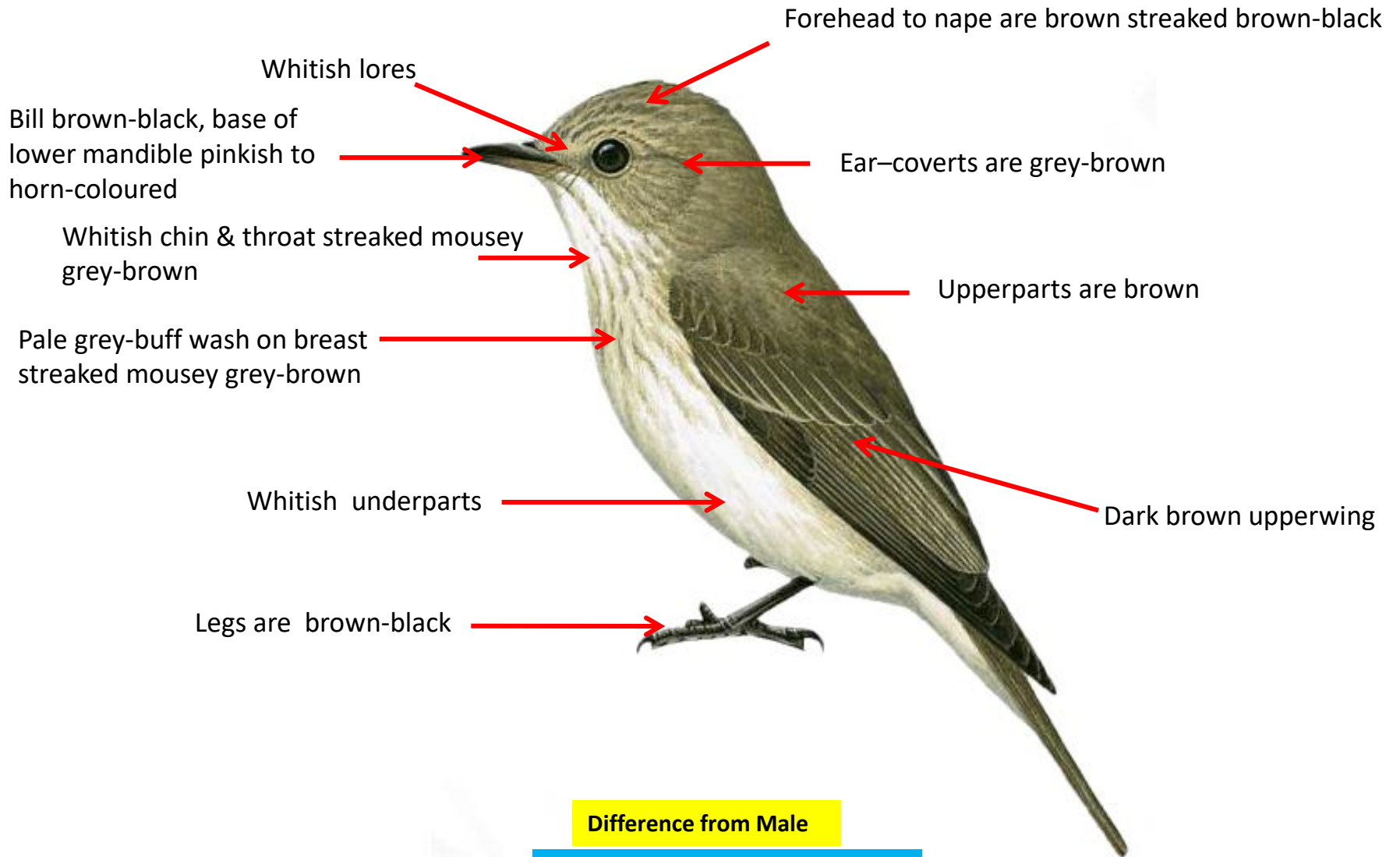
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# Spotted Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Spotted Flycatcher : *Muscicapa striata*:** Passage migrant in North West India ( Gujarat)



