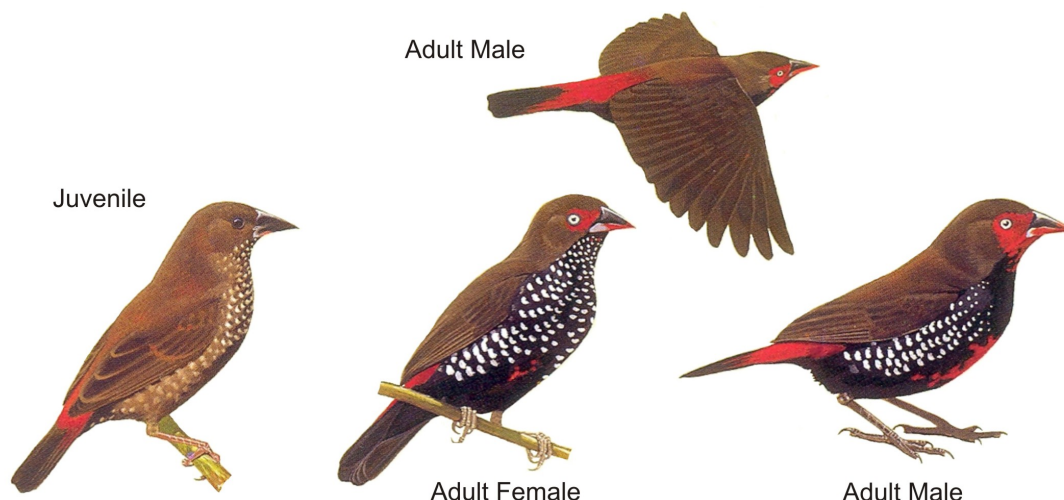


**Painted Finch** *Emblema pictum*

**Species No.: 654**

**Band size: 01 AY**



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	53 – 61 mm	54 – 59 mm
Tail:	34 – 44 mm	32 – 41 mm
Bill:	12.2 – 14.8 mm	12.1 – 13.7 mm
Tarsus:	13.1 – 16.3 mm	12.9 – 16.5 mm
Weight:	10.5 – 13.0 g	9.5 – 12.0 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	upper mandible black with red tip, lower mandible mostly red	black with pinkish-red patch toward base;
Iris:	cream or off-white;	blackish or dark brown;
Face:	red;	dark brown;
Underparts:	predominantly black, with white spots and red patches;	predominantly brown with white spots and black patches;

Juveniles undergo a complete post-juvenile moult to full adult plumage within a few months of fledging so except obvious Juveniles (J), age all birds as (1+).

**Sexing :**

Adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Face:	red lower forehead, lores, area around eye, anterior ear coverts and malar area;	red colour is confined to lores and a few feathers around the eye;
Chin:	black;	black-brown with white spots;
Throat & upper breast:	black;	black-brown with diffuse off-white tips to feathers giving spotted appearance;
Lower breast & belly;	black with small white tips to some feathers and with broad red tips to feathers in centre of breast and belly;	feathers in centre of lower breast are black but only a few have red tips;

Both sexes incubate.