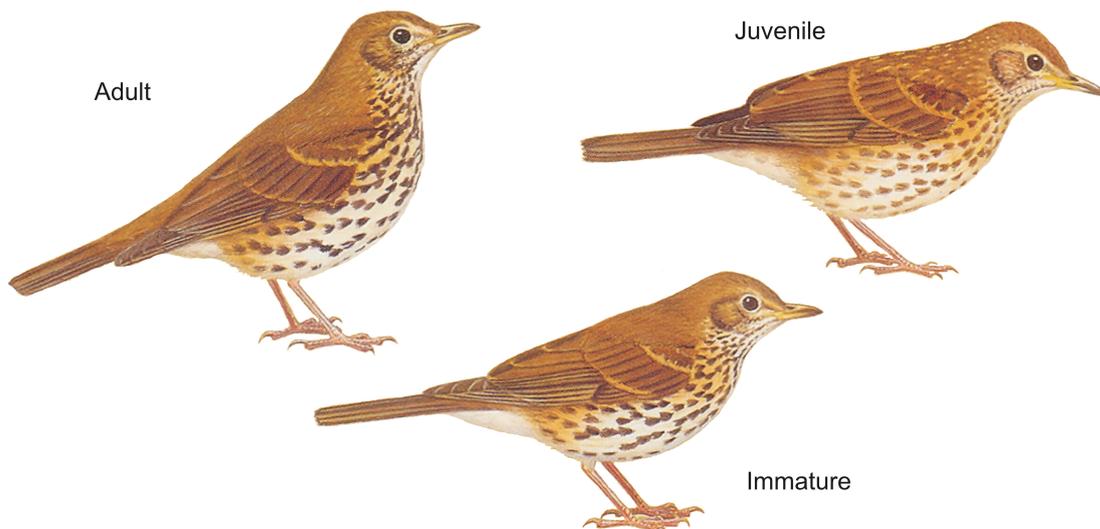


**Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos* Species No.: 992 Band size: 05



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	113 – 119 mm	112 – 117 mm
Tail:	84 – 88 mm	77 – 85 mm
Weight:	62 – 83 g	60 – 70 g (only 3 specimens)

**Ageing:**

Underparts of juveniles have duller, less distinct spotting than immatures and adults;  
Juveniles undergo a partial post-juvenile moult to adult-like immature moult within the first few months of fledging;  
First immatures are distinguishable from adults by retained juvenile plumage which show a moult contrast with greater secondary coverts of upperwing, with moult-step between inner 1-5 adult-like coverts (replaced in post-juvenile moult). Retained juvenile coverts have pale rosethorn-shaped tips and shaft streaks, while new adult-like coverts are have more uniform shaped tips and lack pale shaft streaks;  
Most, if not all, immatures retain juvenile rectrices which are narrower and more pointed at tips than those of adults;  
Adult plumage is thought to be attained at the end of the first year or early in the second year;  
Because of lack of definitive data, all birds should be aged (1+) unless plumage characteristics identify it as definitely a first year bird.

**Sexing:**

Sexes are not dimorphic in size or plumage;  
It is thought that the female alone incubates.