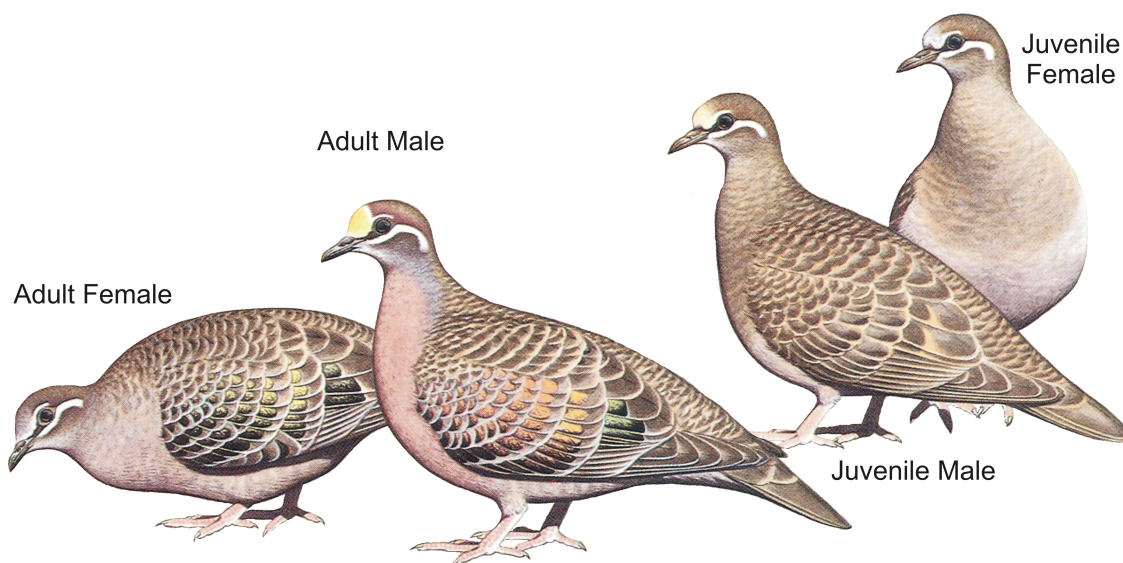


Common Bronzewing *Phaps chalcoptera*

Species No.: 34

Band size: 09



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	55.1 – 56.8 mm	52.7 – 55.9 mm
Wing:	182 – 217 mm	186 – 221 mm
Tail:	115 – 138 mm	110 – 133 mm
Weight:	260 – 450 g	250 – 405 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile/Immature
Bill:	blackish-brown;	dark olive-brown with darker base & tip;
Legs & feet:	reddish-purple;	pinkish-grey
Plumage:	see below under sexing;	

Juveniles moult to adult plumage within the first year; thus adults aged (1+).

Sexing :

No difference in size, but sexes can be determined in all plumages;

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Forehead & forecrown:	yellow-brown to light buff with off-white bases to feathers exposed with wear;	blue-grey with dull off-white bases making them look patchy with wear;
Lores, ear coverts & malar area:	dark brown grading to white chin;	dark brown grading to dirty grey chin;
Sides of neck:	blue-grey;	pale blue-grey;
Upperparts:	dark olive-brown with light brown fringes to feathers giving scaly appearance & two largest scapulars have green to purple iridescent spots;	like adult male but without iridescent spots;
Breast:	red-brown or pink-brown;	dull red-brown with blue-grey sheen;
Upperwing:	iridescent metallic green & bronze bronze secondaries & coverts;	less iridescence than adult male;
	Immature Male	Immature Female
Forehead:	mixture of dull buff yellow and dirty grey;	blue-grey;
Sides of neck:	both sexes brown;	
Breast:	both sexes mottled brown to grey;	

Both sexes incubate.