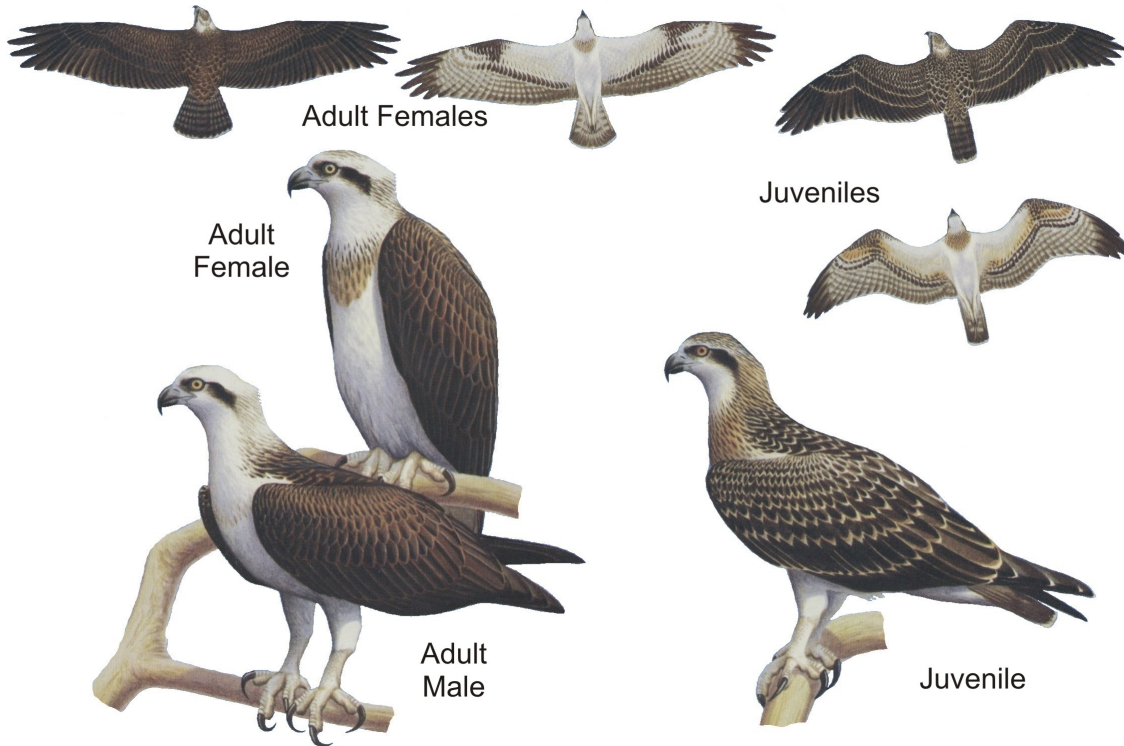


Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* **Species No.: 241** **Band size: 28 SS**



Morphometrics:

A worldwide species, but *P.h.leucocephalus* is the only subspecies occurring in Australia and the morphometrics for it are as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	391 – 463 mm	423 – 470 mm
8 th Primary:	285 – 325 mm	296 – 335 mm
Tail:	166 – 210 mm	179 – 208 mm
Bill tip to cere:	29.1 – 35.2 mm	30.7 – 35.2 mm
Bill tip to skull:	34.1 – 41.4 mm	35.7 – 41.4 mm
Tarsus:	56.1 – 63.9 mm	60.4 – 65.9 mm
Toe:	39.2 – 49.9 mm	39.2 – 49.2 mm
Weight:	900 – 1080 g	1200 – 1910 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile (1)
Iris:	straw-yellow, sometimes orange-yellow;	orange-yellow to orange;
Crown, nape & neck:	mostly white;	white with dark streaks;
Upperparts:	feathers black-brown, fading with wear, sometimes with thin white fringes that are soon lost;	conspicuous cream tips to all feathers, fade to white and eventually wear off;

Adult plumage is attained in a post-juvenile moult from the end of the first year, so age adults (2+)

Sexing:

All adult females have a broad band of streaks across the upper breast;
 Most adult males have a clean white upper breast, but some males may have a pale, thin chain of streaks similar, but paler than females;
 Incubation mostly by female, but males may assist.