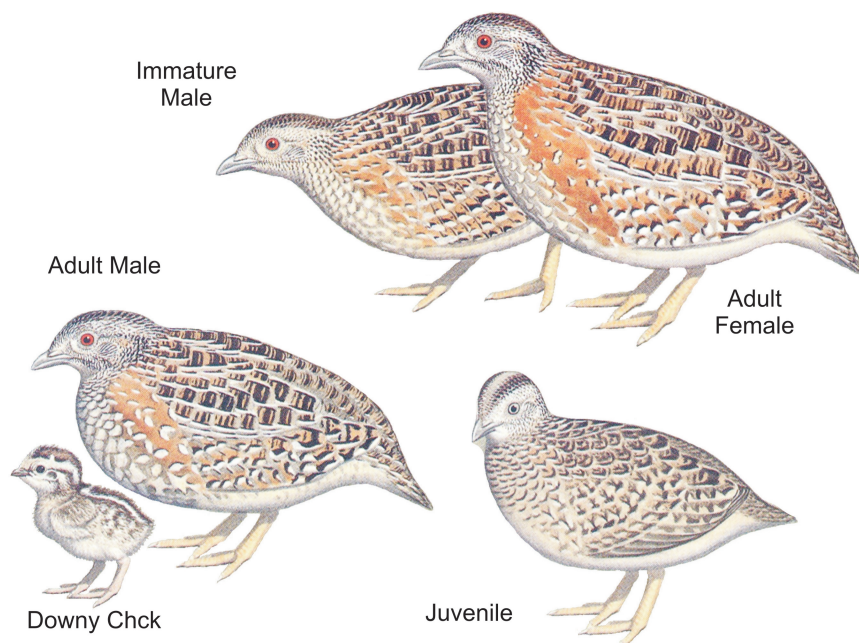


## Painted Button-quail *Turnix varia*

Species No.: 14

Band size: 05M 06F



### Note:

Only positively sexed adults can be banded – males size 05 and females size 06 ABBBS bands.

### Morphometrics:

Measurements presented here are for the nominate of s-e Australia:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	96 – 106 mm	106 – 116 mm
Tail:	40 – 478 mm	40 – 53 mm
Weight:	53 – 85 g	72 – 130 g

### Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	light grey to dark grey or blue-horn;	dark brownish-grey with pinkish white base;
Iris:	red;	blue-grey sometimes with pale greenish or pale yellowish tinge;
Forehead & sides of face:	fine black and white spotting;	mottled grey and brown;
Neck feathers:	male – dull chestnut with black and white at sides of neck; female – chestnut or rufous patch is wider and brighter than male and continues to hindneck;	chestnut is absent;
Primaries & alula:	dark brown with narrow white outer edges;	narrow white outer edges and tips broader than adults;

Juvenile moults to an immature plumage within a few months of fledging and adult plumage attained at about one year old;

Immatures are generally similar in plumage to adults, but retain juvenile outer primaries

### Sexing:

Sexually dimorphic in size and plumage, with adult females being larger and more brightly coloured than adult males (see above);

Incubation by male only starting when the clutch is complete.