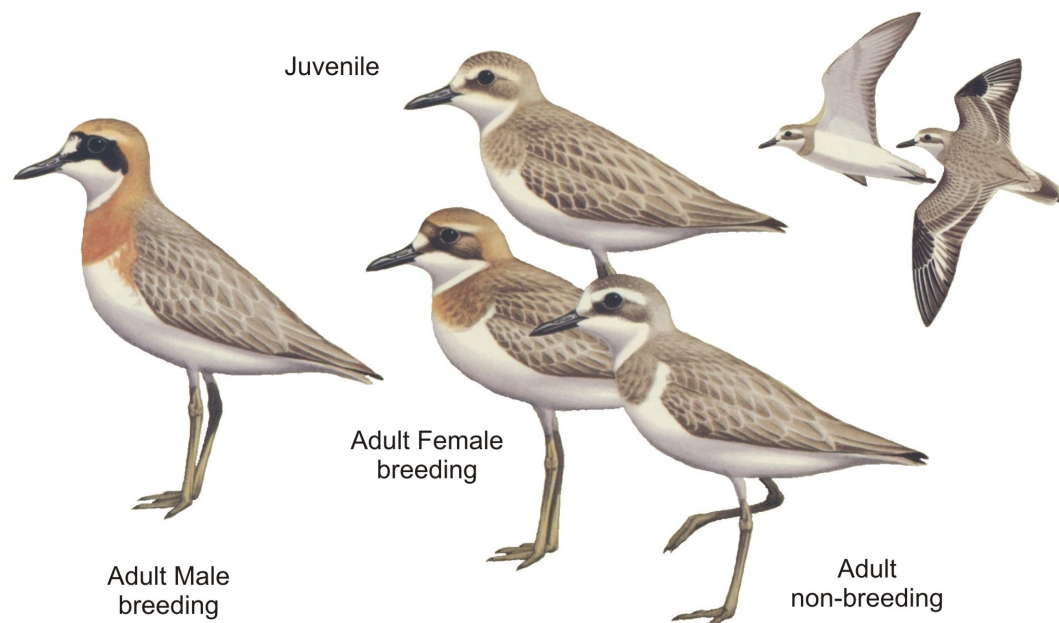


Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii* Species No.: 141 Band size: 05 IN



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	135 – 147 mm	136 – 149 mm
8 th Primary:	88 – 95 mm	88 – 97 mm
Tail:	46 – 60 mm	46 – 56 mm
Bill:	21 – 24 mm	19.5 – 25.2 mm
Tarsus:	35 – 39 mm	34 – 39 mm
Weight:	63 – 87 g	66 – 121 g

Ageing:

Juveniles and first immatures are similar to adults in non-breeding plumage, but can be aged (1) by buff-edged underwing inner coverts and their supercilium is off-white to buff, whereas non-breeding adults are white;

Partial moult to second immature occurs in late Autumn and these birds remain in Aust. until late in their second year. These birds are similar in appearance to non-breeding adults, but retain worn primaries until their second Spring (September). These birds should be aged (1) until July and (2) thereafter;

Adults (3+) arrive in Australia in full non-breeding plumage and commence moult back into breeding plumage from late Summer;

All birds that are moulting into breeding plumage can be aged (2+).

Sexing:

Breeding adults are readily sexed by plumage - see illustrations, but non-breeding adults appear identical.

Similar Species:

Mongolian Plover