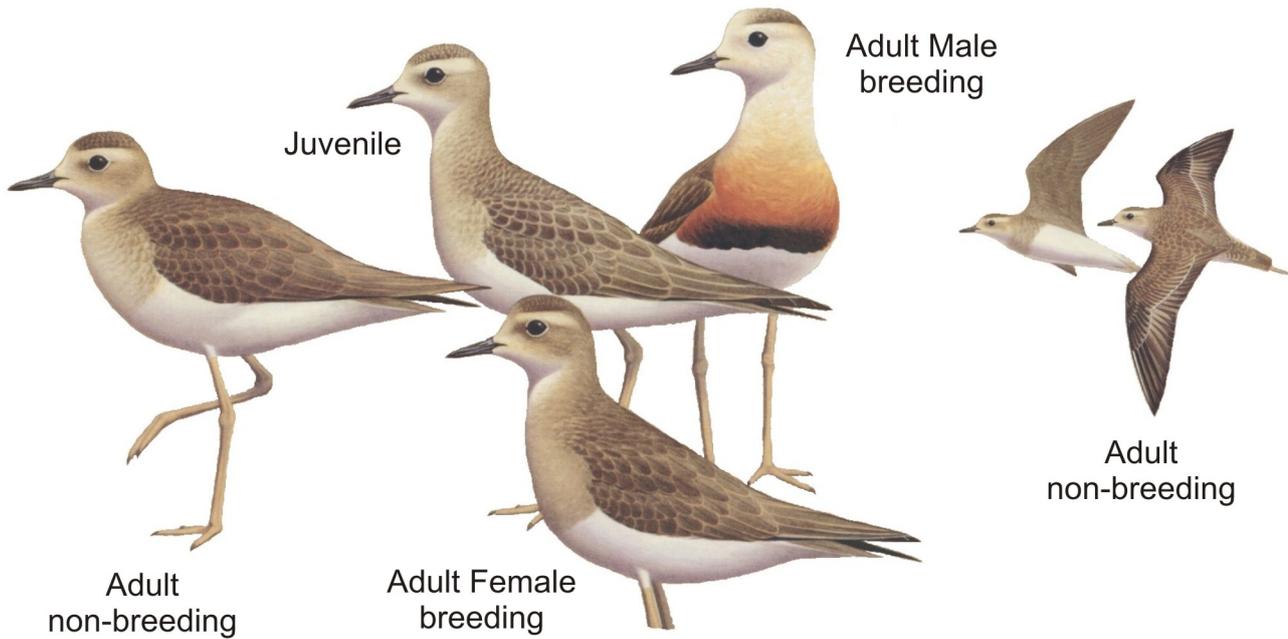


Oriental Plover *Charadrius veredus*

Species No.: 142 Band size: 05 IN



Morphometrics:

| | Adult Male | Adult Female |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Wing: | 159 – 172 mm | 156 – 169 mm |
| 8 th Primary: | 105 – 113 mm | 95 – 115 mm |
| Tail: | 58 – 68 mm | 55 – 66 mm |
| Bill: | 19.3 – 25.1 mm | 20.6 – 24.1 mm |
| Tarsus: | 42.6 – 50.0 mm | 142.2 – 49.1 mm |
| Weight: | 86 – 104 g | 96.6 – 105.4 g |

Ageing:

Juveniles and first immatures are similar to adults in non-breeding plumage, but can be aged (1) by the presence of new primaries initially or commencement in March of a partial outer primary moult before departure to breeding areas in Mongolia and adjacent areas; Completion of moult to second Immature is usually not completed until after their return to Australia in early September when the birds should be aged (2) because of the presence of very worn outer primaries which identifies them from fresh plumaged non-breeding adults; 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:

Adults in breeding plumage are sexually dimorphic –see illustrations.