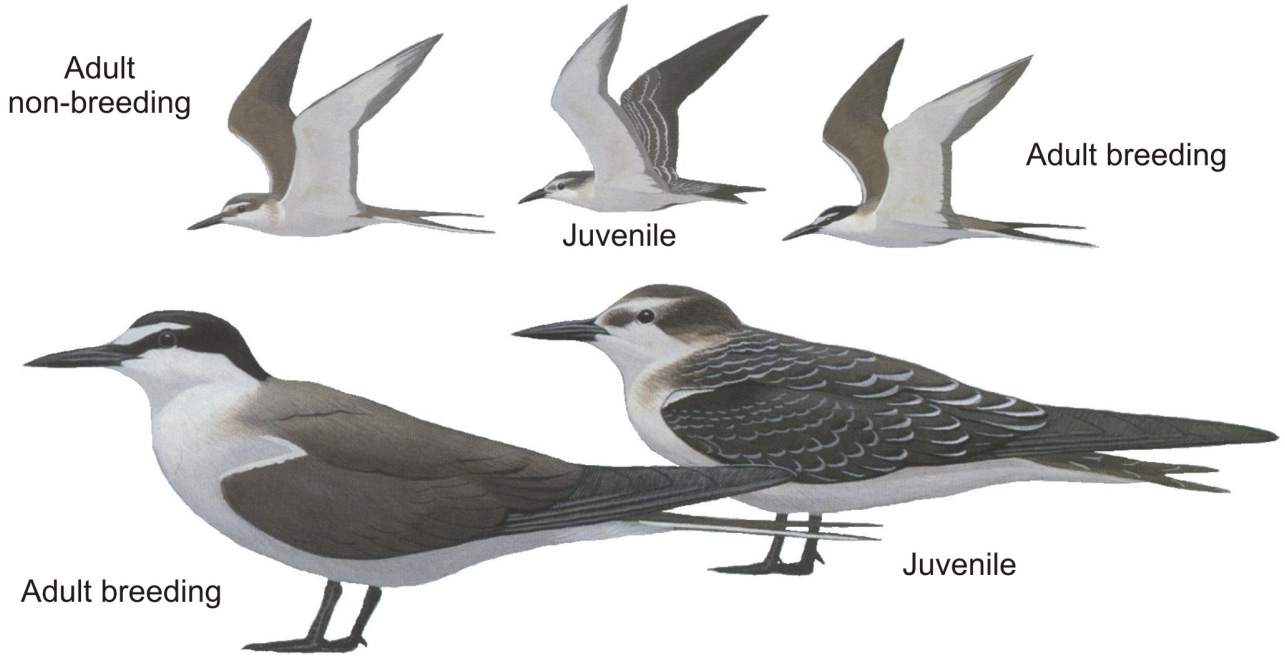


Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus* **Species No.: 121** **Band size: 06 AY**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	256 – 271 mm	250 – 271 mm
Tail:	185 – 211 mm	178 – 223 mm
Bill:	39.2 – 42.9 mm	36.0 – 41.4 mm
Tarsus:	20.2 – 22.8 mm	20.0 – 22.6 mm
Weight:	128 – 177 g	

Ageing:

Post-natal moult Juvenile plumage at about 9 weeks;
 Protracted moult from Juvenile (J) (see illustration) to First Immature (2-) plumage starts between 3 and 6 months and continues until about one year after fledging;
 First Immature plumage is similar to Juvenile, but streaking on dark-brown crown and nape is white, rather than cream, feathers of back of immature are grey with a tinge of brown and tips of feathers have a pale grey fringe whereas juveniles are grey-black with pink-buff fringes to feathers;
 Adult plumage is probably not attained until at least 3 years of age, but data is lacking, so age adult plumaged birds as (3+);
 Adults undergo two moults each year alternating between breeding (illustrated above) and non-breeding plumage being similar to immatures except fringes to of upperparts are brown with small white fringes to feathers.

Sexing:

There is no sexual dimorphism in plumage or size;
 Both sexes incubate