

Flame Shoulder

Ochropleura plecta - sub-species *unimacula*

Recorders should be aware of the sub-species *unimacula*, the Southern Flame Shoulder or Spanish Flame Shoulder which occurs over much of Iberia and has a similar flight period to *plecta* extending into November. In *unimacula*, it only shows one stigma, lacking the orbicular (oval mark), whereas both *plecta* and *leucogaster* (Radford's) show both the orbicular and reniform stigma (kidney mark).

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