Difference from Male

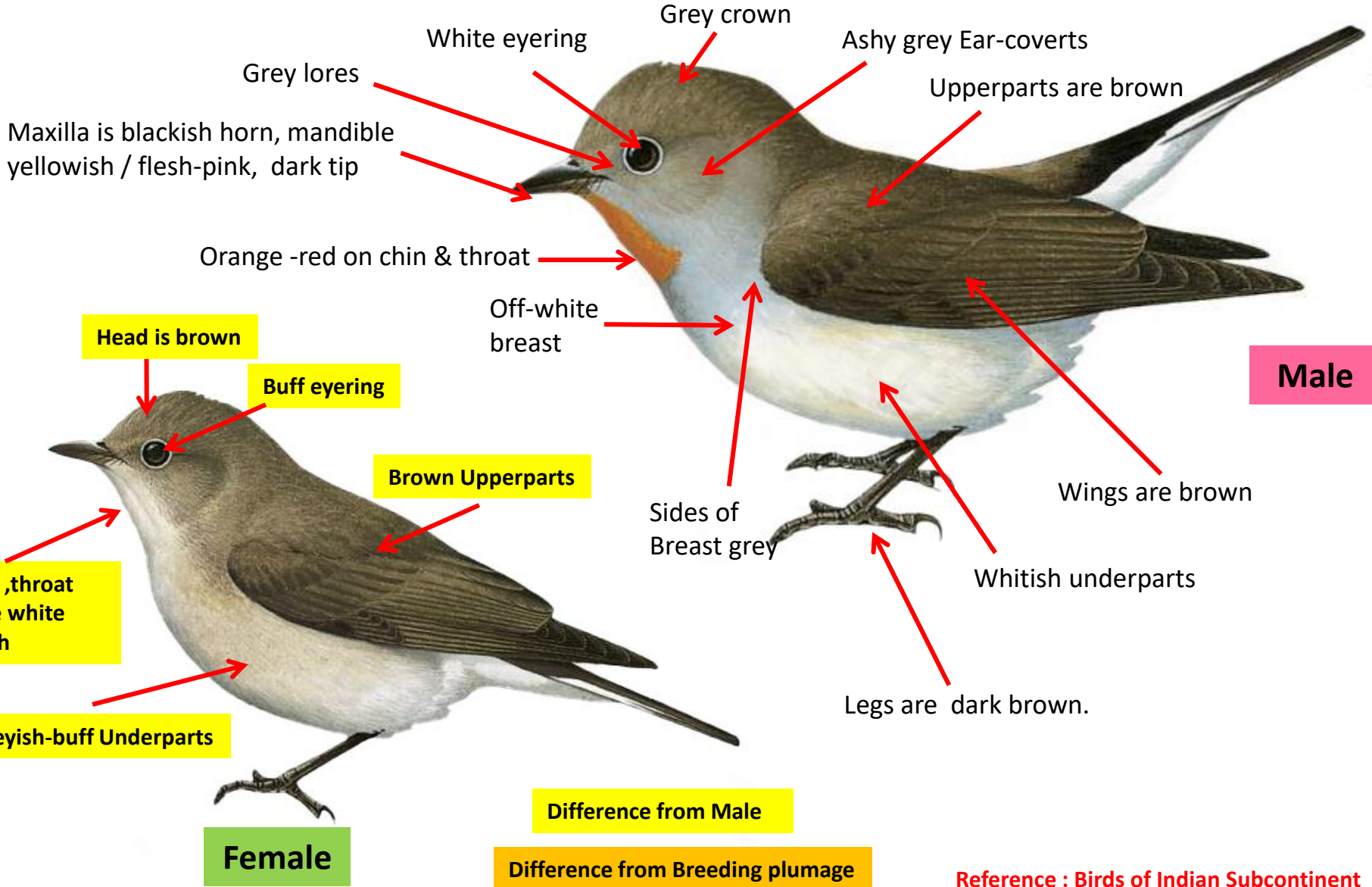
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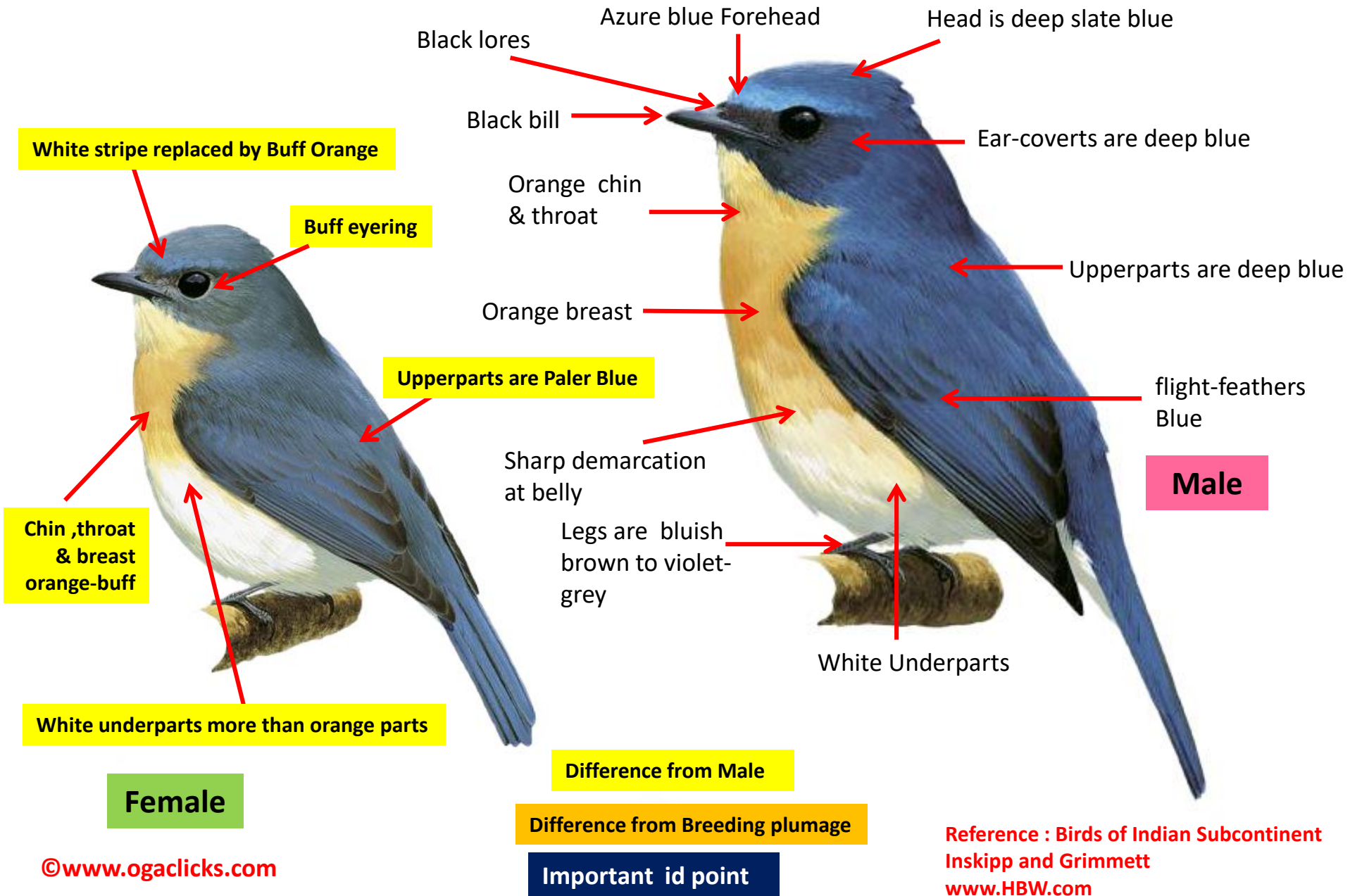
# Taiga Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Taiga Flycatcher : *Ficedula albicilla*:** Winter visitor to Maharashtra, Goa, Central, East and North East India



