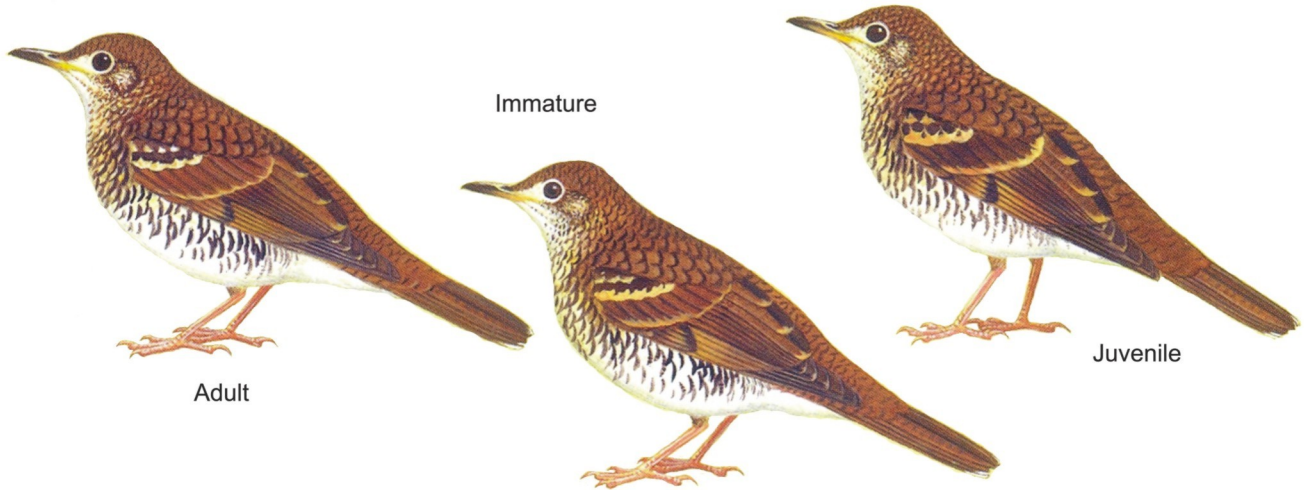


**Russet-tailed Thrush** *Zoothera heinei* Species No.: 780 Band size: Trial



**Similar Species:**

See illustrations above for definitive plumage differences and distribution; Russet-tailed Thrush is smaller than Bassian Thrush *Zoothera lunulata*— see separate profile sheet; Russet-tailed occurs mostly in rainforest and other wet habitats, whereas the Bassian occurs mostly in moist forest, but sometimes in gardens and pine plantations, usually at higher altitudes than Russet-tailed, but both species may occur together, especially in non-breeding season.

**Morphometrics:**

	<b>Adult Male</b>	<b>Adult Female</b>
Wing:	121 – 128 mm	120 – 130 mm
Tail:	85 – 98 mm	83 – 96 mm
Weight:	71 – 89 g	73 – 96 g

**Ageing:**

Juveniles are patterned like adults, but the head, neck and upperparts appear more rufous and with diffuse pale centre to feathers giving a mottled appearance, rather than evenly scalloped as in adults. Underparts are also patterned like adults, but with a stronger orange-buff wash. However, the most reliable method for separation of juveniles from adults is the shape and pattern of the tips of tail feathers and secondary coverts as illustrated above; Immatures retain all juvenile greater primary coverts (light brown suffusion to outer edges), dark brown alula, primaries and secondaries and some tail feathers. Adult plumage is attained early in the second year coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults are (2+)

**Sexing:**

There is no sexual dimorphism in plumage or size; Incubation by female only.