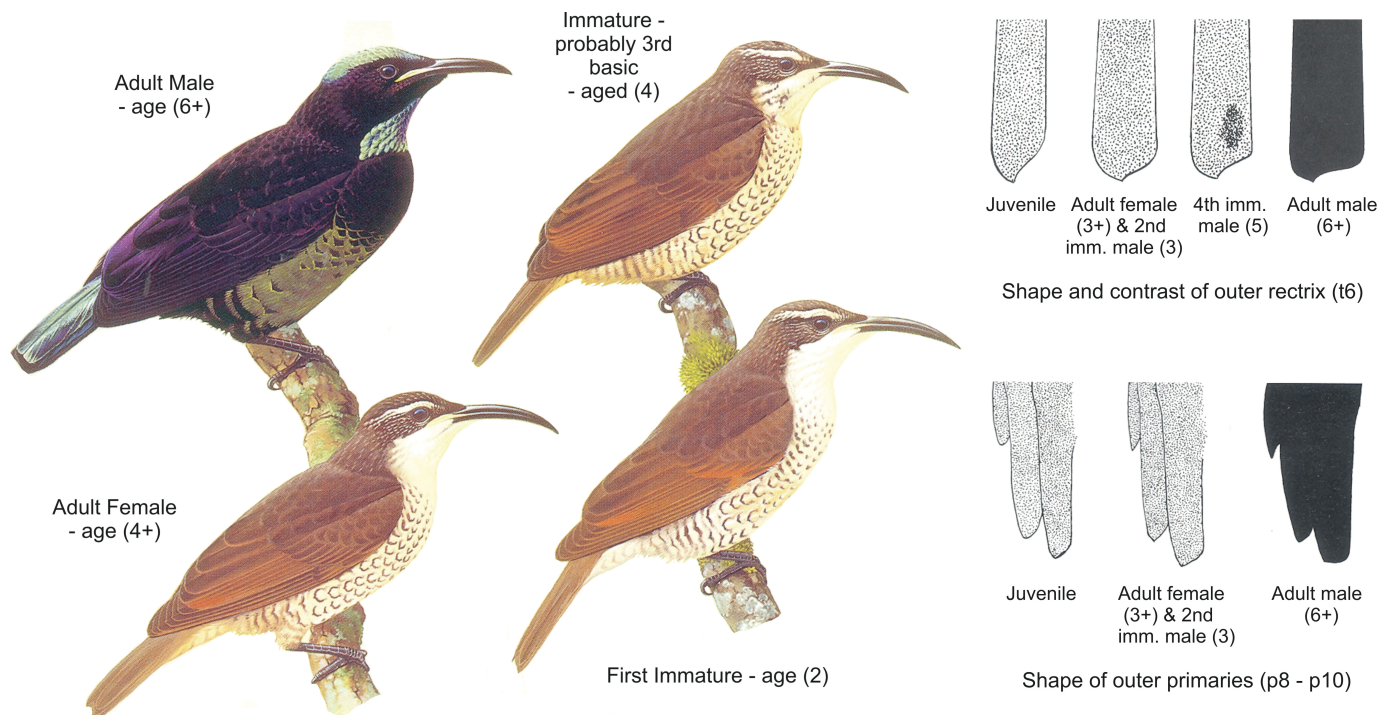


Paradise Riflebird *Ptiloris paradiseus*

Species No.: 686

Band size: 07



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	75.0 – 84.4 mm	76.5 – 85.8 mm
Wing:	146 – 165 mm	125 – 154 mm
Tail:	86 – 104 mm	86 – 100 mm
Weight:	128 – 141 g	86 – 112 g

Ageing and sexing:

Post-juvenile moult within the first few months of fledging results in an adult-female-like plumage, but retain all juvenile, remiges, greater primary coverts, alula & rectrices (see shape in illustration); Some researchers claim that adult female plumage and first immature male plumage are attained early in the second-year – age (2) - coinciding with adult post-breeding moult, others suggest that definitive adult female plumage is attained in the third or fourth year - (3) or (4);

The first traces of adult male plumage may be noted in birds in their fourth year (4), and definitely in the fifth year (5) males, with full adult male plumage attained during their sixth year (6); There is a wide variation in descriptions of features that may separate young males from adult females, so much more information is required;

Adults differ markedly in plumage and in feather structure of remiges, rectrices and alula (see illustrations above);

Males tend to be larger than females, except that females tend to have a longer bill than males; Incubation by female alone.