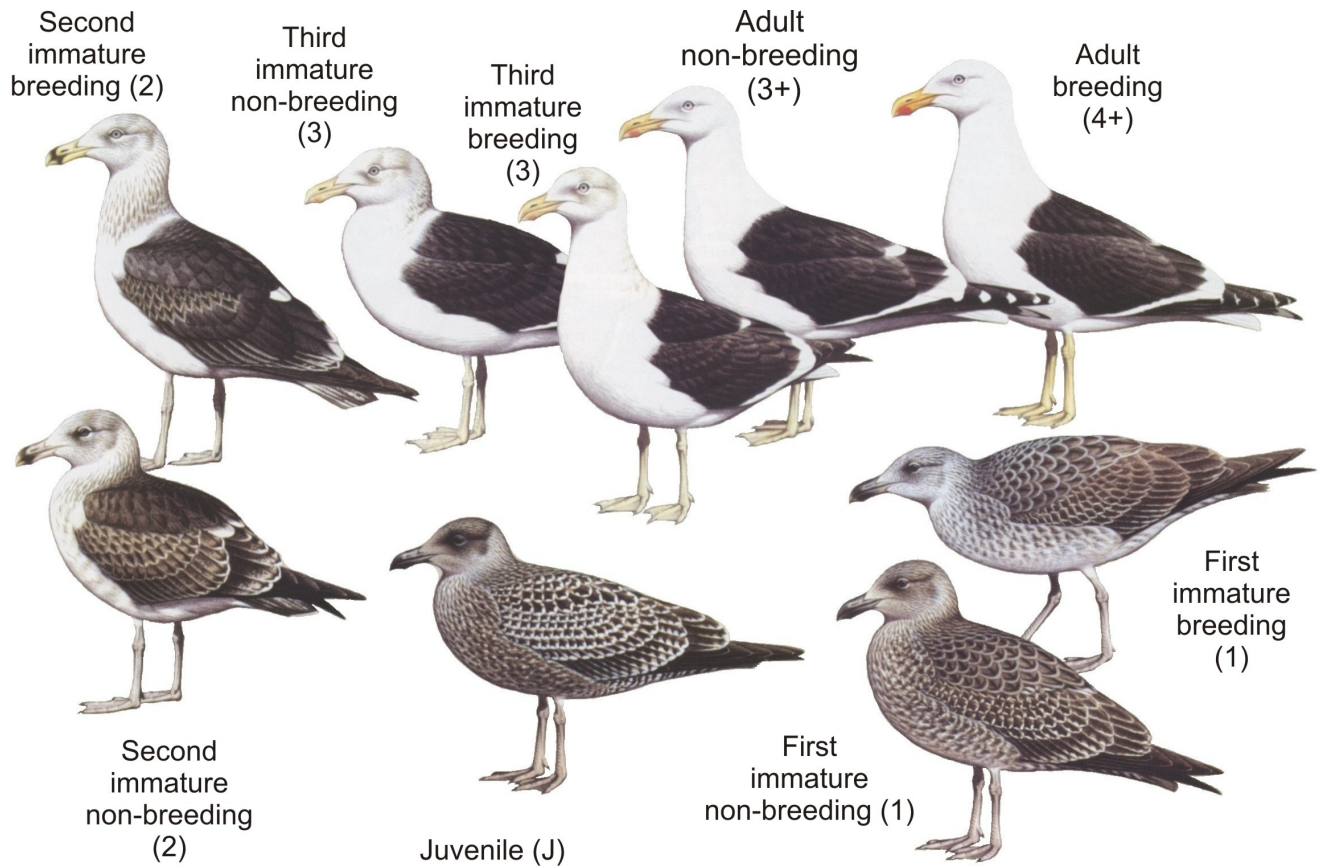


Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

Species No.: 981 Band size: 11 SS



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	392 – 448 mm	320 – 428 mm
Tail:	139 – 181 mm	130 – 167 mm
Bill length:	46.0 – 59.0 mm	39.0 – 53.0 mm
Bill depth at gonyx:	18.0 – 23.5 mm	15.5 – 21.5 mm
Bill depth at base:	15.5 – 23.5 mm	14.0 – 20.0 mm
Tarsus:	57.5 – 72.5 mm	53.0 – 66.0 mm
Toe:	61.0 – 71.0 mm	53.0 – 66.5 mm
Weight:	950 – 1388 g	540 – 1020 g

Ageing:

See illustrations above;

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage, but males are generally larger than females, though there is considerable overlap in measurements.
Both sexes incubate.

Similar species:

Obvious differences from the Pacific Gull are:

	Kelp Gull	Pacific Gull
Bill shape:	same depth toward tip as at base;	deeper towards tip than at base;
Bill tip shape:	distal end of upper mandible rounded;	massive and wedge shaped;
Adult bill tip:	red tip to lower mandible only;	red tip to both mandibles;
Tail:	no sub-terminal band;	sub-terminal black band.