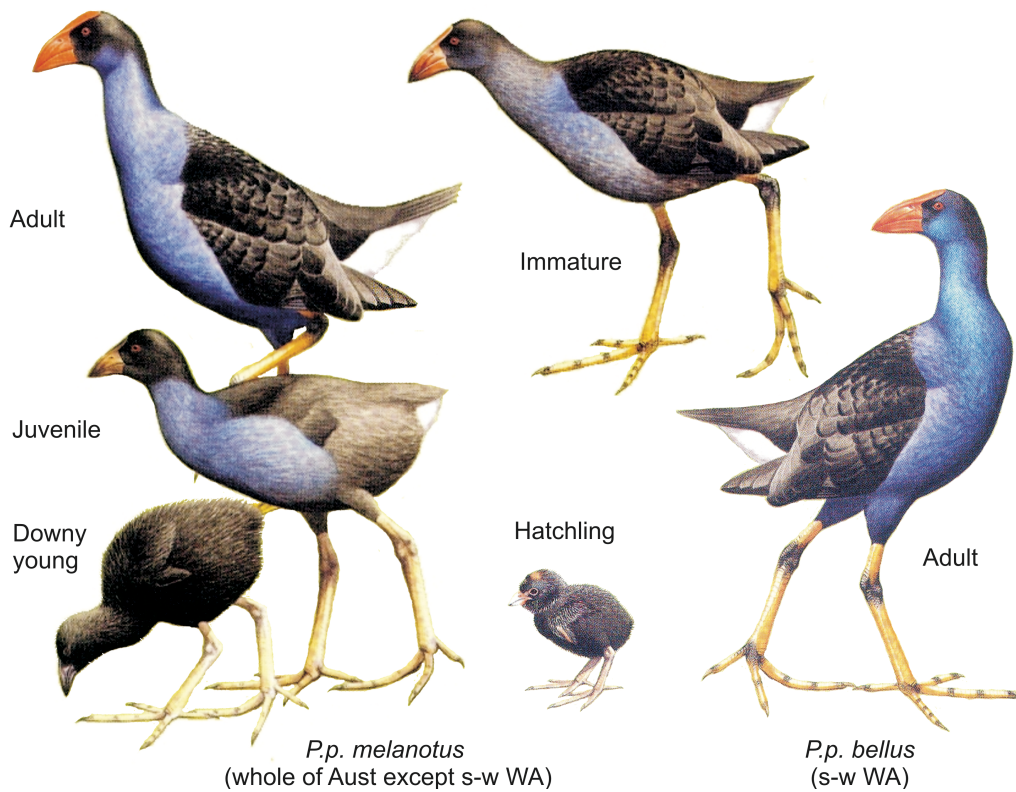


Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio* Species No.: 58 Band size: 12 (13) (11)



Morphometrics:

	<i>P.p. melanotus</i>		<i>P.p. bellus</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	267 – 291 mm	262 – 285 mm	268 – 290mm	266 – 278 mm
8 th Primary:	183 – 198 mm	186 – 201 mm	188 – 198 mm	192 – 197 mm
Tail:	95 – 109 mm	95 – 105 mm	101 – 120 mm	105 – 115 mm
Bill (loral point - tip):	41.1 – 45.6 mm	36.7 – 41.5 mm	42.4 – 49.2 mm	41.6 – 45.7 mm
Weight:	785 – 1310 g	679 – 1252 g	no records	

Note: Loral point is the junction of the bill, frontal shield and lores in front of the eye.

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill & frontal shield:	mainly red generally with pinker tips & mandibular rami; some have roughly triangular patches on sides;	grey-black with light brown patches;
Iris:	red or red-brown;	dark brown or brick-red;
Head:	<i>melanotus</i> - blackish with purplish-blue sheen; <i>bellus</i> – crown & nape blackish, malar area & chin iridescent cobalt;	brownish-black;
Neck, breast & belly:	<i>melanotus</i> - glossy purplish blue or indigo; <i>bellus</i> – iridescent cobalt;	brownish-black with slight blue tinge;

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage or bare parts colour;
 Adult males are marginally larger than adult females;
 Incubation is shared between all adults in a group.