

Nutmeg Mannikin *Lonchura punctulata* **Species No.: 983** **Band size: 02 AY**



Adult



Juvenile



Adult

Morphometrics:

Twelve subspecies recognised throughout s-e Asia, Indian Ocean islands and islands of the s-w Pacific Ocean. Subspecies *L.p. topela* introduced to east coastal Australia and measurement of this subspecies are presented below:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	54 – 56 mm	52 – 55 mm
Tail:	40 – 42 mm	40 – 47 mm
Bill:	11.6 – 12.1 mm	11.8 – 12.8 mm
Tarsus:	15.3 – 16.5 mm	14.8 – 16.1 mm
Weight:	12 – 16 g	12.5 – 16.5 g

Ageing:

Juvenile readily distinguished from adults by plumage – see illustrations above;
Juveniles undergo a complete post-juvenile moult to full adult plumage 5-7 months after fledging, so age all except obvious Juveniles (J) as (1+).

Sexing :

No sexual dimorphism in size or plumage;
Both sexes brood.