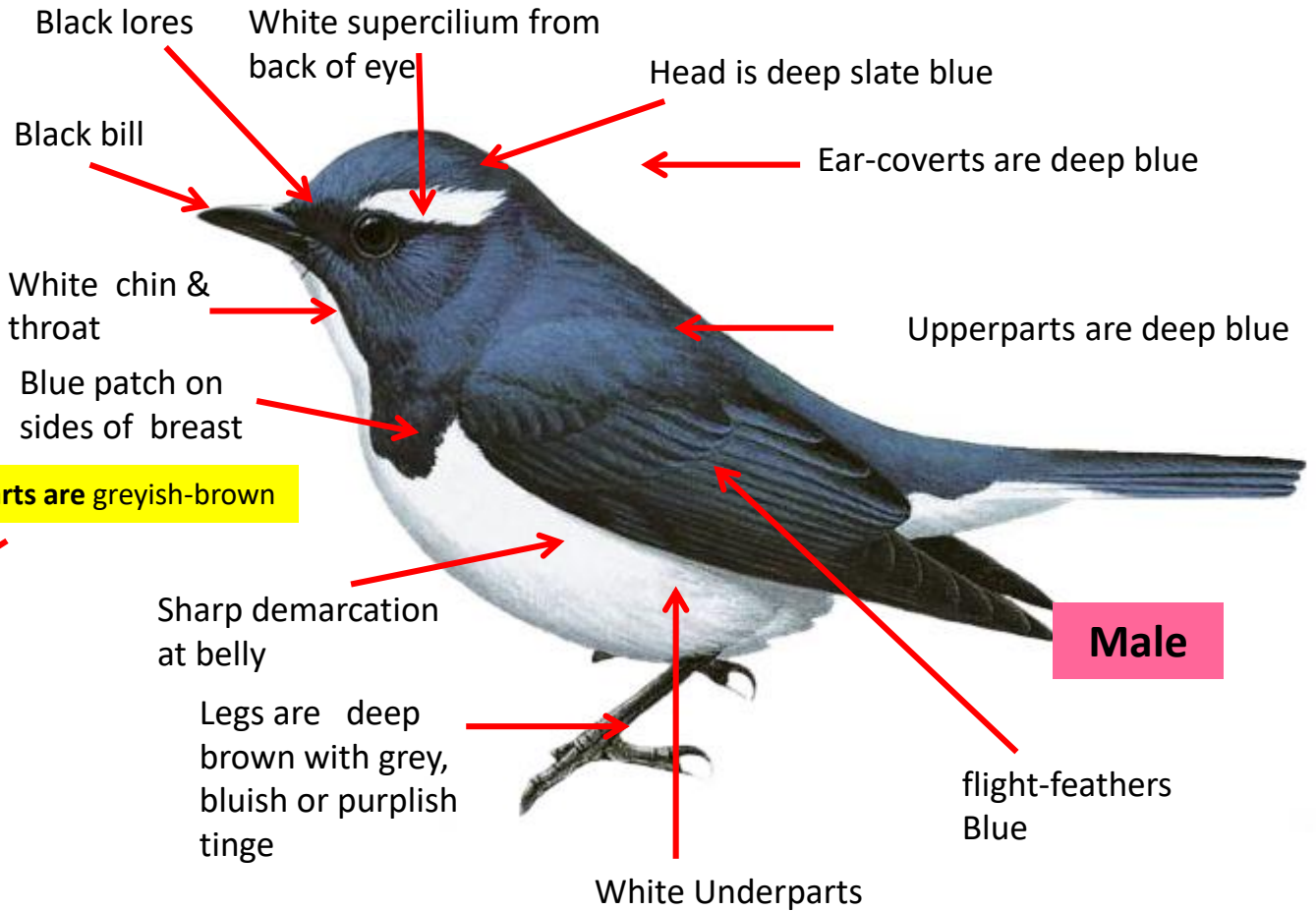
# Tickell's Blue Flycatcher Identification Tips

