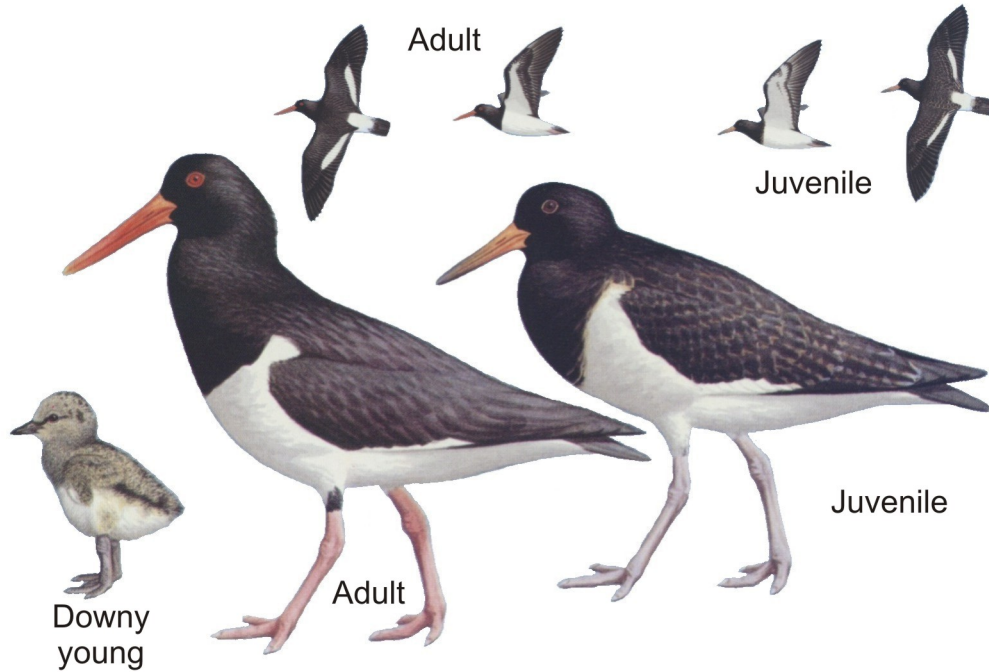


**Pied Oystercatcher**    *Haematopus longirostris*    **Species No.: 130**    **Band size: 10 SS**



**Morphometrics:**

		Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing	(Tasmania):	267 – 286 mm	269 – 287 mm
	(Southern Aust.):	266 – 287 mm	261 – 295 mm
	(Northern Aust.):	258 – 291 mm	272 – 295 mm
Tail:	(Tasmania):	103 – 117 mm	105 – 118 mm
	(Southern Aust.):	101 – 124 mm	106 – 117 mm
	(Northern Aust.):	100 – 115 mm	105 – 125 mm
Bill:	(Tasmania):	61.0 – 73.9 mm	67.6 – 80.3 mm
	(Southern Aust.):	66.2 – 78.3 mm	73.1 – 87.6 mm
	(Northern Aust.):	68.4 – 83.8 mm	75.8 – 90.0 mm
Tarsus:	(Tasmania):	52.2 – 58.1 mm	52.8 – 59.5 mm
	(Southern Aust.):	53.5 – 60.2 mm	54.2 – 58.6 mm
	(Northern Aust.):	52.9 – 60.5 mm	52.2 – 63.0 mm
Weight:	(Tasmania):	410 – 775 g	650 – 755 g
	(Southern Aust.):	630 – 715 g	640 – 706 g
	(Northern Aust.):	485 – 675 g	500 – 782 g

**Ageing:**

The black-brown feathers of first year birds have orange-buff tips;

Adult-like plumage is attained at about 1 year, however, can be aged by the colour of soft parts:

	Adult (4+)	Second Imm. (3-)	First Imm. (2-)	Juvenile (1)
Bill:	orange to orange-red;	orange with dark brown tint to tip;	similar to juvenile, but more orange	orange basally, orange-yellow centrally, distal third dark brown;
Iris:	red;	red-brown;	redder than juvenile;	dark red-brown;
Legs:	pink;	pink-grey;	similar to juvenile;	pink-brown.

Age at first breeding is 4 – 6 years

**Sexing:**

There appears to be no sexual dimorphism in size or plumage, but the bill of adult females may be more uniform orange than males which tend to be deep red centrally;

Both sexes incubate.