

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* **Species No.: 994** **Band size: 03**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	68 – 74 mm	66 – 72 mm
Tail:	50 – 55 mm	48 – 54 mm
Weight:	20.2 – 30 g	21 – 27.4 g

Ageing:

See illustrations;

Complete moult to adult-like plumage commences 4 to 6 weeks after fledging and is completed by 4 months of age resulting in an immature plumage and bare parts that are indistinguishable from non-breeding adults;

Moult to breeding plumage probably occurs during the first year, so with the exception of juveniles (J), all birds should be aged (1+).

Sexing:

Not sexually dimorphic on plumage or size;
Only females develop a brood patch.

Similar species:

In Australia, the only species that it might be confused with is the Eurasian Tree Sparrow.

Obvious differences are as follows:

	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	House Sparrow
Head:	both male and female have a brown crown and hindneck;	male - grey crown contrasting with chestnut sides of crown and hindneck; female & juveniles – grey-brown with pale supercilium;
Cheek:	adult male – white enclosing a large diagnostic black spot.	adult male – plain pale grey;