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher : *Cyornis tickelliae*: Resident of Peninsular India



# Ultramarine Flycatcher Identification Tips

**Ultramarine Flycatcher** : *Ficedula superciliaris* : Resident of North East India & summer visitor to Himalayas



**Male**

Blue areas of male replaced by Greyish brown

Upperparts are greyish-brown

Breast is greyish-brown

**Female**

Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

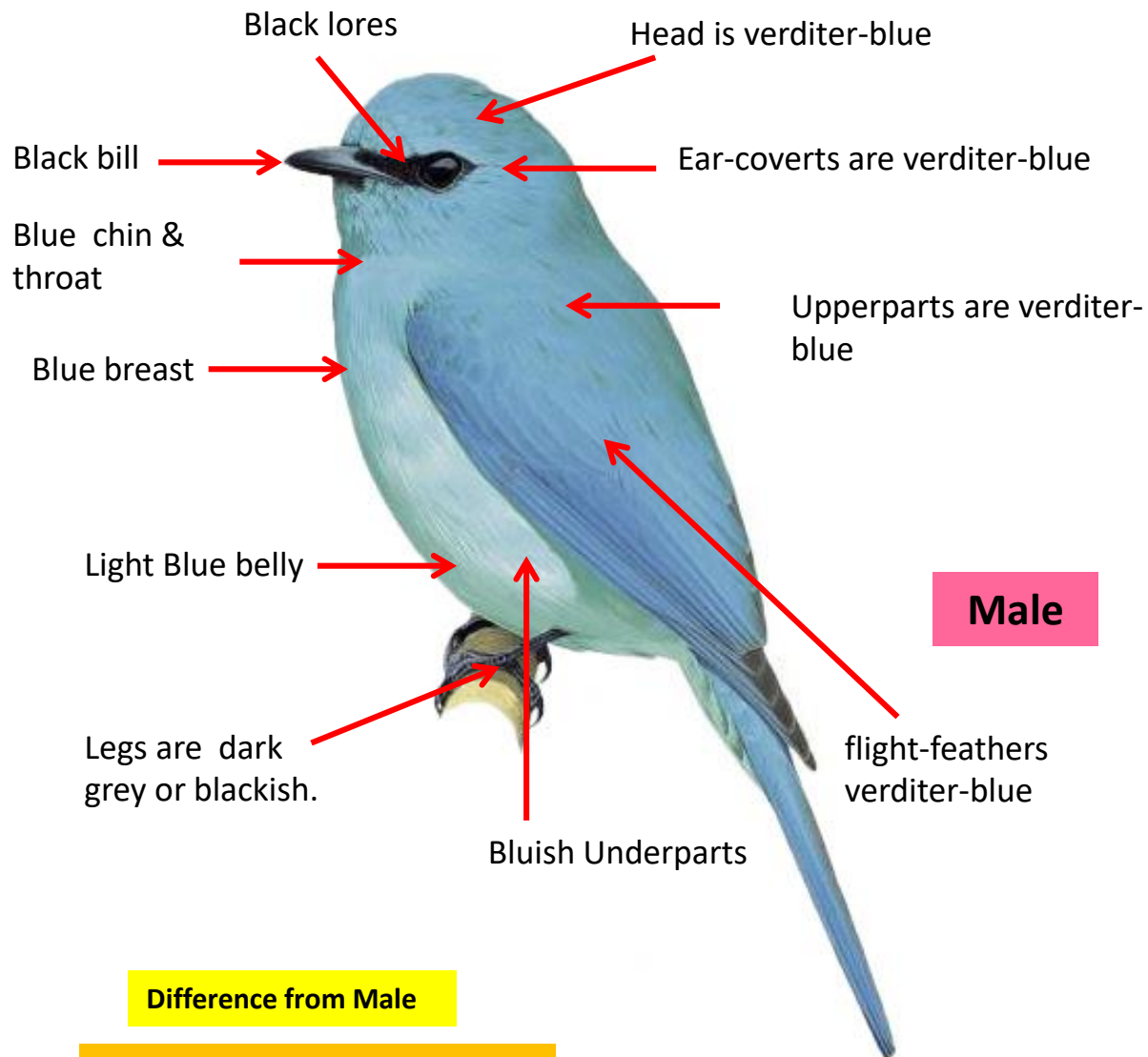
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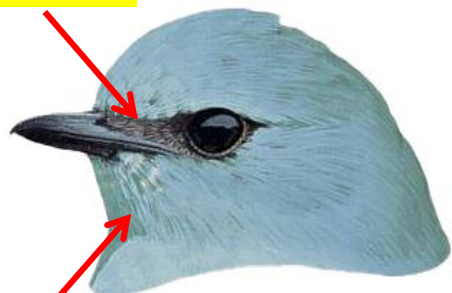
# Verditer Flycatcher Identification Tips

