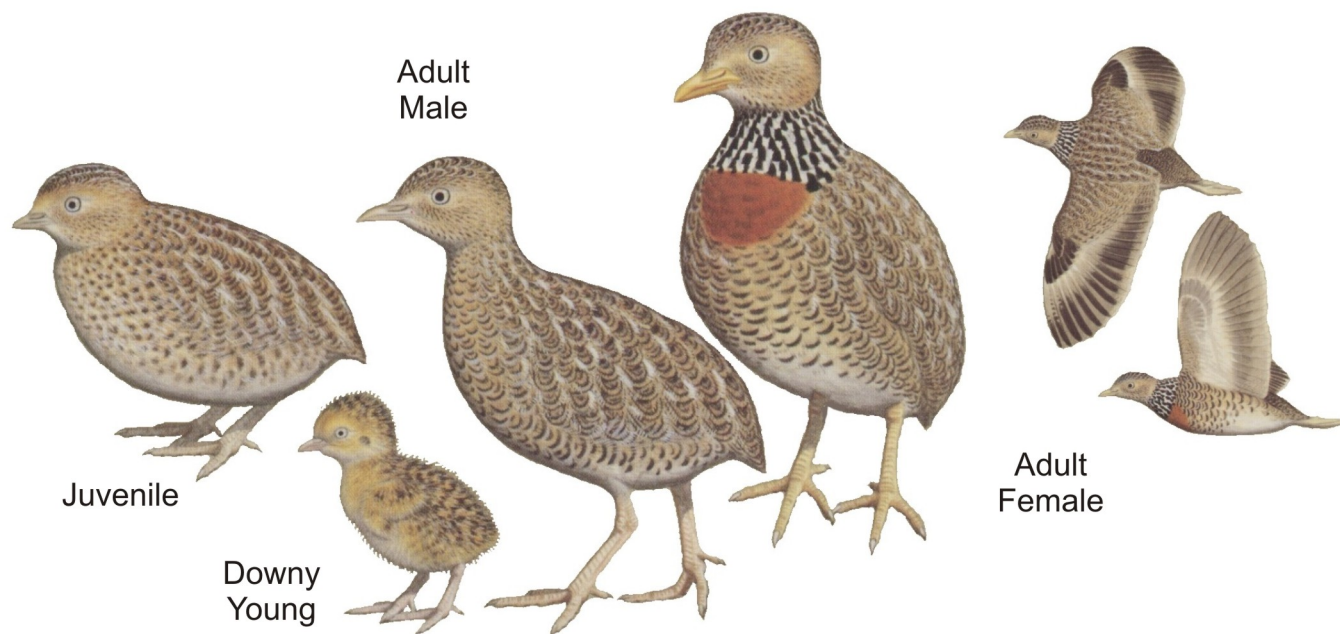


Plains-wanderer

Pedionomus torquatus

Species No.: 20

Band size: 05 IN



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	79 – 104 mm	95 – 109 mm
8 th Primary:	60 – 62 mm	63 – 76 mm
Tail:	28 – 33 mm	26 – 35 mm
Bill:	10.8 – 13.9 mm	10.6 – 14.9 mm
Tarsus:	22.5 – 28.4 mm	22.9 – 30.8 mm
Weight:	39 – 79 g	57 – 95 g

Ageing:

Natal down is replaced by distinctive juvenile plumage from 3 – 5 weeks after hatching;
Timing of moult to sexually identifiable plumage is not well known;
Juveniles differ from adult males as follows:

	Adult Male (1+)	Juvenile (J) or (1)
Crown:	black-brown strongly scalloped light brown & less strongly scalloped white;	black-brown with light brown spots & indistinct white scalloping;
Upper parts:	brown, closely vermiculated black-brown & variably streaked or scalloped white, ground colour of feathers is light brown;	black vermiculation is generally finer & more widely spaced than adult, light brown ground colour is generally more yellowish;
Upper breast:	buff to orange-buff grading to white bases & fringes – each feather has a strongly convex black-brown subterminal bar;	warm buff, heavily speckled dark-brown;
Under-tail:	coverts buff grading to white bases with black-brown subterminal bands;	coverts buff heavily speckled dark brown;

Sexing:

Sexually dimorphic on plumage (see illustrations);
Most incubation is undertaken by the male.