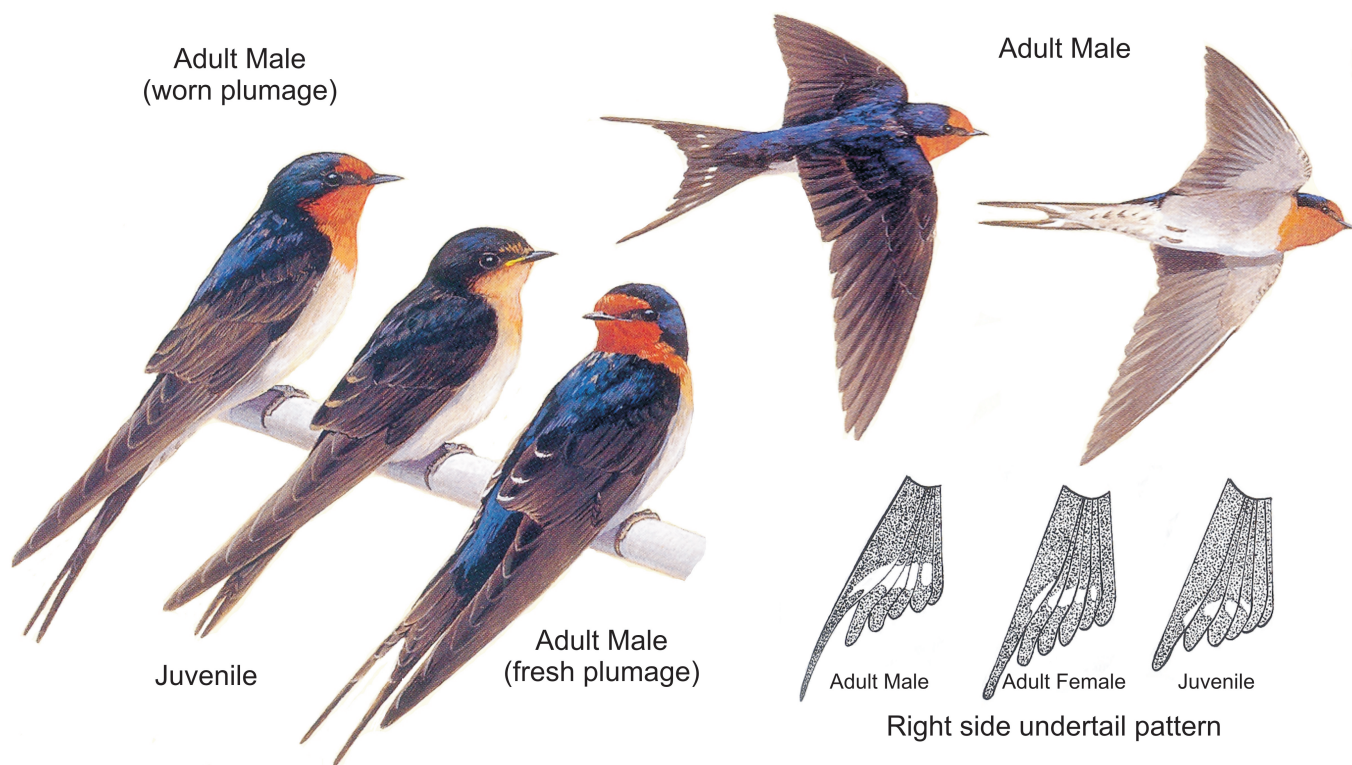


Welcome Swallow *Hirundo neoxena*

Species No.: 357

Band size: 02



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	110 – 117 mm	106 – 116 mm
Tail:	65 - 83 mm	64 – 79 mm
Tail fork:	29 – 42 mm	17 – 36 mm
Weight:	9.2 – 20.0 g	

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile (J) or (1)
Bill:	black;	dark-grey with pale-yellow base to lower mandible;
Gape:	black;	pale yellow, fawn, yellowish or flesh;
Forehead:	dark rufous-brown;	light brown or pale rufous brown
Crown, nape & hindneck:	glossy blue-black;	black-brown or dark brown – some birds light brown scalloping;
Chin, throat & upper breast:	rufous-brown;	pale rufous-brown;
Tail structure & patterning of white spots – see illustration above;		

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 :

Sexes are plumage dimorphic with a different tail structure and pattern of undertail markings (see illustrations above);
 The tail length and depth of the tail fork tend to be greater in adult males than in adult females (see measurements above);
 Both sexes incubate.