Verditer Flycatcher : *Eumyias thalassinus* : Summer visitor to Himalayas & North East India



**Paler Blue than Male**

**Paler Lore**



**Chin and upper throat finely barred greyish**

**Female**

**Difference from Male**

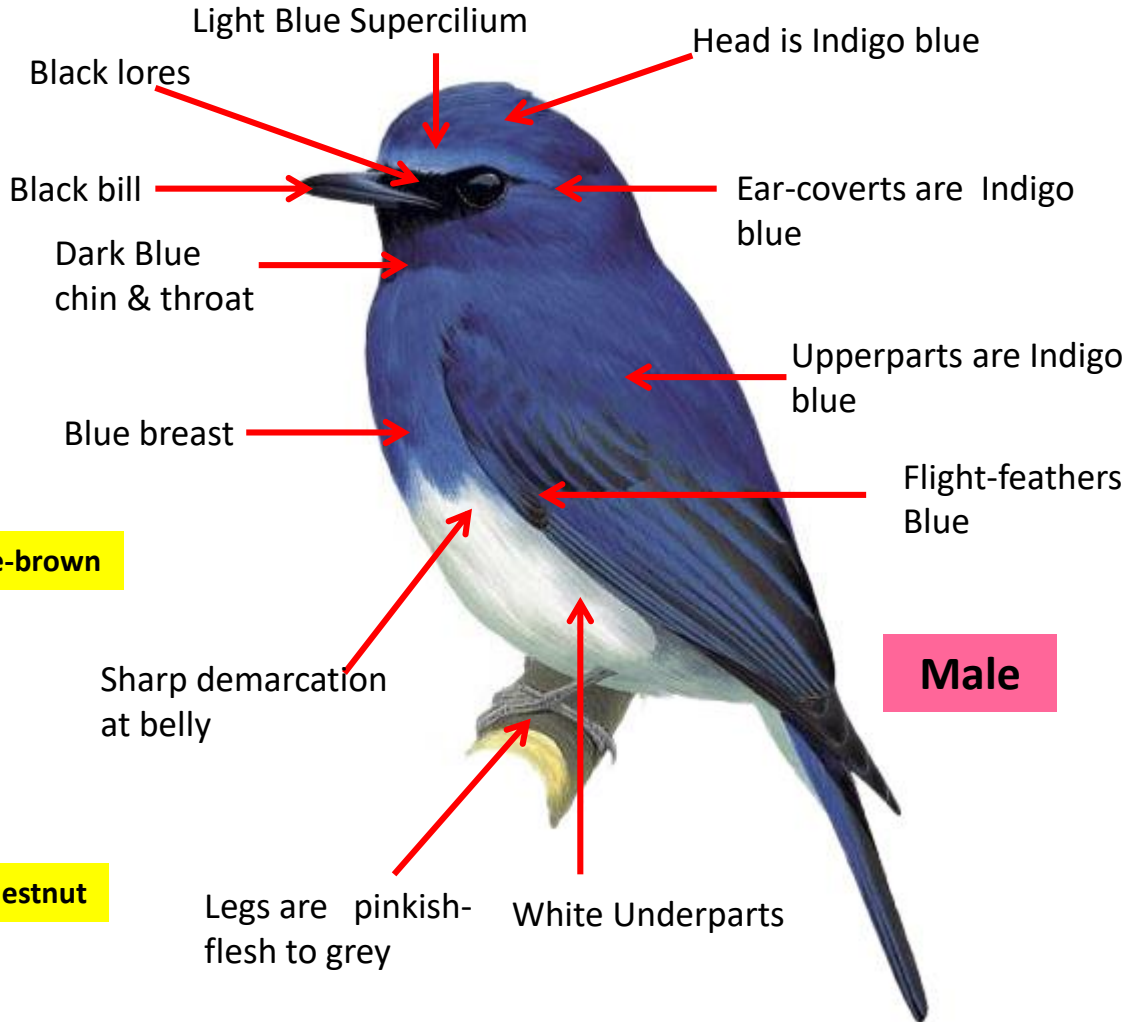
**Difference from Breeding plumage**

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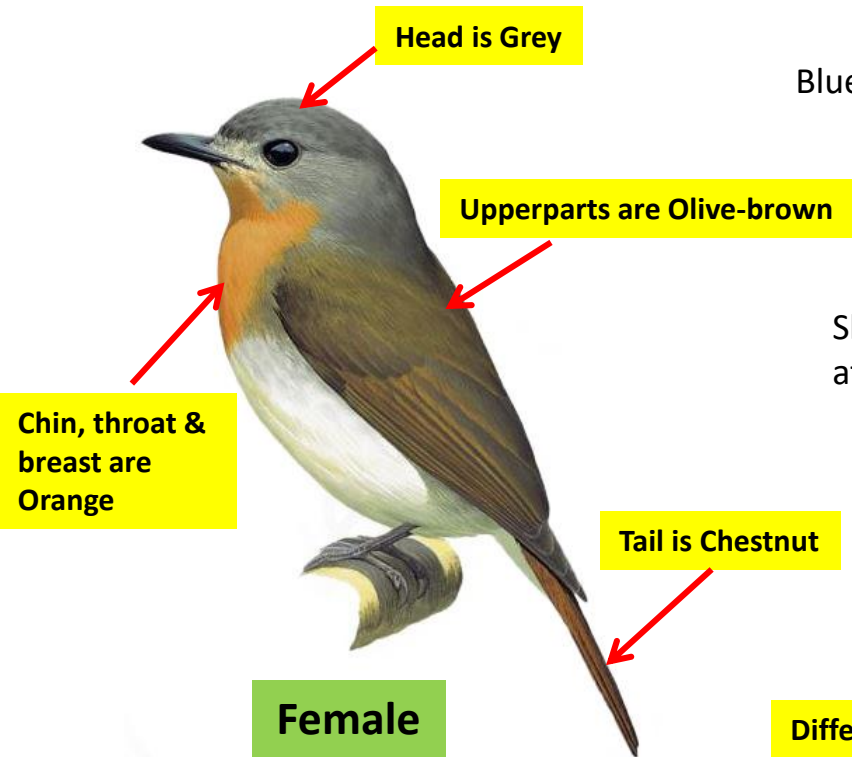
