Red-capped plover Charadrius ruficapillus Species No.: 143 Band size: 03 IN



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	98 – 113 mm	102 – 108 mm
Tail:	38 – 46 mm	35 – 42 mm
THL:	34.5 – 46.4 mm	33.5 – 41.8 mm
Weight:	37 – 48 g	29 – 54 g

Ageing:

A dull First Immature plumage results from a partial post-juvenile moult soon after fledging (see illustrations above for Juvenile and First Immature plumage);

A partial moult at the end of the first Winter results in a second Immature plumage after which sexes are identifiable with either an adult male-like non-breeding plumage or adult-like female plumage; Adult non-breeding plumage results from a complete moult at the end of the first year;

Breeding plumage is first attained in a partial moult late in the second Winter; Thus adults are (2+); Non-breeding plumage is basically duller the breeding plumage.

Sexing:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Forehead &	narrow black stripe separates white	white to pale rufous forehead and crown
crown:	forehead from rufous crown;	is generally much paler than male and never bordered by black;
Loral stripe:	black stripe from front of eye to base of upper mandible;	broader than male and mostly rufous;
Supercilium:	white but barely extends beyond the rear of the eye;	pale rufous extends almost to nape;
Upper breast:	white with small black-brown crescent on sides;	white with greyish brown crescent on sides, usually smaller than males;

Female does all incubation.