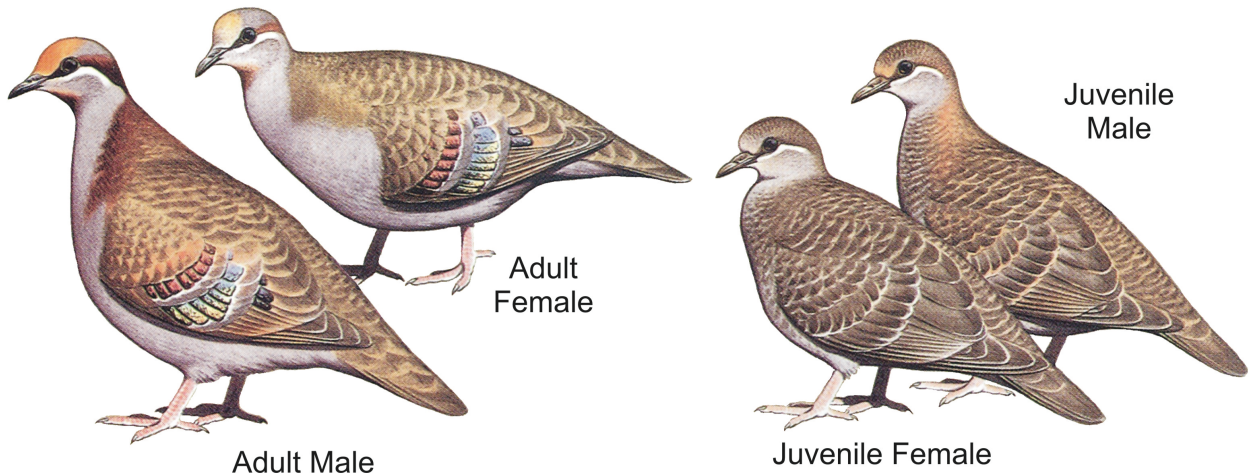


**Brush Bronzewing    *Phaps elegans***

**Species No.: 35**

**Band size: 08**



**Morphometrics:**

	nominate <i>P.e. elegans</i> (Tas. & se. and e. mainland)		ssp. <i>P.e. occidentalis</i> (sw. WA.)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	152 – 173 mm	153 – 163 mm	160 – 175 mm	168 mm (2x specimens)
Tail:	96 – 155 mm	91 – 107 mm	97 – 113 mm	103 -107 mm
Weight:	170 – 260g	140 – 234 g		

**Ageing:**

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	blackish-brown;	brown – darker at tip;
Legs & feet:	red, paler pink between scales;	dull pink with red tinge

Post-juvenile moult results in adult-like plumage. Thus age adults (1+)

**Sexing:**

Sexes differ in plumage at all ages (see illustrations above), but obvious differences are:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Crown & forehead:	rufous-brown to chestnut;	pale rufous-brown tinged with grey, or buff;
Throat:	maroon;	mottled maroon;
Upperparts:	red-brown grading to rich brown;	olive-brown, no red wash;
Underparts:	blue-grey;	grey;
	Immature Male	Immature Female
Forehead:	reddish-brown with wide buff frons;	brown with narrow pale frons;
Sides of neck:	brown with faint rufous wash;	grey to brown

Incubation is shared by male and female.