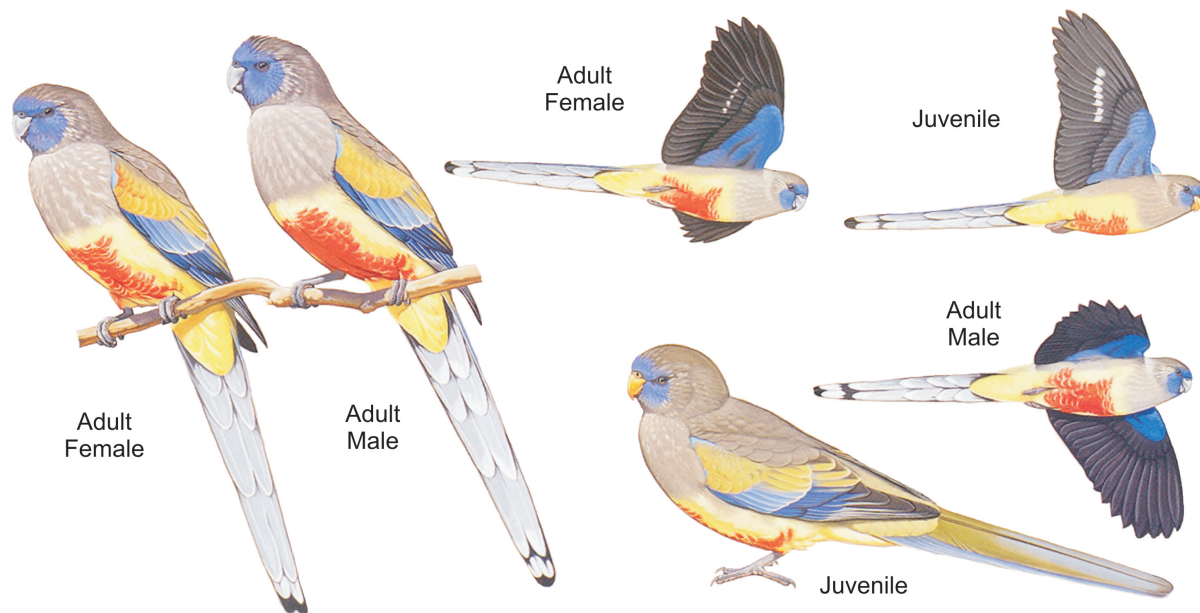


## Blue Bonnet *Northiella haematogaster*

Species No.: 297

Band size: 24 (23)



### Morphometrics:

Measurements shown here are for the nominate *N.h. haematogaster* of s-w NSW, n-w Vic and e. SA

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	129 – 143 mm	119 – 134 mm
Tail:	167 – 189 mm	153 – 172 mm
Bill width:	9.8 – 11.4 mm	9.4 – 10.4 mm
Weight:	65 – 105 g	68 – 90 g

### Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	mostly pearl-grey with slightly darker brownish-grey tip and lower mandible;	dull orange-yellow changing to grey within 6-8 weeks of fledging;
Cere:	dark grey;	greyish-brown;

Juveniles are very similar to adult females, but always slightly duller in plumage;  
 Immatures are similar to respective adults but usually retain juvenile remiges and rectrices;  
 Immature males usually retain the juvenile underwing bar;  
 Immature females always have an underwing bar as do most adult females;

### Sexing :

Adults sexually dimorphic on plumage with males being more brightly coloured and males are generally larger than the females in all measurements;  
 The facial disc of males is blue to violet whereas the female is far duller;  
 Adult males have a pin-like extension to primaries, but this is absent in females;  
 Females have only about one-third the amount of red on the belly as males;  
 Incubation by female only.