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# White-bellied Blue Flycatcher Identification Tips

**White-bellied Blue Flycatcher : *Cyronis pallipes* :** Resident of Western Ghats and west Tamil Nadu hills in India



Blue areas of male replaced by Olive brown/Grey



Difference from Male

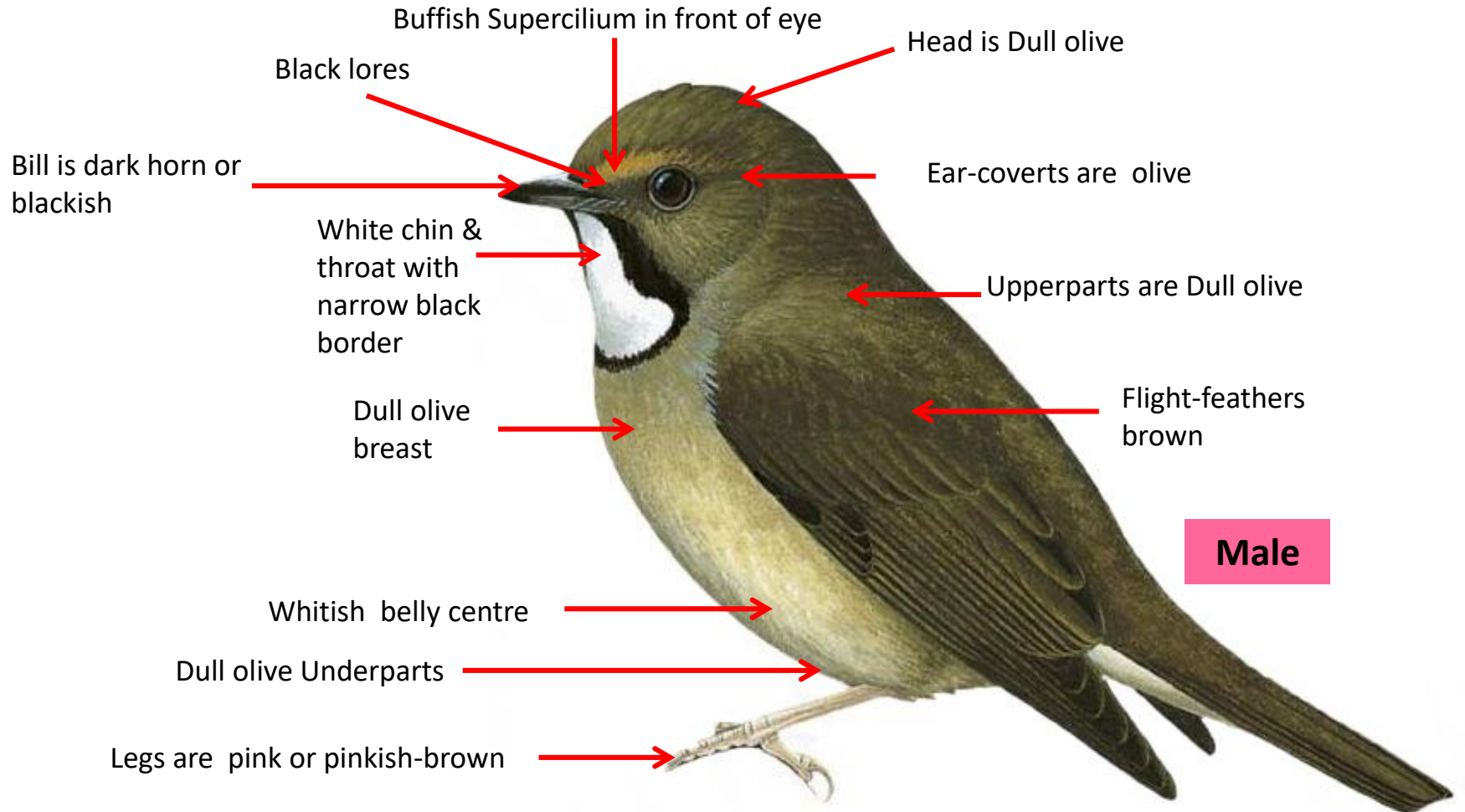
Difference from Breeding plumage

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# White-gorgeted Flycatcher Identification Tips

