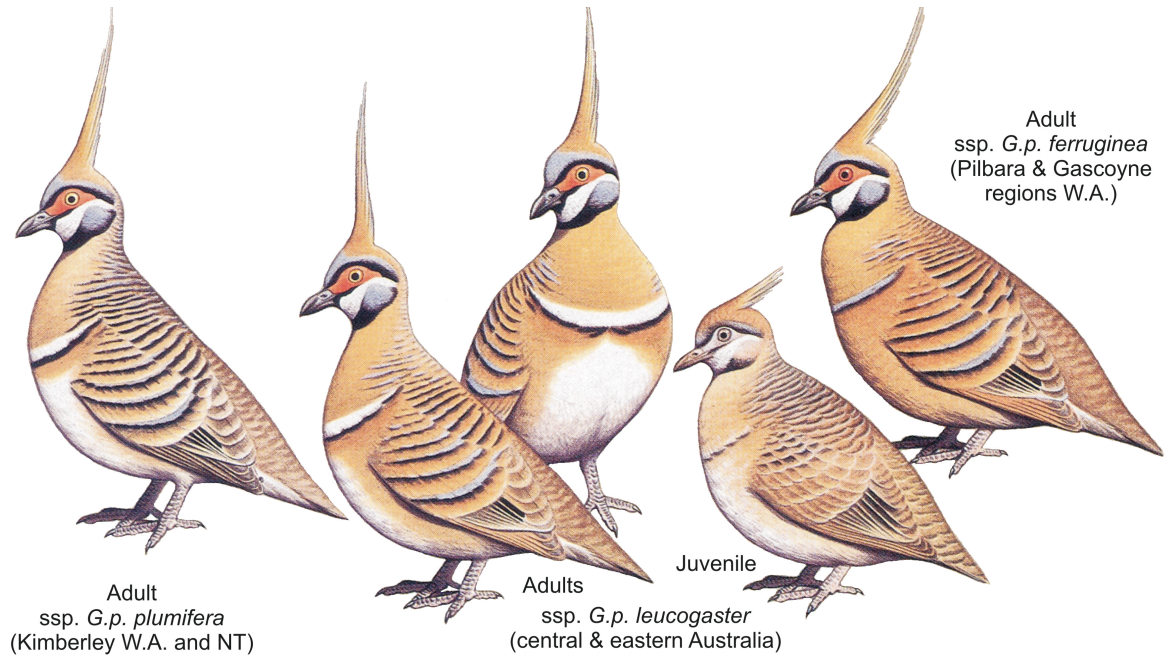


Spinifex Pigeon *Geophaps plumifera* Species No.: 42 Band size: 06



Morphometrics:

There are three subspecies, but hybrid *G.p. plumifera* x *ferruginea* occur along the sw. & se. edges of the Kimberley Division.

	<i>G.p. plumifera</i>		<i>G.p. ferruginea</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	110 – 118 mm	104 – 112 mm	104 – 116 mm	100 – 112 mm
Tail:	65 – 70 mm	60 – 73 mm	55 – 67 mm	57 – 70 mm
Plume (longest feather):	47 – 61 mm	43 – 63 mm	36 – 62 mm	32 – 68 mm
Weight:	94 – 124 g	84 – 101 g	83 – 105 g	77 – 98 g

	<i>G.p. leucogaster</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	107 – 121 mm	105 – 118 mm
Tail:	59 – 79 mm	60 – 76 mm
Plume (longest feather):	40 – 76 mm	46 – 68 mm
Weight:	89 – 130 g	82 – 115 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	grey-black to black;	brown-red;
Iris:	<i>plumifera</i> & <i>leucogaster</i> – orange to yellow; <i>ferruginea</i> – red, reddish orange, reddish brown or light brown;	greenish yellow; greenish yellow;
Facial skin:	red, sometimes paler behind eye;	khaki;
Legs & feet:	dark purplish-grey to dark purplish-brown;	brown-red;

Undergo a complete post-juvenile moult to adult plumage within the first year. Thus adults aged (1+).

Sexing:

Sexes alike in plumage, but adult males tend to be marginally larger than females;
Not known whether incubation is shared.