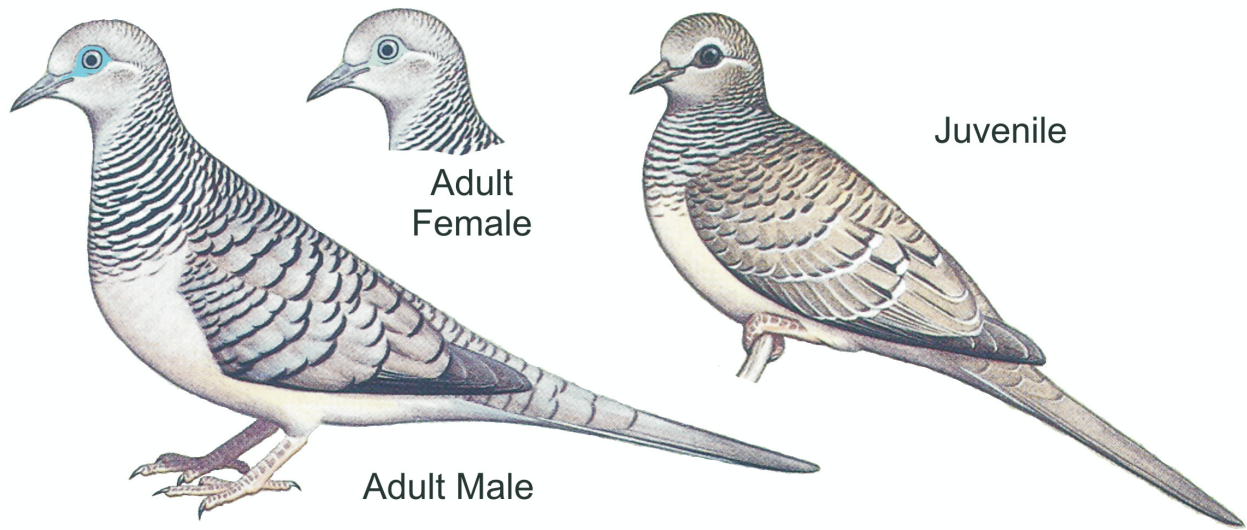


Peaceful Dove *Geopelia placida* **Species No.: 030** **Band size: 06 (05) AY**



Status:

Formerly identified as a subspecies of the Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata* of s.e. Asia, the Australian ssp. *G.s. placida* was elevated to species level in 2014 as *Geopelia placida*.

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	95 – 110 mm	92 – 108 mm
Tail:	88 – 107 mm	77 – 98 mm
Weight:	35 – 65 g	37 – 54 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	light blue-grey;	dark greyish-brown;
Iris:	grey-white to pale-blue;	brownish-grey;
Orbital ring:	bright light-blue (M?) to dull greyish-blue (F?);	grey;
Crown & nape:	brownish-grey with black fringes to feathers;	feathers tipped white;
Chin & upper throat;	pale grey;	grey;
Mantle:	white to light grey-brown with black fringes forming black barring;	light grey-brown with brown to dark brown barring;
Upper wing:	secondary coverts pale grey with black terminal fringes;	secondary coverts brownish-grey with white tips;

Juvenile begins moult directly to adult plumage within two months of fledging;

Sexing:

There is no documented sexual difference in plumage, soft parts or size, though morphometric data in HANZAB (above) suggests that adult males are larger than adult females; Also, some eminent aviculturists and some banders (pers. comm. to J.W. Hardy) claim that the sexes within a pair are readily separated by the colour of the bare skin around the eye - the male is a considerably brighter blue than the female which is a dull greyish blue; Both sexes incubate.