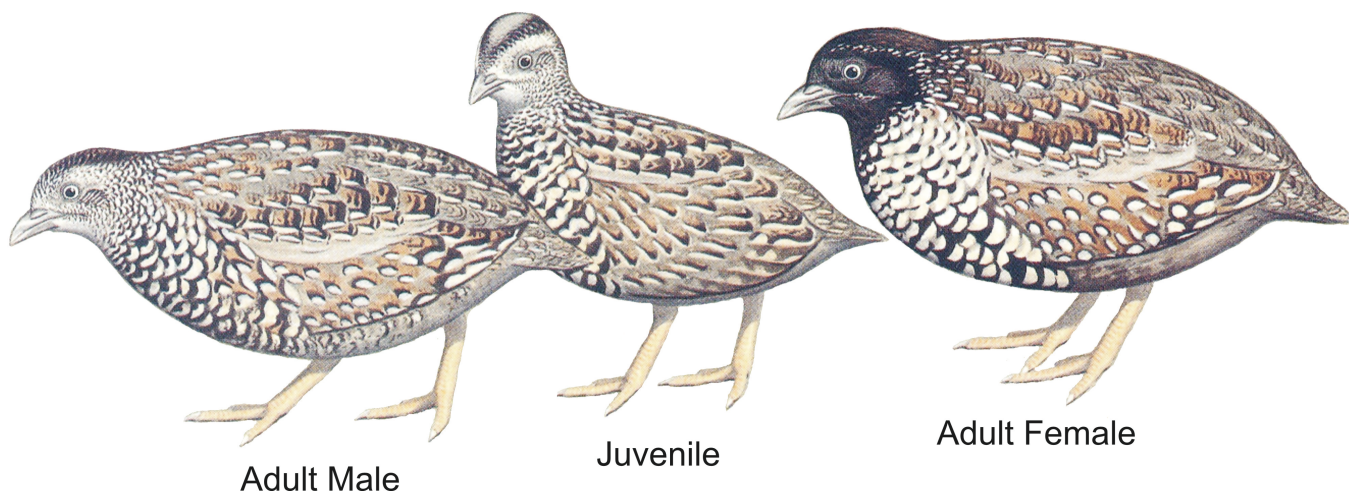


Black-breasted Button-quail *Turnix melanogaster* Species No.: 17 Band size: Trial



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	105 – 112 mm	116 – 120 mm
Tail:	41 – 46 mm	43 – 47 mm
Weight:	50 – 87 g	80 – 119 g

Ageing and sexing:

Most data and descriptions are from captive birds;
Females are considerably larger than males and plumage differences are very distinctive (see illustrations);

Post-juvenile moult commences soon after hatching and results in an adult-like, but slightly paler plumage. At least some immature birds retain juvenile outer primaries.

In captivity, both males and females can breed in this plumage when only 4-5 months old.

Moult to full adult plumage commences at about 1 year.

Because immature plumages are so similar to those of adults, in the field all birds should probably only be aged as (1+).

Incubation is undertaken by the male.