**White-gorgeted Flycatcher : *Anthipes monileger*:** Resident of Himalayas & North East India



Difference from Male

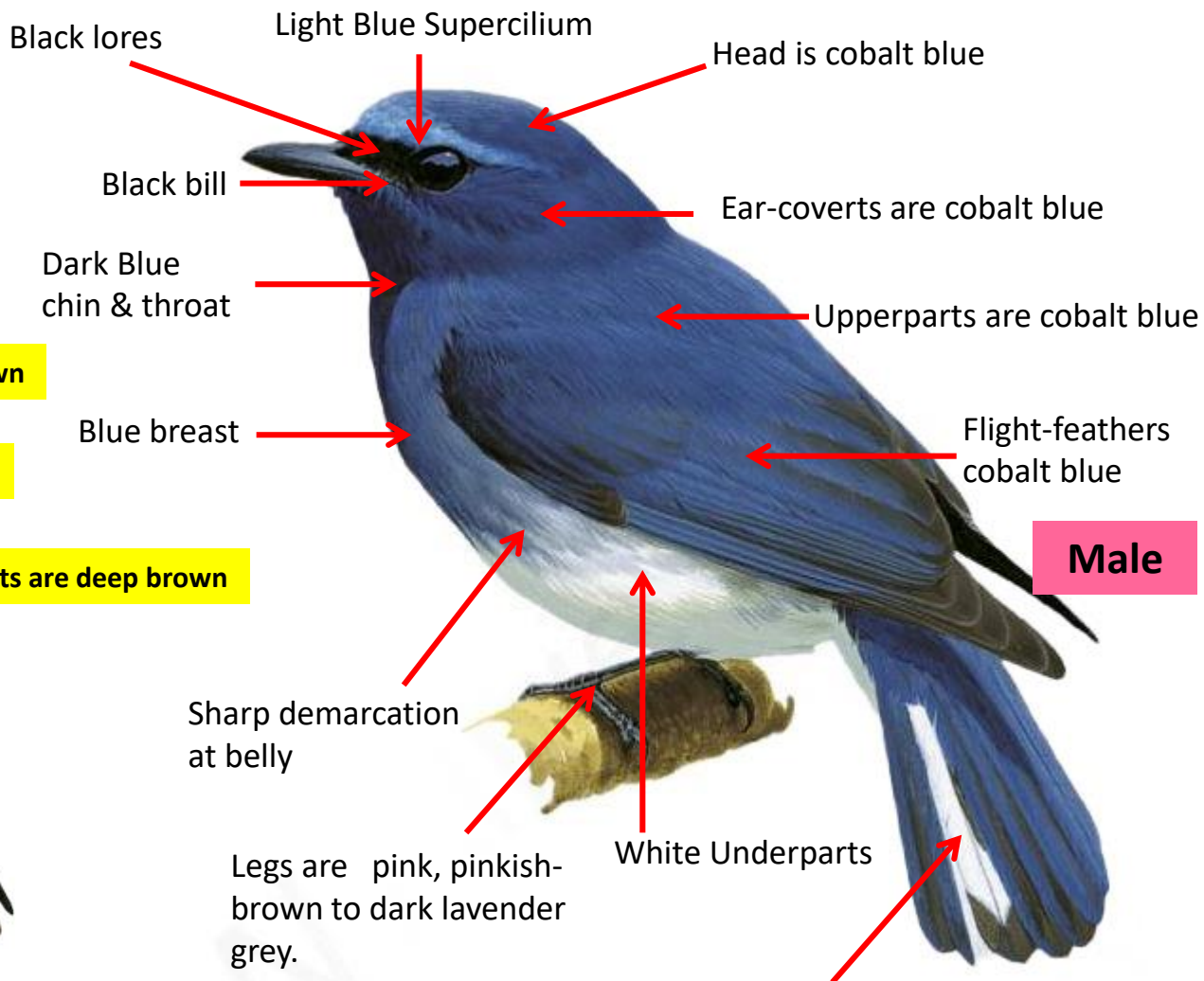
Difference from Breeding plumage

Important id point

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# White-tailed Flycatcher Identification Tips

