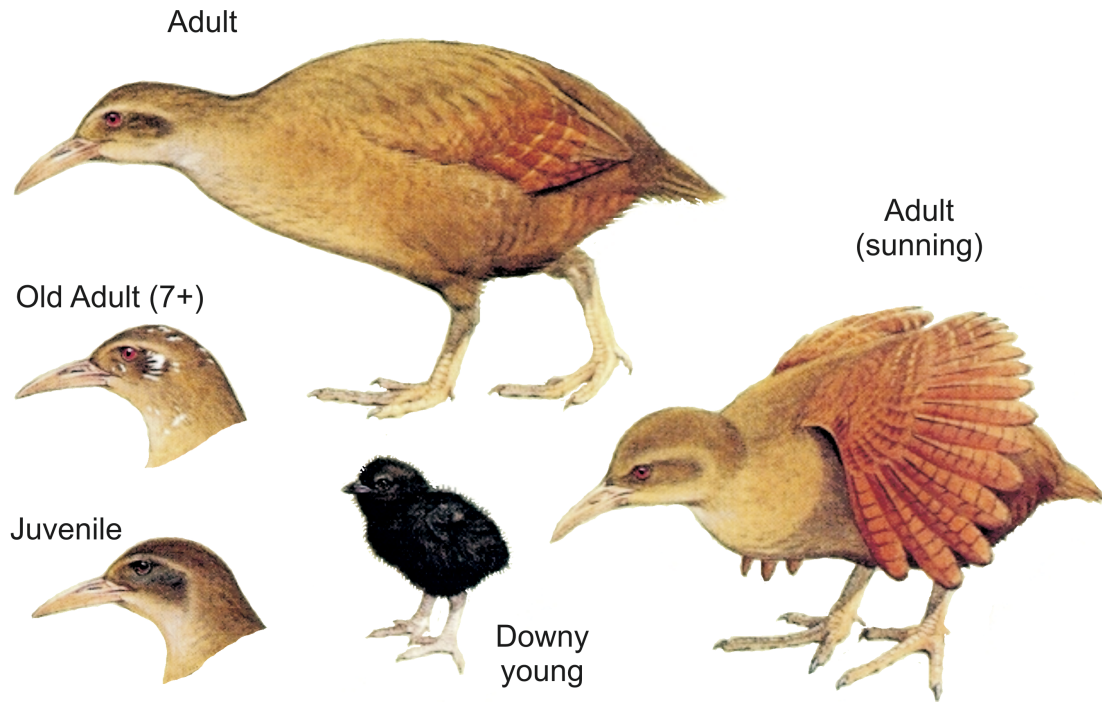


Woodhen

Gallirallus sylvestris

Species No.: 966

Band size: 10 SS



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	135 – 151 mm	134 – 156 mm
Tail:	60 – 70 mm	63 – 68 mm
Bill (feathers – tip):	47.0 – 59.2 mm	44.4 – 50.3 mm
Tarsus:	44.5 – 53.5 mm	41.5 – 48.6 mm
Weight:	410 – 780 g	330 – 615 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	pink or dirty pink basally, grading to light pink-brown distally;	grey-black, slightly paler toward tip, becoming dark grey-brown with age;
Iris:	bright red to crimson;	dark grey initially, then brown and begins turning red by three months;
Legs & feet:	light pink-brown to light pink-grey;	initially grey with pin tinge
Upperparts:	brown-olive;	more reddish-brown than adults;
Underparts:	light olive-grey;	browner than adults;
Tips of primaries:	rounded;	pointed;

Adult plumage is attained within the first year.

Birds aged over seven years (7+) gradually acquire white feathers among ear coverts, crown and nape feathers;

Sexing:

Males generally have a longer bill and tarsus than females. A discriminant function has been calculated for live birds ($Z = 1.7 \times \text{tarsus} + \text{bill}$); males > 141 and females < 141 ; Both sexes incubate.