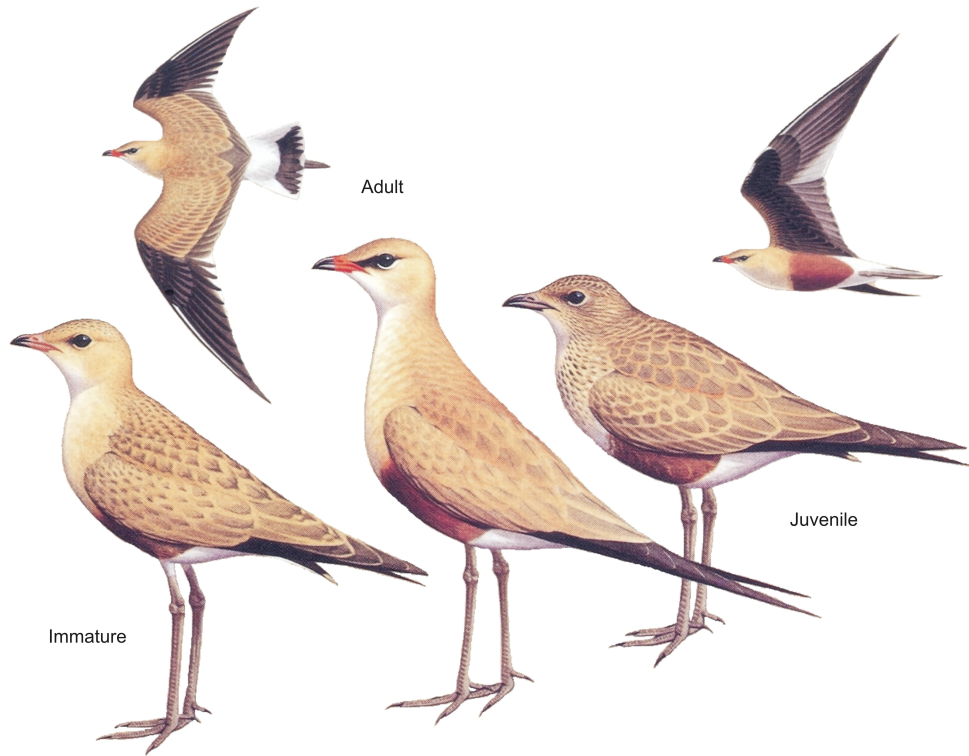


Australian Pratincole *Stiltia isabella*

Species No.: 173 Band size: 06 IN



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	182 – 216 mm	184 – 204 mm
Tail:	55 – 65 mm	53 – 62 mm
Weight:	55 – 75 g	54 – 75 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (2-)	Juvenile
Bill & gape:	bright red to orange-red basal third to two-thirds of bill & gape, tip black;	basal two thirds & gape dull red-brown, dull brick red or dull orange-red, tip grey-black;	black to grey-black, or brown;
Crown & nape:	tawny brown with slight rufous tinge;	dark brown with tawny brown fringes giving a neat scaly appearance;	buff to buff-brown with dark brown central streak;
Upperparts:	see illustrations;		
Upper breast:	buff and uniform;	pale sandy brown;	scalloped buff-brown;

Wing length may also assist in ageing – adults 182 – 216 mm; immatures 167 – 210 mm; juveniles 165 – 178 mm.

Moult to juvenile plumage, when the bird can first fly, is completed within 4-5 weeks, of hatching; Complete post-juvenile moult to first immature non-breeding plumage followed by a partial pre-breeding moult to first immature breeding plumage. Thereafter a complete post-breeding moult followed by a partial pre-breeding moult each cycle. However, timing of each moult is not certain – breeding adults will be at least in their second year.

Sexing:

Sexes similar in both size and plumage;
Both sexes incubate.