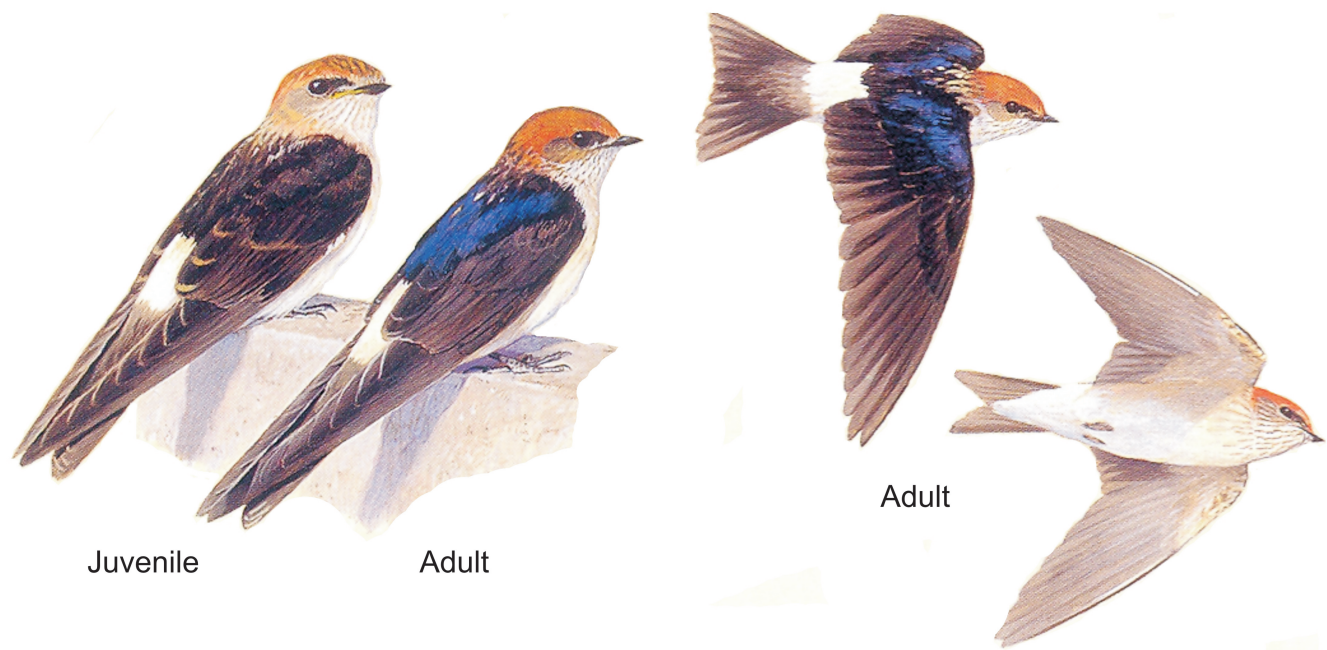


Fairy Martin *Hirundo ariel* **Species No.: 360** **Band size: 01**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	89 – 98 mm	90 – 95 mm
Tail:	41 – 51 mm	46 – 50 mm
Tail fork:	5.4 – 9.1 mm	
Weight:	9.8 – 10.5 g	

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	black;	grey-black with flesh-yellow base to lower mandible; also described as buff with dark tip, or dull yellow with dark tip;
Gape:	black;	dull yellow;
Forehead, crown, nape & upper hindneck:	bright rufous-brown with fine dark brown streaking;	dull rufous-brown with fairly bold dark brown streaking
Mantle, scapulars & back:	glossy blue-black;	black-brown with faint bluish-green gloss with light-brown scalloping;

Juveniles moult direct to adult plumage and cannot be separated from adults by late Autumn. Thus birds in adult plumage in early Spring are aged (2+)

Sexing :

There is no plumage or size sexual dimorphism;
Incubation by both sexes