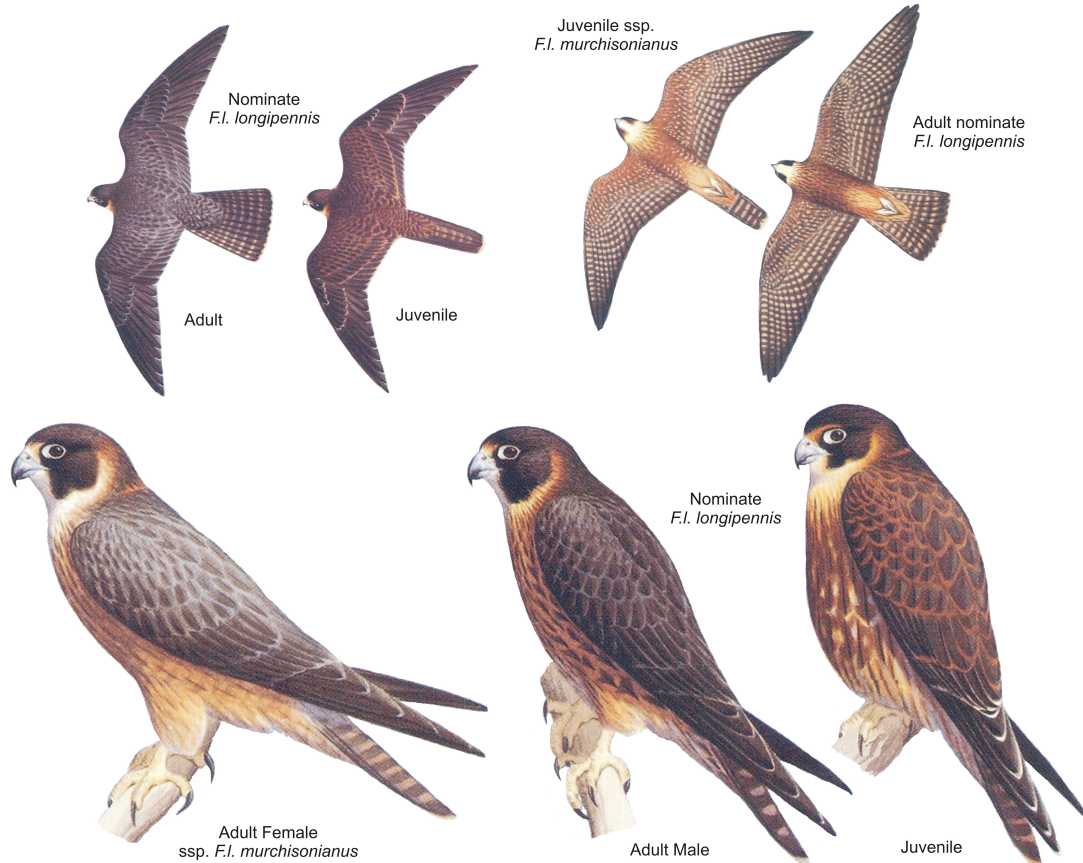


Australian Hobby *Falco longipennis*

Species No.: 235

Band size: 08 (09)



Morphometrics:

	<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
Tail:	114 – 135 mm	128 – 147 mm	113 – 135 mm	128 – 147 mm
Weight:	(both ssp. combined)		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 more faint 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 adults should be aged (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.