

**Pictorella Mannikin** *Heteromunia pectoralis*

Species No.: 659

Band size: 02 AY



Adult Male



Adult Female



Immature



Juvenile

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	56 – 63 mm	56 – 63 mm
Tail:	36 – 45 mm	34 – 40 mm
Bill:	12.7 – 14.2 mm	12.1 – 14.2 mm
Tarsus:	14.4 – 16.3 mm	13.5 – 16.0 mm
Weight:	13.2 – 16.6 g	13.0 – 18.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	light blue-grey;	dark grey and acquire bluish wash to lower mandible with age;
Facial mask:	see under sexing below;	absent;
Upper breast:	black and white spotting, or scalloping;	light brown or dull pinkish-buff;

Juveniles (J) moult to an Immature (1) plumage soon after fledging (see illustrations above); Complete adult plumage is acquired between 4 and 9 months of age, thus adults are aged (1+).

Sexing :

Adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Facial mask:	black and bordered by pink-brown supercilium that extends past ear coverts to the side of neck	blackish-brown and bordered by brownish-grey stripe that is narrower than in male;
Upper & mid breast:	black with broad white tips that overlap sometimes giving an appearance of solid white, but bases are usually partly exposed resulting in a coarsely spotted appearance;	narrower white tips to black feathers gives a more spotted or scalloped appearance rather than coarse spotting as in male.

Both sexes incubate.