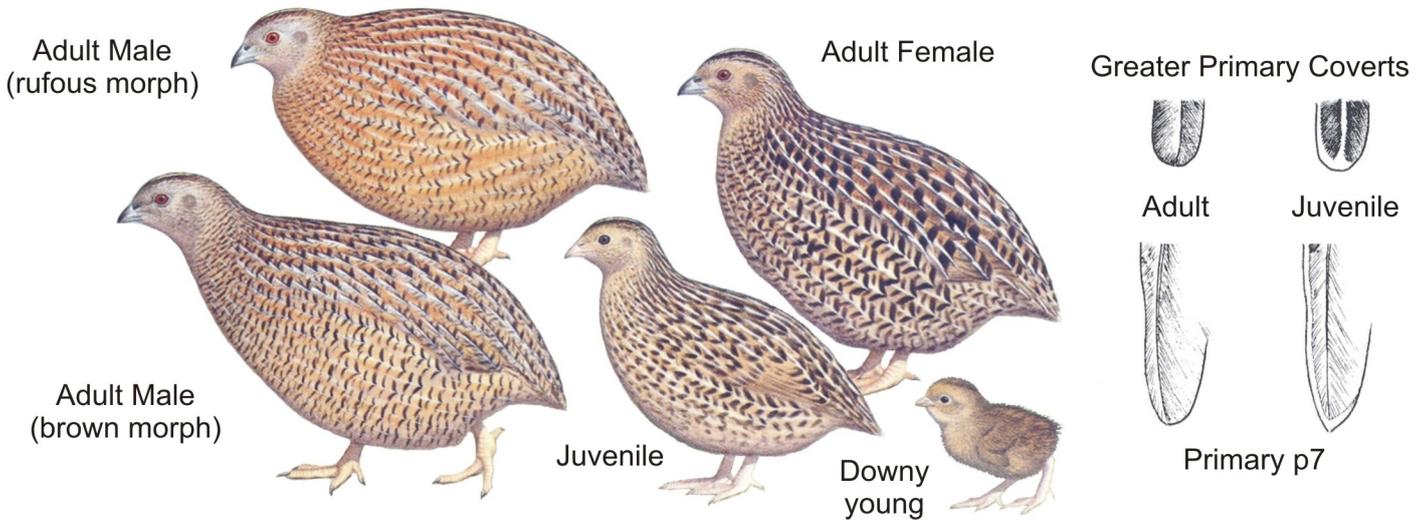


Brown Quail *Syonicus ypsilophora* Species No.: 10 Band size: 07 AY (Tasmania)
Band size: 06 (07) AY (mainland)



Morphometrics:

Formerly within genus *Coturnix* - ten subspecies recognised with measurements for the two subspecies within Australia as follows:

	nominate <i>S.y. ypsilophora</i> (Tasmania – aka Swamp Quail Sp. No. 11)		<i>S.y. australis</i> (mainland Aust.)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	103 – 112 mm	102 – 115 mm	93 – 105 mm	91 – 106 mm
8 th primary:	66 – 76 mm	67 – 75 mm	59 – 74 mm	59 – 74 mm
Tail:	42 – 51 mm	44 – 49 mm	36 – 52 mm	34 – 48 mm
Bill:	11.7 – 15.6 mm	13.4 – 16.2 mm	12.0 – 14.4 mm	11.5 – 14.2 mm
Tarsus:	21.3 – 26.0 mm	23.5 – 26.3 mm	19.6 – 23.9 mm	19.6 – 24.0 mm
Weight:	19.5 – 23.0 mm	20.0 – 23.4 mm	80 – 123 g	85 – 140 g

Ageing:

First immatures differ from adults only in retained outer 2-4 juvenile primaries and all juvenile greater primary coverts. Juvenile p8-p10 identical to adult, but p7 is distinctive with broad buff-edge to outer web that wraps around pointed (not square) tip (see drawing above); Juvenile greater primary coverts have broad buff edges and shaft-streaks that flare slightly at tips; Adults generally have a thin shaft-streak and lack pale edges except at very tip (see line drawing above), however, overlap occurs.

Sexing:

No reliable size dimorphism and plumage of adult males and females is very similar. However, rufous morph is very rare in females and not so extreme as the morph differences in males; Adult females are best distinguished from adult males by large, square black-brown blotches and bolder white streaks on upperparts, bold barring on flanks and stronger dark speckling on sides of head.

Only the female incubates.