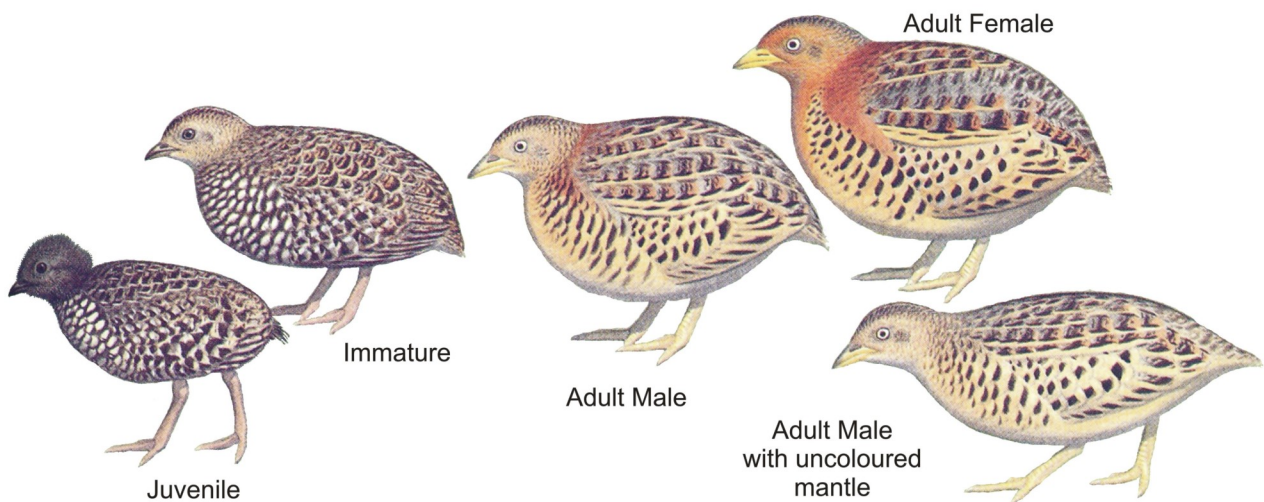


Red-backed Button-quail *Turnix maculosa* **Species No.: 13** **Band size: 04 AY**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	72 – 82 mm	79 – 85 mm
8 th primary:	48 – 53 mm	52 – 56 mm
Tail:	22 – 30 mm	28 – 33 mm
Bill:	8.7 – 11.6 mm	9.3 – 12.3 mm
Tarsus:	16.9 – 20.6 mm	19.0 – 20.8 mm
Weight:	27.5 – 39 g	38 – 49 g

Ageing and sexing:

Post-juvenile moult within the first few months after hatching results in immature plumage. However, the illustration (reproduced above) and text in HANZAB are not consistent. The text states that the plumage of immature birds closely resemble the adults of their sex, except that they are duller in colour. Some birds can be aged on the basis of remnant juvenile feathers on breast, tertials, secondaries and primary coverts.

Moult to adult plumage commences at about 1 year of age. Thus adults are aged (2+).

	Adult Male (2+)	Adult Female (2+)
Bill:	pale yellow with broad grey to dark grey culmen & some have dark grey bill tip;	yellow, sometimes grading to whitish-yellow in distal half;
Supercilium:	off-white faintly mottled with black-brown over ear coverts;	light rufous-brown;
Lores:	off-white;	light rufous-brown;
Ear coverts:	light brown;	light brown to light rufous-brown;
Chin & throat:	white;	light brown;
Hindneck & upper mantle:	brownish-grey;	usually uniform chestnut forming a broad chestnut collar;
Underparts:	upper breast light rufous-brown grading to white belly;	rufous-brown on upper breast grading to light rufous-brown on belly.

Males do all incubation.