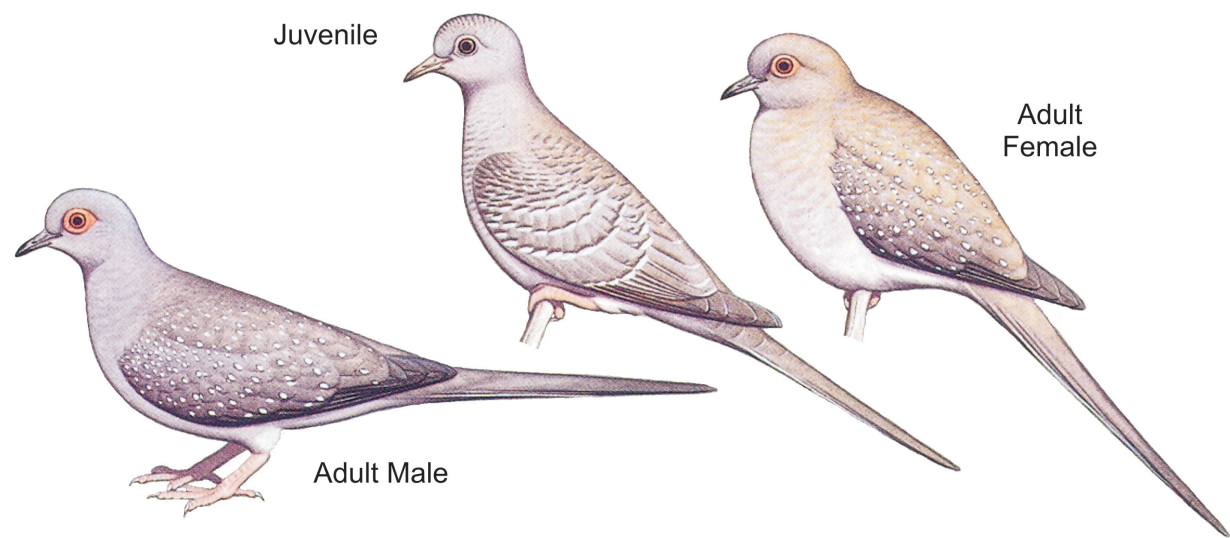


Diamond Dove *Geopelia cuneata* **Species No.: 31** **Band size: 04 (05)**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	86 – 102 mm	86 – 94 mm
Tail:	87 – 111 mm	89 – 100 mm
Weight:	28.0 – 39 g	24 – 37 mm

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	grey-black;	light grey-brown to pink-brown;
Iris:	red to red-orange;	dark brown to light grey;
Orbital ring:	males – dark pink to pink-red; females – dull pink;	light grey-brown;
Head and neck:	grey to bluish-grey, paler grey on chin, some have scattered light brown feathers on crown and hindneck, feathers of sides of neck sometimes fringed light brown;	forehead and crown dark brown with buff to orange-buff fringes to feathers, chin white, lores cheeks, ear coverts & sides of neck light grey;
Mantle, back & rump:	brown to greyish brown;	grey-brown to light grey-brown;
Breast:	bluish-grey to pale grey;	light grey with buff tips and dark brown subterminal band to feathers;
Upperwing:	median and secondary coverts grey with small round white lateral spots near tips;	secondary coverts brown with buff tips and narrow dark brown subterminal bands;

Sexing :

Adult males and females are sexually dimorphic on plumage and softparts a to some extent on wing and tail length (see above measurements);
Plumage of adult females is similar to adult males, but upperparts and the back of the head are generally browner;
The adult females' orbital ring is duller than that of males (see above);
Both sexes incubate.