What to look for - Morphology

Fig. 45. From behind

Is the mantle marked or plain?

Is the mantle scalloped or streaked?

How much do the markings contrast with the background colouration?

What colour is the background of the upperparts?

Is the rump streaked?

How long, broad and heavy does the tail appear?

Is the tail squareended or rounded? Is the nape less clearly –marked than the mantle?

What patterns are present on the scapulars?

Is there any yellow or greenish-yellow colouration on the feather edges?

Are there any prominent bars on the wing?

How much do the different colours contrast in the tertials?

What colour is the outer web of the outer rectrix and what is the pattern of the second and third feather from the outside?

What colour is the throat and chin?

How far does the breast streaking extend ontothe flanks and belly?

Is there much contrast between the dorsal and ventral surfaces?

Are there any patches of colour on the belly?

What is the length and shape of the hind-claw?



What colour is the submoustachial stripe?

How broad and what colour is the breast streaking, and is it sharply defined or diffuse?

-What colour are the flanks?

How long is the tibia compared to the tarsus?

What colour and length are the tarsi and toes?

Fig. 46. From the front