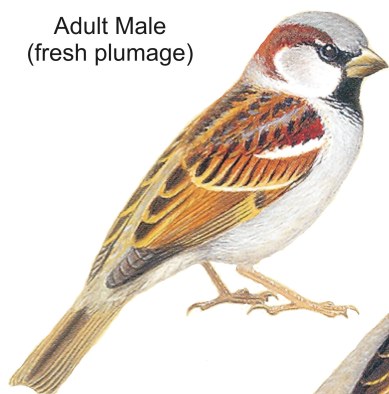


## House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Species No.: 995

Band size: 03

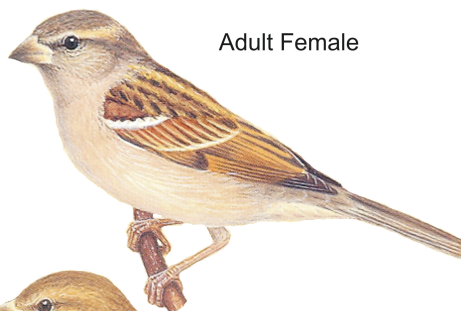
Adult Male  
(fresh plumage)



Adult Male  
(worn plumage)



Adult Female



Juvenile



### Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	73 – 82 mm	70 – 77 mm
Tail:	50 – 60 mm	50 – 58 mm
Weight:	23 – 33 g	25 – 33 g

### Ageing:

See illustrations;

Complete moult to adult-like plumage commences 4 to 6 weeks after fledging, resulting in females often being indistinguishable from breeding females, but may have a whitish chin and throat; Immature males have a black bill like non-breeding adult males and greyish throat.

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

### Sexing:

Sexually dimorphic on plumage (see illustrations);  
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:

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