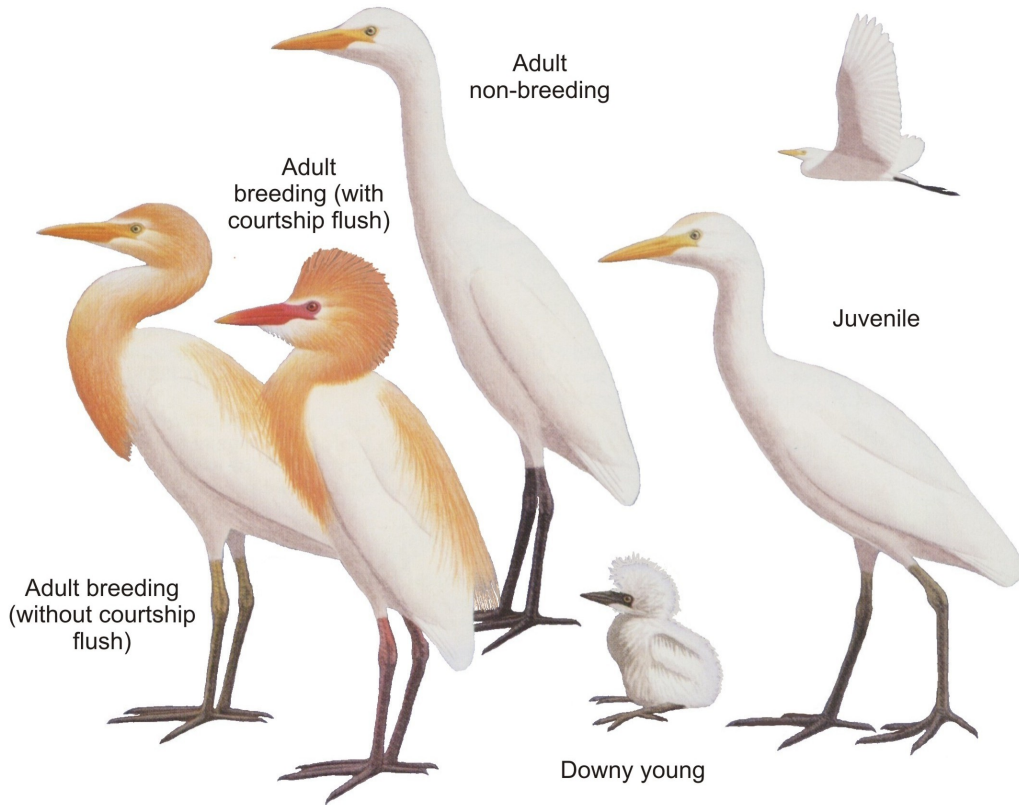


**Cattle Egret** *Ardea ibis*

**Species No.: 977**

**Band size: 10 SS AM**



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	241 – 260 mm	230 – 256 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	167 – 178 mm	no records
Tail:	76 – 98 mm	76 – 92 mm
Bill:	54.3 – 77 mm	62 – 73 mm
Tarsus:	79.7 – 91 mm	78 87 mm
Longest Mantle Plume:	154.6 mm (8 specimens)	135.1 mm (16 specimens)
Weight:	305 – 371 g	

**Ageing:**

First year birds can begin developing some adult breeding colour from 8 months old, but others don't until their second year;  
 Birds in full orange-rufous breeding plumage are in their second year, or older, so should be aged (2+)

**Sexing:**

There is no sexual dimorphism in size or plumage, though breeding males may have longer mantle plumes than females;  
 Both sexes incubate.