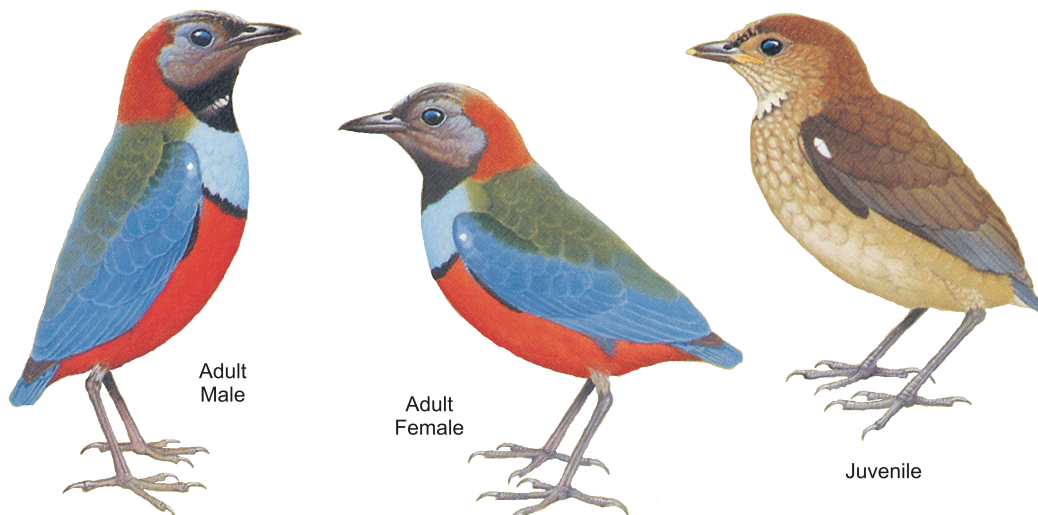


Red-bellied Pitta *Pitta erythrogaster*

Species No.: 353

Band size: 05



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	106 – 113 mm	105 – 112 mm
Tail:	39 – 43 mm	41 – 43 mm
Weight:	80 – 96 g	81 – 104 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile/immature
Bill:	grey-black often with pale grey tip;	dark purplish-brown;
Gape:	grey-black;	no information;
Legs	grey with dirty pink tinge;	as for adult;

Juveniles moult to immature plumage soon after fledging and retain juvenile primaries that are slightly narrower than adults and with more diffuse and duller 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+);

Sexing:

Adults of a pair may be sexually dimorphic in a number of plumage characters, such as crown, breast and belly but basically adult males appear to be brighter than adult females, but there is a lot of variability;

Unfortunately, strong familiarity with the species would be necessary, or two birds would have to be in the hand at the same time, for comparison purposes to separate the sexes;

Both sexes develop prominent brood patches.