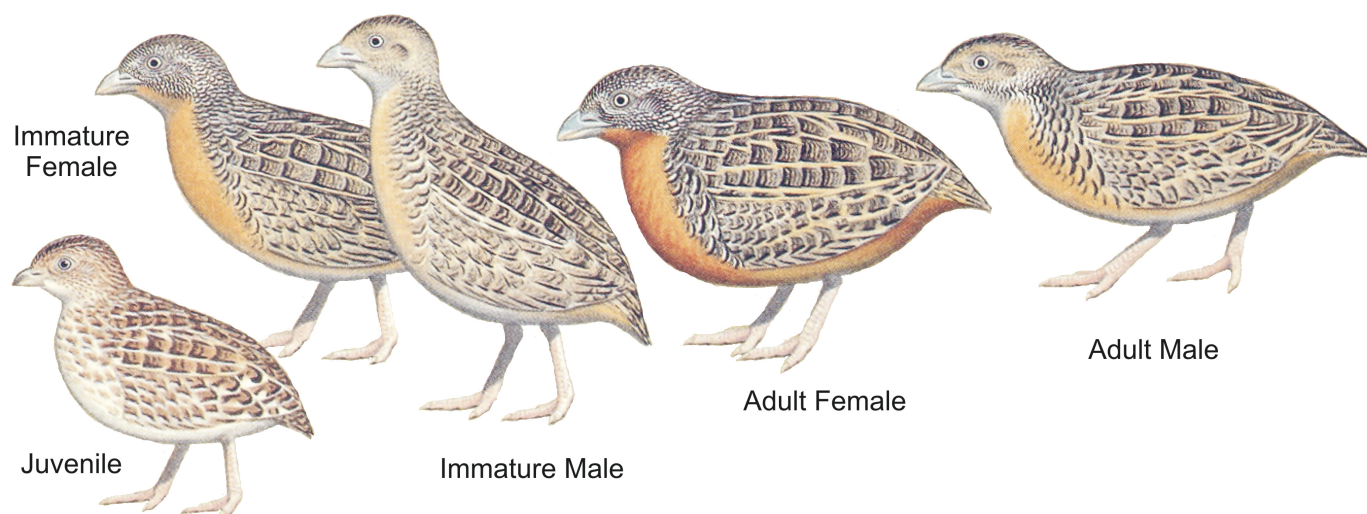


Red-chested Button-quail *Turnix pyrrhothorax* Species No.: 19 Band size: 04



Morphometrics:

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| | Adult Male | Adult Female |
| Wing: | 74 – 82 mm | 80 – 89 mm |
| Tail: | 29 – 34 mm | 28 – 38 mm |
| Weight: | 27 – 46 g | 43 – 76 g |

Ageing and sexing:

Post-juvenile moult results in immature plumage within 2 - 3 months of hatching and moult to adult plumage commences at about 1 year old. Thus adults are aged (2+).

Adult females are considerably larger than males and can also be sexed on plumage characteristics as illustrated and as follows:

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| | Adult Male (2+) | Adult Female (2+) |
| Forehead & forecrown: | mottled brown & black-brown; | finely spotted black and white; |
| Supercilium, lores & ear coverts: | rufous-buff, white bases of feathers sometimes exposed on lores, dark brown tips make ear coverts look darker than supercilium; | white to pale buff finely scaled by black fringes to feathers making some birds look dark-faced; |
| Chin & throat: | white; | orange-rufous; |
| Breast, flanks, thighs vent & under-tail-coverts: | pale orange-rufous grading to white on belly; | mostly dark orange-rufous to rufous-brown, usually with centre of belly white; |

Immatures of both sexes can also be identified on the same plumage characteristics, they are simply paler than the adults – see illustrations;

Incubation by male only.