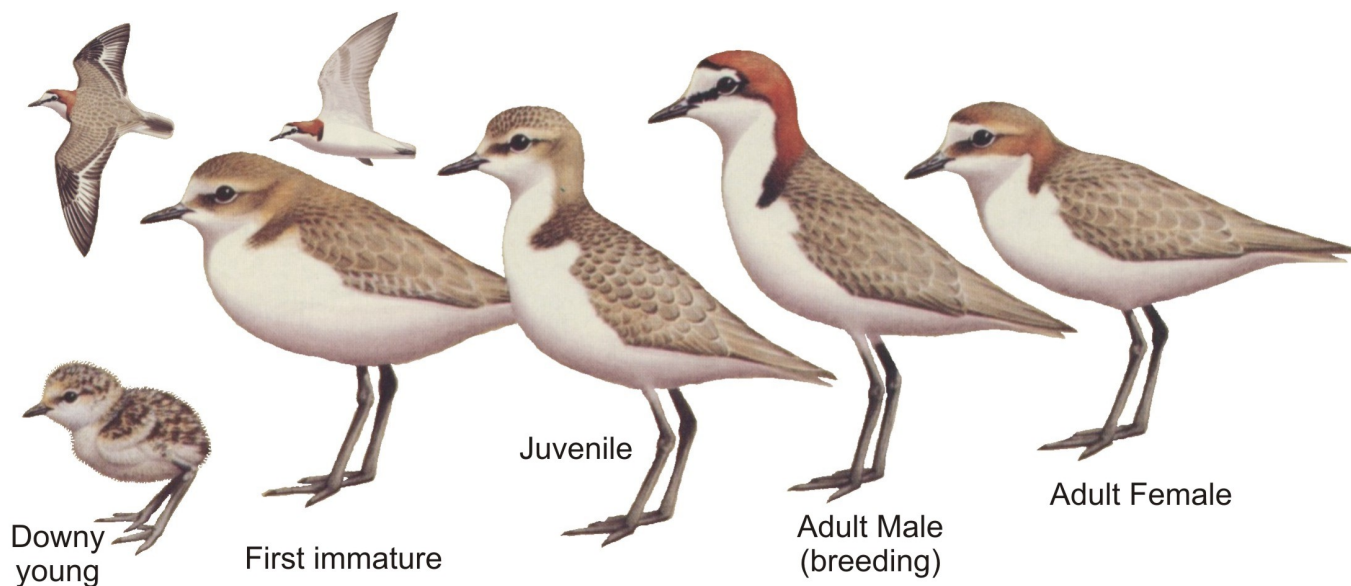


Red-capped Plover *Charadrius ruficapillus* **Species No.: 143** **Band size: 03 IN**



Morphometrics:

Birds in northern Australia may be slightly smaller than those of southern Australia, but the measurement presented below cover the full range of measurements recorded:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	98 – 113 mm	100 – 109 mm
8 th Primary:	67 – 73 mm	66 – 71 mm
Tail:	37 – 46 mm	35 – 43 mm
Bill:	12.2 – 15.5 mm	11.7 – 15.4 mm
THL:	34.5 – 46.4 mm	32.5 – 41.8 mm
Tarsus:	22.6 – 28.8 mm	23.3 – 28.0 mm
Weight:	27 – 48 g	29 – 54 g

Ageing:

See illustrations;

Natal down is replaced by juvenile plumage within a few weeks of hatching and partial moult to first immature plumage commences soon after fledging. This is followed by a partial moult to second immature plumage toward the end of the first Winter;

Adult plumage is attained at approximately twelve months of age; Thus age all birds in adult plumage as (1+)

Sexing:

Size differences between the sexes is negligible, but significant differences in plumage – see illustrations;

Most incubation by female, but male may incubate for short periods soon after laying.