

Square-tailed Kite *Lophoictinia isura*

Species No.: 230

Band size: 11 SS



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	454 – 478 mm	460 – 499 mm
8 th Primary:	350 – 364 mm	343 – 388 mm
Tail:	233 – 250 mm	241 – 269 mm
Bill (cere):	21.4 – 24.3 mm	21.8 – 25.4 mm
Tarsus:	50.5 – 58.7 mm	46.0 – 60.2 mm
Weight:	501 g (1)	660, 670, 680 g (3)

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	black, grading to blue-grey or whitish base;	grey darkening to black at tip;
Cere:	pinkish-white;	whitish or blue-grey;
Iris:	straw yellow;	dark brown;
Legs & feet:	ivory or pinkish-white;	pinkish-white;
Head & neck:	mostly whitish to pale cream finely streaked grey-black;	mostly buff-brown with black-brown streaks and whitish face;
Upper breast:	rufous-brown to buff-brown broadly streaked blackish;	golden brown or buff-brown with thin black shaft-streaks

Moult not fully understood - adult plumage is attained either at the end of the second or third year; Thus adults should be aged at least (3+).

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage;
 Females tend to be slightly larger than males, but large overlap in measurements;
 Both sexes incubate.