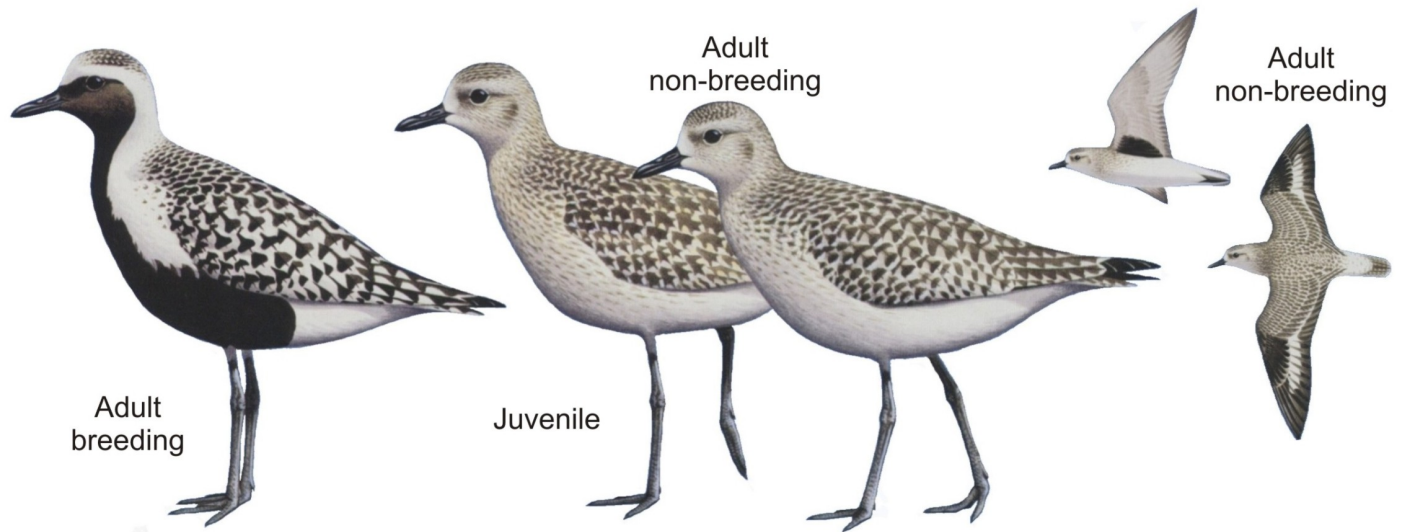


**Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola* Species No.: 136 Band size: 06 IN



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	191 – 205 mm	190 – 213 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	120 – 125 mm	117 – 132 mm
Tail:	67 – 75 mm	69 – 81 mm
Bill:	28.3 – 30.8 mm	28.4 – 33.2 mm
Tarsus:	44.1 – 49.9 mm	45.3 – 52.3 mm
Weight:	166 – 332 g	

**Ageing:**

In austral spring:

- juveniles have uniformly fresh primaries with no moult – primaries are narrow and pointed;
- adults (3+) have worn outer and moulting inner primaries;
- second immatures (2-) are moulting to adult non-breeding (2+) plumage and have very worn outer and moulting inner primaries;

First Immatures (1) overall appearance is similar as non-breeding adults, but with retained juvenile remiges and rectrices which are usually heavily abraded and may have traces of juvenile body plumage;

**Sexing:**

Adult females tend to be marginally larger than adult males;

There are no differences between the sexes in non-breeding plumage;

Breeding plumaged birds are quite different in many subtle respects, but the most obvious is where the male is black (see illustrations above), the female is dark brown.

**Similar Species:**

Pacific Golden Plover – most obvious differences are light grey-brown axillaries (wing pit) and black-brown to dark brown rump, whereas the Grey Plover has diagnostic black axillaries and white rump.