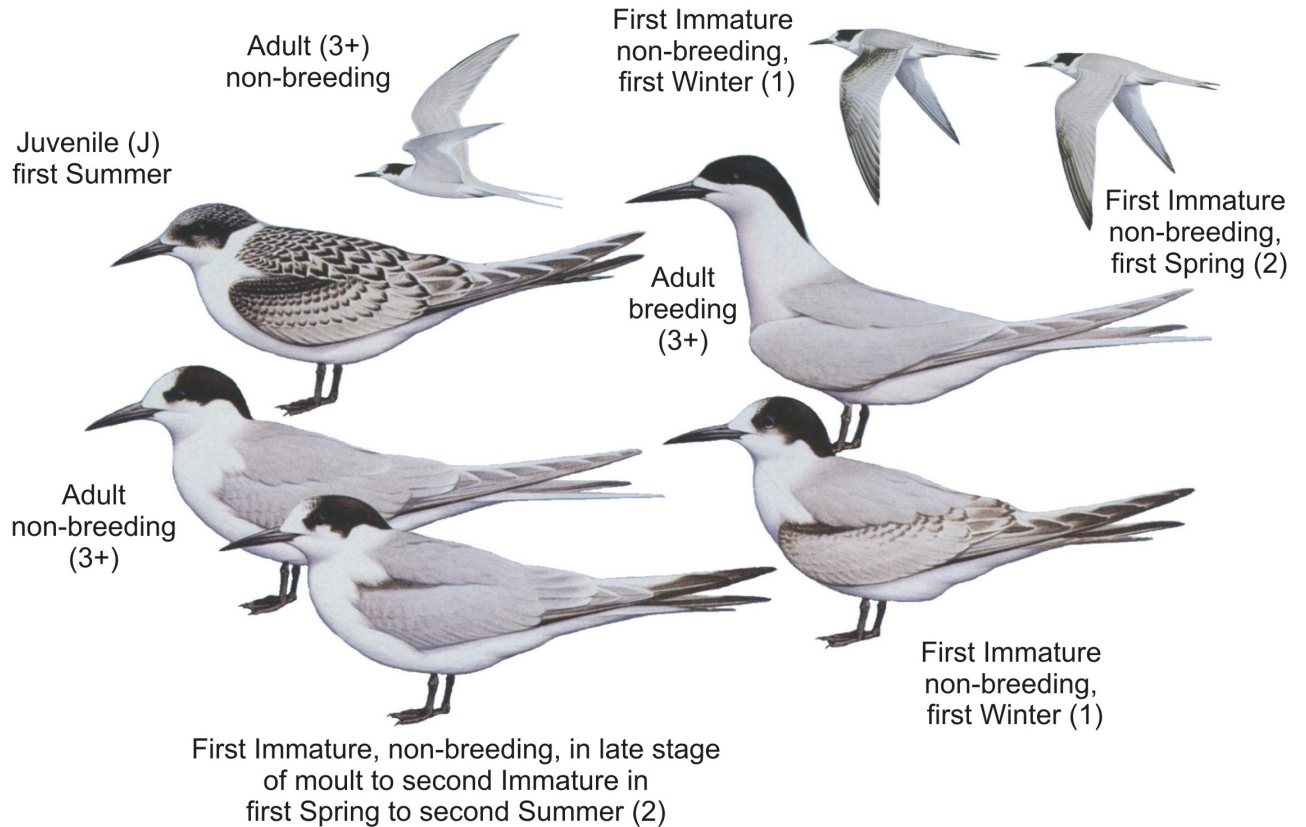


White-fronted Tern *Sterna striata* **Species No.: 114** **Band size: 06 AY**



Morphometrics:

A monotypic species restricted to s-e Australia, Tasman Sea and around New Zealand. Breeds on islands around Tasmania and New Zealand.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	270 – 288 mm	261 -288 mm
Tail T1:	68 – 82 mm	73 – 94 mm
Tail T6:	172 – 195 mm	143 – 198 mm
Bill:	37.8 – 45.6 mm	37.9 – 44.7 mm
Tarsus:	18.3 – 22.3 mm	18.0 – 21.1 mm
Toe:	17.3 – 19.4 mm	17.2 – 20.7 mm
Weight:	108 – 155 g	103 – 160 g

Ageing:

Juvenile (J) and first Immature (1) or (2) depending on time of year are illustrated above;

Second Immature (2) or (3-) is very similar to non-breeding adult, differing by:

- outer two rectrices (t6 & t5) have a dark grey band or smudge 10 – 30 mm wide near the tip;
- t6 streamer (132 – 152 mm) is shorter than adults (see above);
- tertials may have dusky longitudinal bar, or patch in centre of feathers.

Some adults may breed in their third year, but some do not breed until about their sixth year. Thus record breeding birds of unknown age as (3+).

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in size or plumage;
Both sexes incubate.