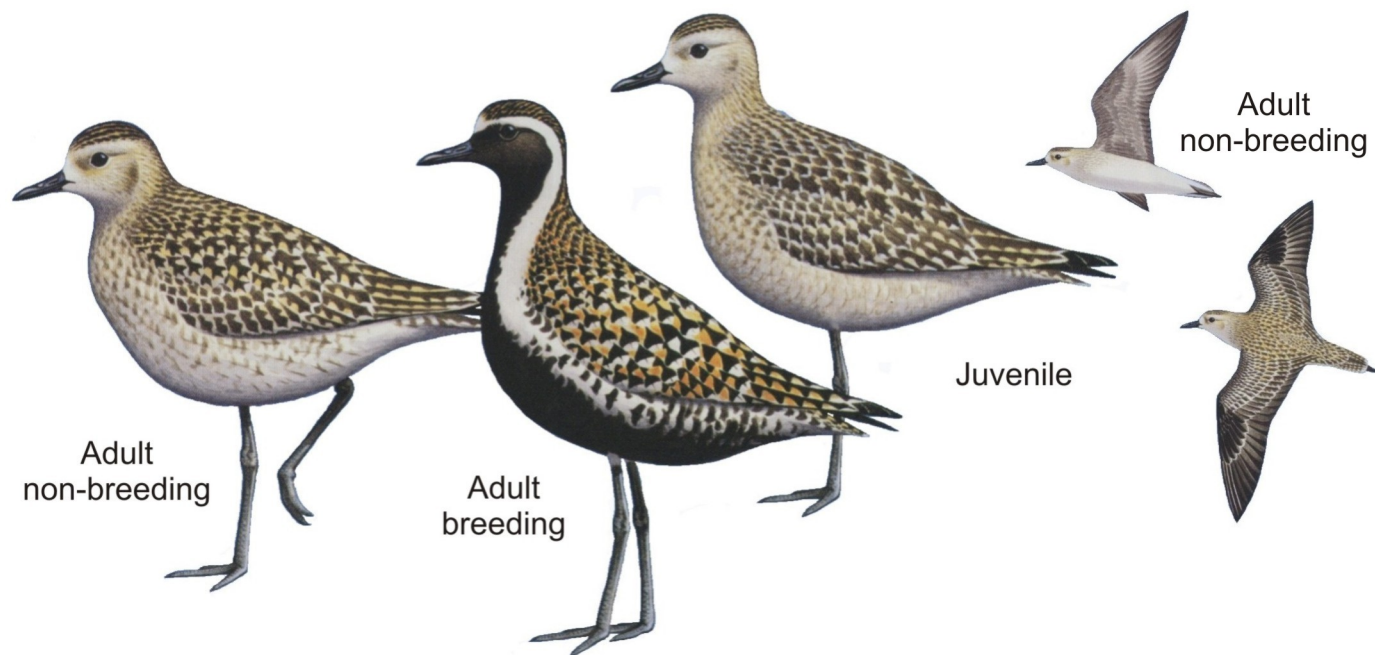


**Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva* Species No.: 137 Band size: 06 IN



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	157 – 177 mm	162 – 175 mm
Tail:	54 – 65 mm	58 – 65 mm
Bill:	22.3 – 22.5 mm	21.0 – 26.1 mm
Tarsus:	40.5 – 47.2 mm	40.0 – 46.5 mm
Weight:	119 – 178 g	110 – 175 g

**Ageing:**

Juveniles can all be aged by barring on underparts which is retained until at least about December and often until March and by neatly patterned scapulars. Unbarred outer rectrices are indicative of juveniles, though some juveniles have adult-like barred rectrices;

Spotted rather than scaled scapulars and contrast between upperparts and rather worn wing coverts may aid identification of first immatures (1);

In austral spring:

- juveniles have uniformly fresh primaries with no moult;
- 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;
- after outer primaries have dropped, the latter two classes can't be reliably separated;

By late summer to autumn adults have finished moulting and have fresh primaries, while first immatures (1) usually have worn primaries.

**Sexing:**

No sexual dimorphism in size, or in non-breeding plumage;

In breeding plumage, however, underparts of males tend to be nearly immaculate black, while those of females are usually flecked with white, especially under tail coverts.