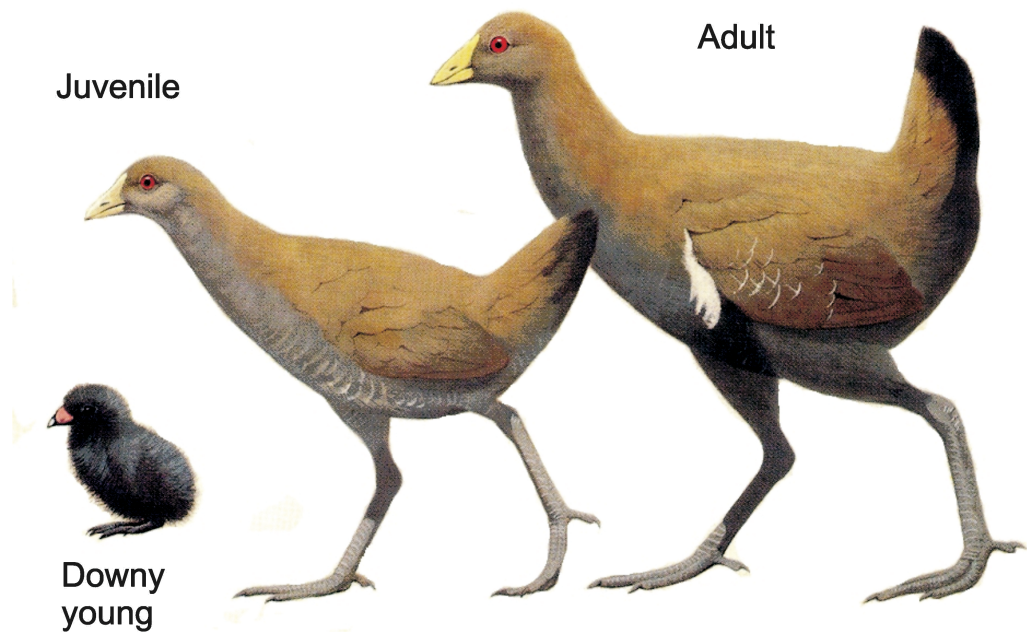


Tasmanian Native-hen

*Gallinula mortierii*

Species No.: 54

Band size: 12 SS



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	194 – 213 mm	188 – 211 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	127 – 141 mm	123 – 142 mm
Tail:	88 – 102 mm	83 – 100 mm
Tarsus:	76.5 – 89.0 mm	
Weight:	insufficient records to present a range	

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	olive-yellow, olive tinge strongest on frontal shield;	for first few months – dusky, then as adult;
Crown, nape & centre of hindneck:	brown to dark olive-brown;	pale brown;
Face:	pale olive-brown;	very pale olive-brown with white bases to feathers;
Sides of neck:	greyish olive;	olive-brown
Chin, throat & foreneck:	grey to leaden grey, sometimes with olive-grey or bluish tinge;	grey but lacking bluish tinge of adults;
Breast & belly:	bluish grey with grey-olive tips to feathers - darker towards belly;	grey grading to dark grey belly;
Flanks:	broad white feather tips on fore-flanks forming a large white blaze;	lacks white blaze.

Post juvenile moult to immature plumage occurs before the first Winter, but remiges are retained until moult to adult plumage which commences when about one year old. Thus adults aged (2+).

Sexing:

Not sexually dimorphic in plumage, but males may be larger than females in some measurements (see Tarsus measurements above);  
All adult members of a group share incubation.