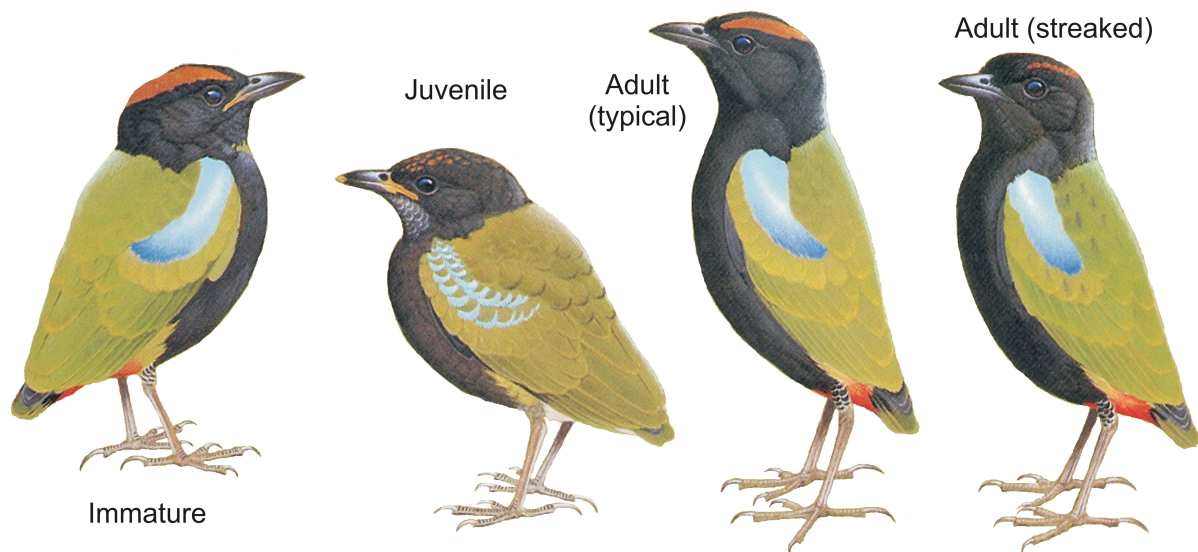


Rainbow Pitta *Pitta Iris*

Species No.: 354

Band size: 05



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies – nominate *P.i. iris* in coastal and sub-coastal Arnhem Land and n. NT; *P.i. johnstoneiana* in coastal and sub-coastal div. n-w WA. Measurements are of the nominate:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	104 – 112 mm	104 – 111 mm
Tail:	36 – 42 mm	38 – 43 mm
Weight:	52 – 68 g	57.8 – 88 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile/Immature
Bill:	grey-black;	grey-black;
Gape:	grey-black;	bright orange to orange-buff with age and to grey-black by 6 months of age;
Legs	silvery-grey;	grey-pink;

Juveniles moult to immature plumage soon after fledging and retain juvenile primaries that are slightly narrower than adults and with more diffuse olive-grey tips to p1 – p5;
Moult to complete adult plumage commences at about 1 year of age, coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults are aged (2+);
Note that some adult birds have a streaked appearance, but this does not appear to be an age character.

Sexing:

Sexes are similar in size and plumage. However, adult females may tend to have more buff-yellow on rear flanks and may have less intense red on lower belly and undertail coverts than adult males, but these suggestions are unreliable for sexing because of overlap;
Both sexes develop prominent brood patch.