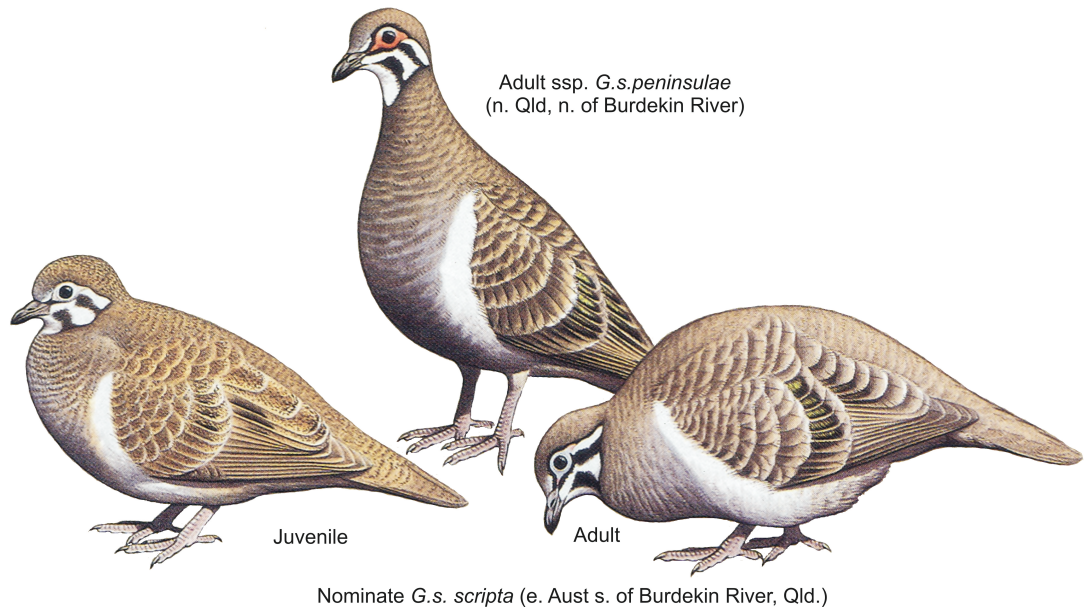


**Squatter Pigeon    *Geophaps scripta***

**Species No.: 39**

**Band size: 08**



**Morphometrics:**

Measurements for the two subspecies are given below, but they also hybridize in central Qld;  
The two subspecies appear to differ only in facial skin colour as described below:

	Nominate <i>G.s. scripta</i>		ssp. <i>G.s. peninsulæ</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	141 – 158 mm	140 – 146 mm	136 – 150 mm	132 – 149 mm
Tail:	91 – 110 mm	90 – 102 mm	88 – 114 mm	92 – 114 mm
Weight:	195 – 246 g	193 – 230 g	188 – 250 g	180 – 250 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	black;	black-brown;
Iris:	dark brown;	brown;
Facial skin:	<i>scripta</i> is orange-yellow, orange, or red and some have pale blue, or grey on the eyelid; <i>peninsulæ</i> is pale blue to pale grey;	yellow, buff, pale yellow, or white
Forehead, crown & nape:	grey grading to light grey-brown on nape;	dark brown with light brown to buff speckling;
Facial pattern:	black and white,	blackish-brown but less distinct than adults and patchy;
General plumage:	brown to light grey-brown;	brown to dark brown with light brown to buff-brown speckling;

Adult plumage is acquired during the first summer, so adults are aged (1+);

**Sexing:**

There appears to be no sexual dimorphism in either size or plumage;  
Not known whether both sexes brood.