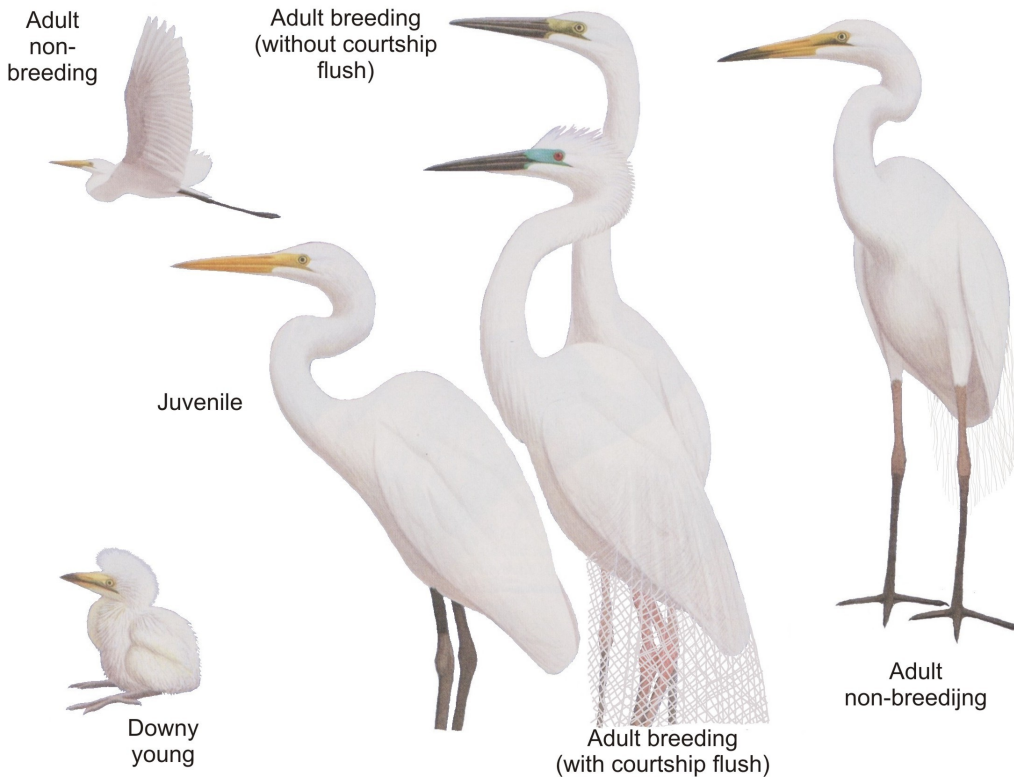


Great Egret *Ardea alba* **Species No.: 187** **Band size: 11 SS AM**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	365 -387 mm	346 – 359 mm
8 th Primary:	227 – 267 mm	220 – 240 mm
Tail:	127 – 146 mm	120 – 132 mm
Bill:	109.1 – 116.5 mm	95.7 -108.7 mm
Tarsus:	145.1 – 167.7 mm	129.3 -148.8 mm
Toe:	101.6 – 110 mm	94.1 – 103 mm
Weight:	353 – 1970 g	605 – 861 g

Ageing:

Age of first breeding is unknown;
 Juvenile is similar in plumage to non-breeding adult. See illustrations for differences between breeding and non-breeding adults;
 Juvenile has grey-black upper legs and all yellow bill, however, non-breeding adults can have all grey-brown legs or the upper tibia or they can have a red to red-brown wash and the bill can be all yellow or have a dark tip. So these features are not reliable for ageing;
 The colour of bare parts also change between breeding and non-breeding birds but describing them is irrelevant to ageing and sexing in the field.

Sexing:

Males are generally larger than females – see measurements above;
 Both sexes incubate