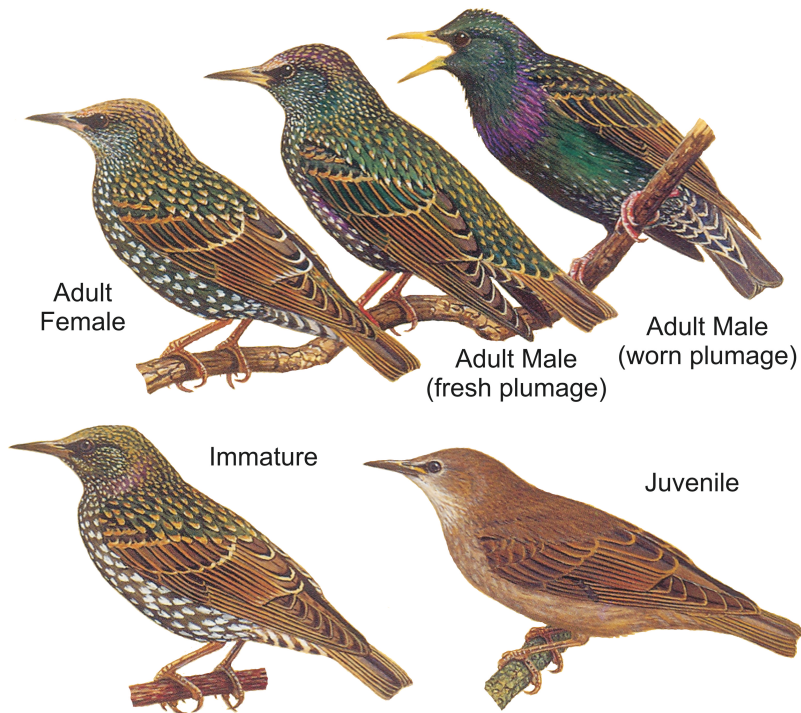


**Common Starling**    *Sturnus vulgaris*    **Species No.: 999**    **Band size: 06**



**Morphometrics:**

|         | Adult Male     | Adult Female   |
|---------|----------------|----------------|
| THL:    | 52.8 – 55.7 mm | 51.9 – 30.5 mm |
| Wing:   | 119 – 130 mm   | 115 – 127 mm   |
| Tail:   | 60 – 68 mm     | 59 – 65 mm     |
| Weight: | 75 – 98 g      | 75.6 – 94 g    |

**Ageing:**

|       | Adult (2+)  | Juvenile/immature  |
|-------|---|--|
| Bill: | male: breeding - yellow with slate-grey base to lower mandible;<br>female: breeding – yellow with pink base to lower mandible;<br>non-breeding – both sexes dull black; | juvenile - dull brown;<br>immature – dark grey;  |
| Eye:  | male – uniform dark brown;<br>female – brown with buffy-white outer ring;   | juvenile – brown;<br>immatures – as for adult – so immatures can be sexed on eye colour; |

Juveniles are nearly uniform unspotted dull brown and throat is whitish;  
Juveniles commence a post-juvenile moult to immature plumage with two months of fledging;  
Immature plumage superficially resembles adults, but they don't attain adult plumage until a moult commencing at about one year old, coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults are (2+).

**Sexing:**

The sexes are dimorphic on plumage and soft parts (see above) and males tend to be slightly larger than females;  
Both sexes incubate.