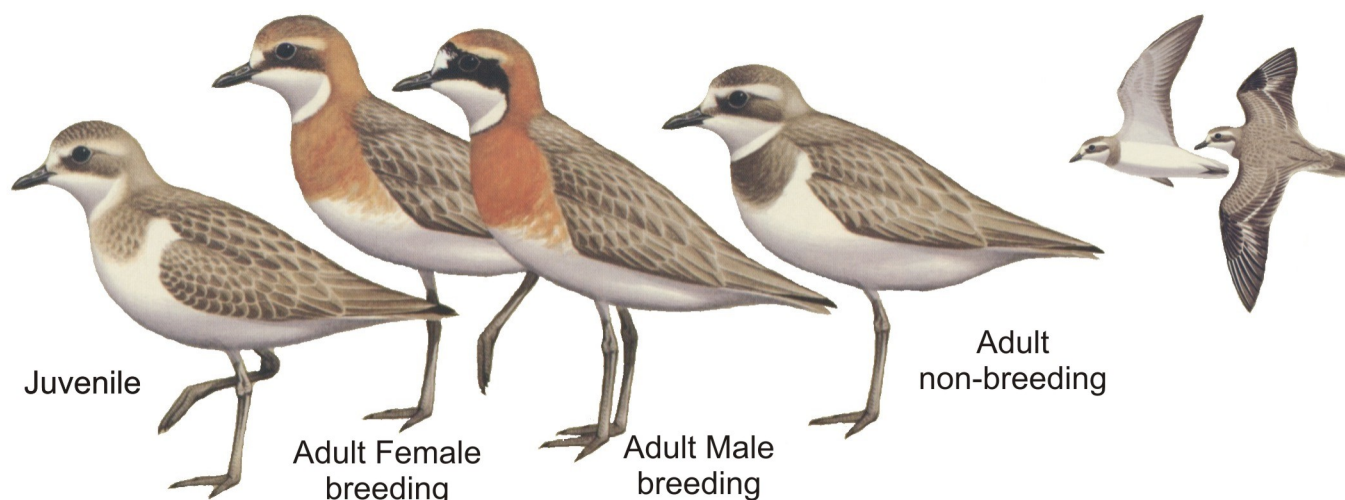


Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus* Species No.: 139 Band size: 04 IN



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	124 – 138 mm	127 – 140 mm
8 th Primary:	81 – 92 mm	
Tail:	47 – 56 mm	50 – 56 mm
Bill:	15 – 18.2 mm	15 – 18.3 mm
Tarsus:	24.4 – 34.9 mm	28.9 – 34.9 mm
Weight:	90 – 110 g	

Ageing:

Juveniles and first immatures are similar to adults in non-breeding plumage, but can be aged (1) by pale buff-edged over much of the body 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 are very similar in appearance to non-breeding adults, but retain juvenile primaries and secondaries until their second Austral Spring (September) when they are early into their second year (2).

Moult to full adult breeding plumage is attained for the first time at approximately 20 months. Thus 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:

Large Sand Plover