



## EURING age codes

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EURING Number	Definition
0	Age unknown - only to be used if data have been lost and the ringer has no idea if a bird was a nestling or full-grown
1	Pullus (Use P not 1 for pullus on handwritten schedules as a series of 1s looks like a ditto line)
1J	Passerines only - fledged, but flying so weakly that it is obviously incapable of having flown far from the nest (include as pullus for annual totals)
2	Fully grown, year of hatching quite unknown (including current year)
2J	Fully grown, year of hatching quite unknown (including current year), still partly or completely in juvenile body plumage (rarely used)
3	Definitely hatched during current calendar year (eg first-years in autumn)
3J*	Passerines only - definitely hatched this calendar year and still partly or completely in juvenile body plumage*
4	Hatched before current calendar year - exact year unknown (eg many adults in autumn)
4I	Hatched before current calendar year - exact year unknown but definitely not full adult
5	Definitely hatched during previous calendar year (eg first-years in early spring)
5J	Definitely hatched during previous calendar year (eg first-years in early spring) still partly or completely in juvenile body plumage rarely used)
6	Hatched before last calendar year - exact year unknown (eg many adults in Spring)
6I	Hatched before last calendar year - exact year unknown but definitely not full adult
7	Definitely hatched in calendar year before last
8	Hatched three or more years ago - exact year unknown
8I	Hatched three or more years ago - exact year unknown but definitely not full adult
9	Definitely hatched three years ago
10	Hatched four or more years ago - exact year unknown
11	Definitely hatched four years ago
12	Hatched five or more years ago - exact year unknown
13	Definitely hatched five years ago
14	Hatched six or more years ago - exact year unknown
15	Definitely hatched six years ago
16	Hatched seven or more years ago - exact year unknown

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\*Because juvenile plumage - ie the feathers grown by the birds in the nest - is more easily recognised than the plumage which succeeds it, the analyst can assume a high degree of accuracy in birds aged 3J, whereas those aged 3 might possibly include a few individuals which were in fact older.