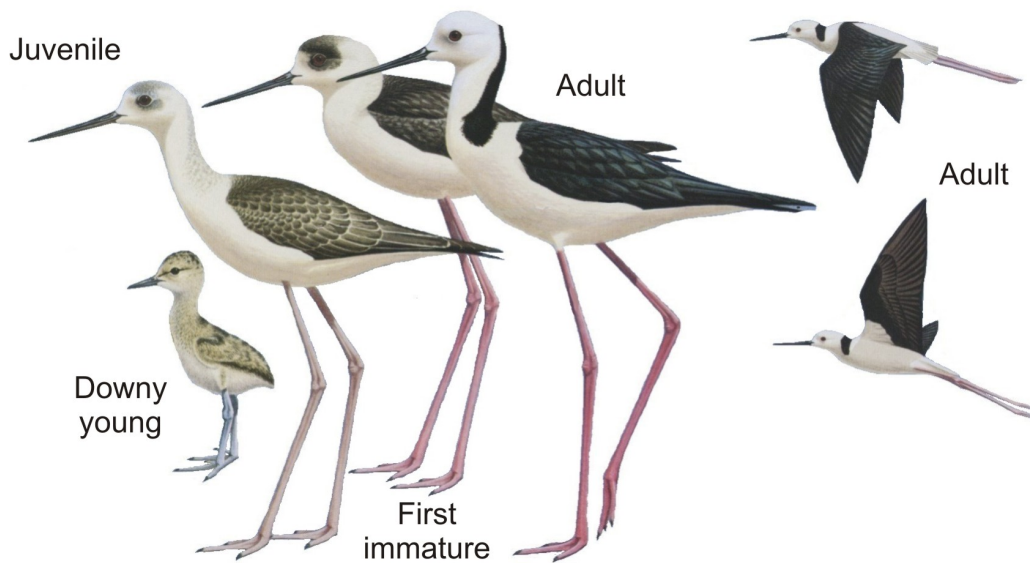


**Pied Stilt** *Himantopus leucocephalus*      **Species No.: 146**      **Band size: 07 IN**



**Status:**

Formerly known as the Black-winged Stilt *H. himantopus*, an almost cosmopolitan species, prior to a world-wide review of the species in 2019. *H. himantopus* is now only attributed to the Eurasian / African species and *H. leucocephalus* is now regarded as a separate species that occurs in Australasia and numerous islands of the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	227 – 246 mm	213 – 234 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	139 – 153 mm	133 – 151 mm
Tail:	64 – 77 mm	65 – 75 mm
Bill:	60.5 – 67.1 mm	56.5 – 65.0 mm
Tarsus:	114 – 125 mm	92.6 – 117.0 mm
Middle toe:	37.7 – 45.4 mm	32.8 – 36.7 mm
Weight:	139 – 208 g	138 – 169 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult	Immature	Juvenile
Head & neck:	mostly white, hindneck & lower nape black;	hindneck, upper nape & ear coverts dark grey, forming dark cap;	crown dirty grey (see illustrations);
Upper wing:	black with greenish gloss, fades to black-brown;	often retains dark brown juvenile remiges;	blackish, finely scalloped, fades to dark brown.
Iris:	crimson red;	reddish-brown;	dark or blackish-brown;
Legs:	red when breeding, other times dark pink;	dark pink;	pale pink, initially tinged yellowish;

Hatch in natal down and rapidly grow and moult into juvenile plumage (J) or (1);  
 Moulting to immature plumage may be completed during first Autumn, but some not until second Spring, so age immatures (2-);  
 Adult plumage is attained at approximately one year old. Thus age adults as (2+).

**Sexing:**

Sexing of adults is not always possible, but scapulars and upper back of adult females is black-brown, whereas fresh plumage of males is black with a greenish gloss. However worn plumage of males is similar to the black-brown of females;  
 Both sexes incubate.