**White-tailed Flycatcher : *Cyornis concretus* :** Breeds in East Arunachal Pradesh, East Meghalaya & Mizoram



Blue areas of male replaced by Brown

Lores pale buff

Head is deep brown

Buff Eying

Upperparts are deep brown

White patch on throat

Brown breast

**Female**

Tail is Chestnut

Difference from Male

Difference from Breeding plumage

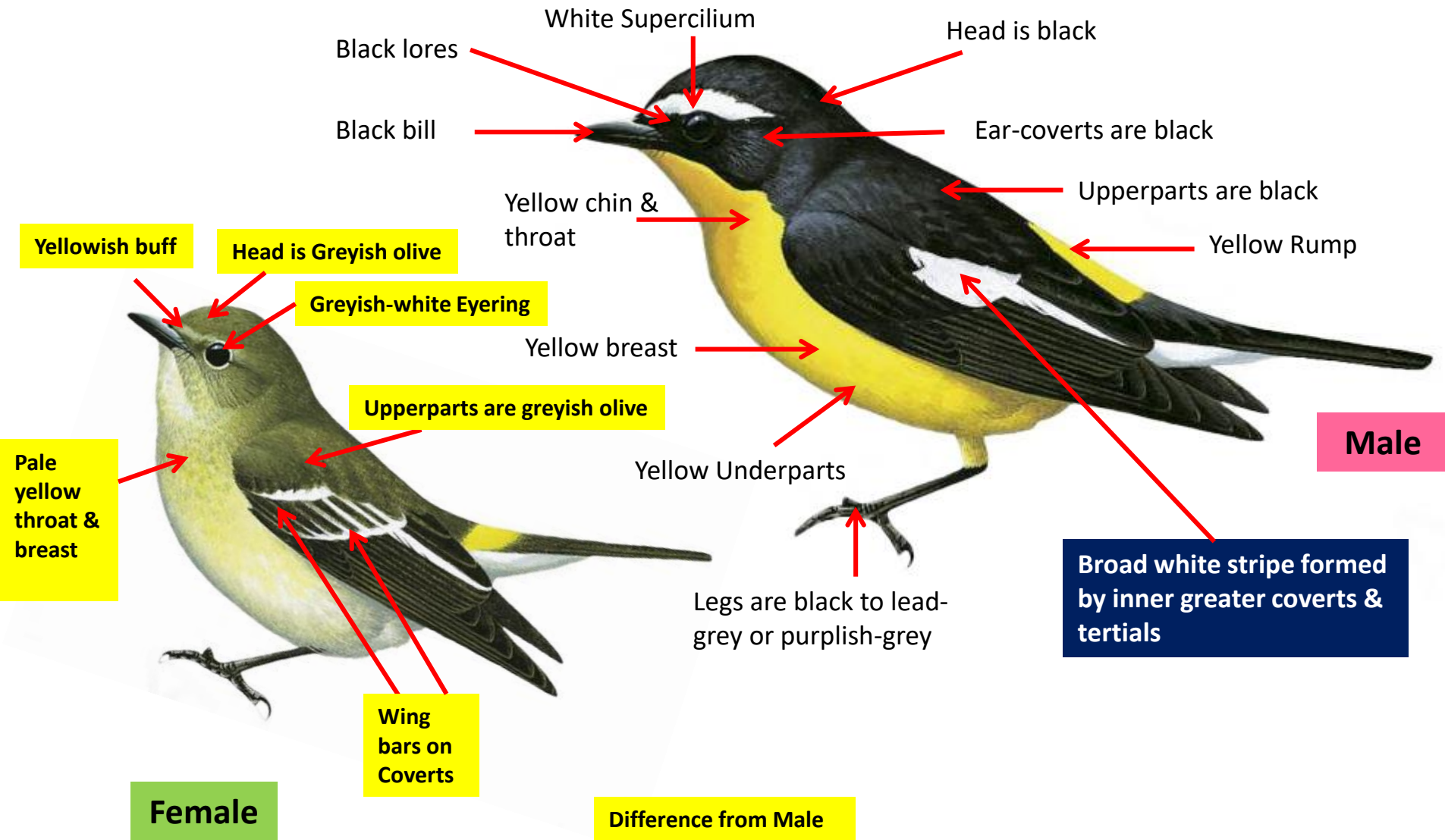
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Tail dark grey-blue, outer rectrices have extensive white panels

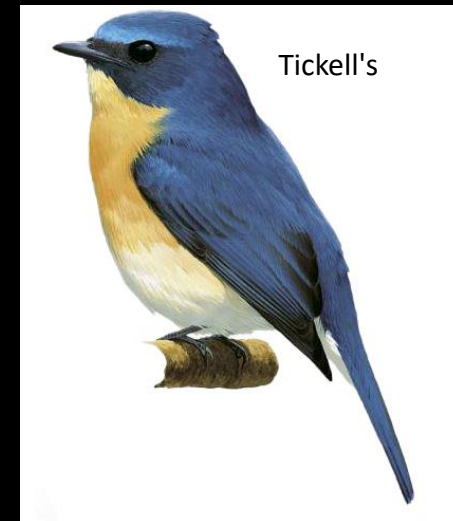
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# Yellow-rumped Flycatcher Identification Tips

Yellow-rumped Flycatcher : *Ficedula zanthopygia*: Vagrant in India



# Comparison of Blue & Orange Flycatchers - Male



# Comparison of Brown & Orange Flycatchers -female

