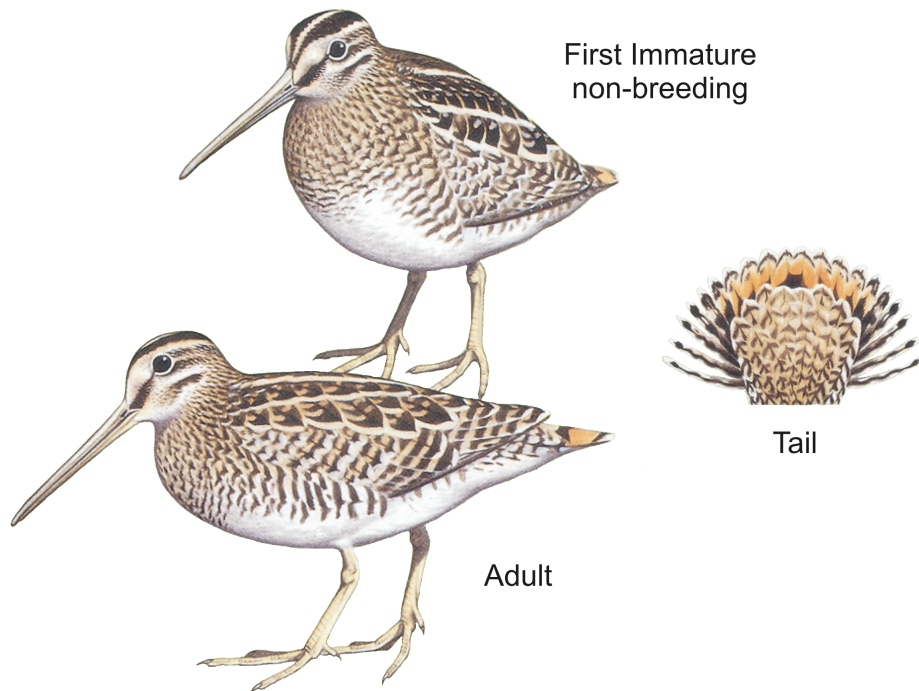


Swinhoe's Snipe

Gallinago megala

Species No.: 169

Band size: 06 IN



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	130 – 144 mm	137 -150 mm
Tail:	51 – 63 mm	50 – 61 mm
Bill:	55.5 – 68.3 mm	60.3 – 73.4 mm
Weight:	103 – 135 g	

Ageing:

Swinhoe's Snipe breed in Siberia and Mongolia and then migrate to s-e Asia, Pacific islands and a some reach northern Australia from the Kimberley to Cape York in mid-October. Immatures are very similar to adults and can be aged as juvenile/immature (1) only on the basis of remnant juvenile plumage; Adults will be aged (2+),

Sexing:

Sexes similar in size and plumage.

Similar Species:

Three *Gallinago* snipe species are known to migrate to Australia in the non-breeding season. The three species are very similar in plumage, except for tail structure:

Tails of *Gallinago* snipe that are known to occur in Australia

