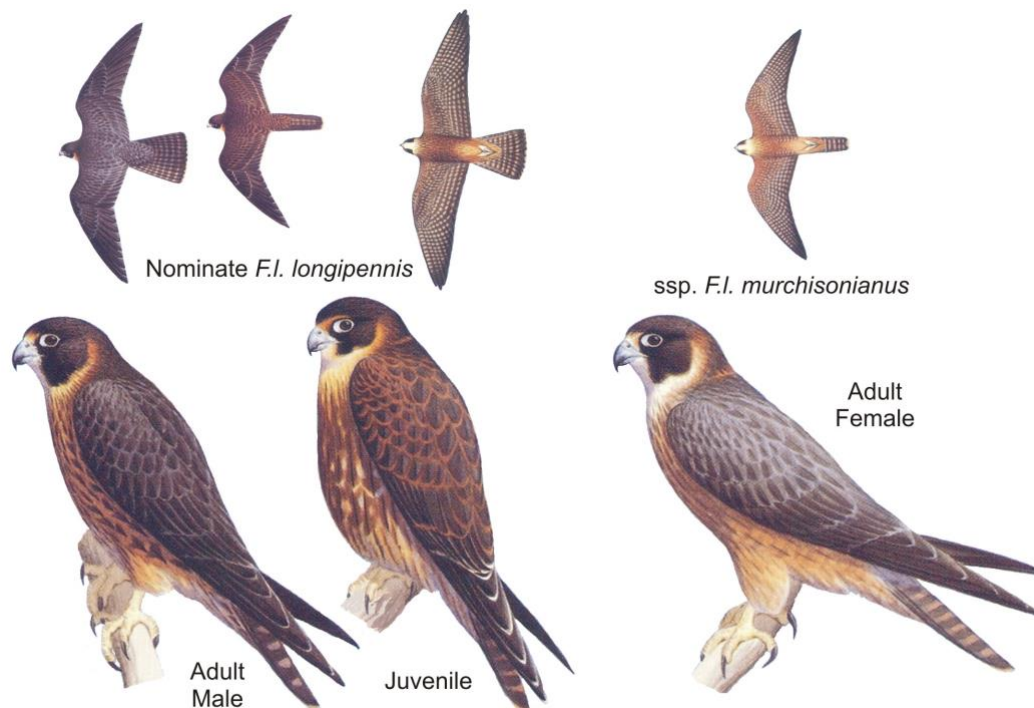


**Australian Hobby** *Falco longipennis* Species No.: 235 Band size: 08 (09) SS



**Morphometrics:**

Two subspecies as follows:

	<i>F.l. longipennis</i> (Tas & coastal Aust.)		<i>F.l. murchisonianus</i> (inland Aust.)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	228 – 250 mm	254 – 276 mm	225 – 250 mm	252 – 288 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	145 – 172 mm	171 – 193 mm	152 – 173 mm	162 – 196 mm
Tail:	114 – 135 mm	128 – 147 mm	113 – 135 mm	128 – 147 mm
Bill (cere):	12.3 – 15.5 mm	14.7 – 16.5 mm	12.9 – 15.0 mm	14.9 – 17.4 mm
Tarsus:	32.8 – 38.6 mm	34.0 – 37.6 mm	33.3 – 35.9 mm	33.4 – 38.6 mm
Weight:	132 – 280 g	190 – 365 g	132 – 280 g	190 – 365 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Orbital Skin:	pale to light blue;	pale blue to pale greenish-blue;
Iris:	black-brown to dark brown;	black to black-brown;
Crown & nape;	grey-black with black shaft streaks;	grey-black with thin rufous-brown to buff-brown fringes;
Upperparts:	mostly grey-black feathers with thin black shafts with pale buff-brown fringes;	grey-black feathers with bold rufous-brown to buff-brown fringes;
Underparts:	rufous-brown to buff-brown, heavily marked with blackish-brown;	similar to adult but dark markings are usually fainter and less well defined;

Post-juvenile moult to adult plumage commences with body moult commences before one year old and is completed early in the second year in parallel with adult post-breeding moult. Thus Immatures be aged (2-) and Adults (2+)

Note that the inland subspecies is considerably paler than the nominate.

**Sexing:**

There are no plumage differences between the sexes, but females are considerably larger than males;  
Both sexes incubate.