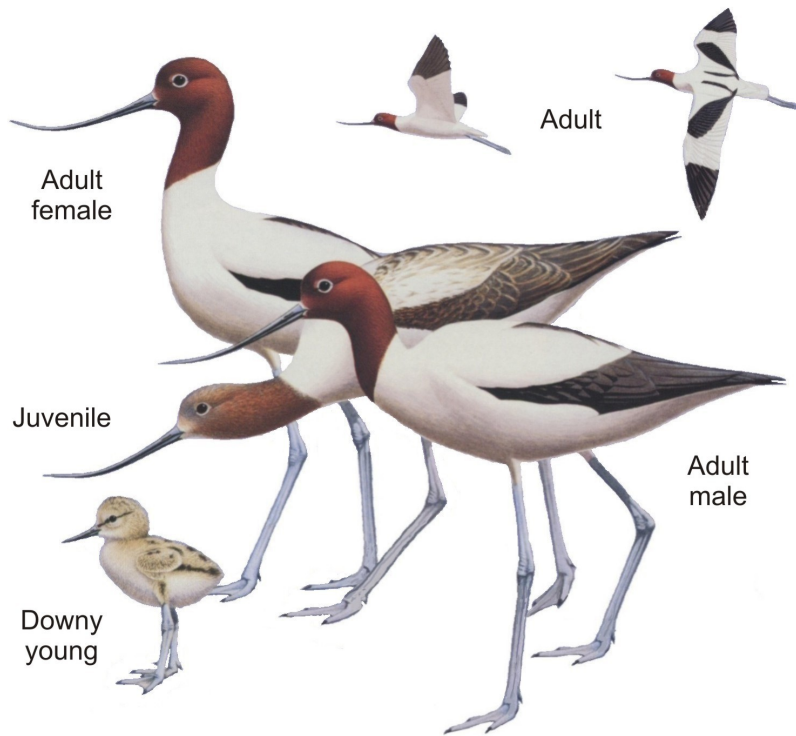


**Red-necked Avocet** *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae* Species No.: 148 Band size: 08 on tibia



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	223 – 242 mm	225 – 239 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	147 – 162 mm	144 – 157 mm
Tail:	76 – 89 mm	79 – 86 mm
Bill:	87.6 – 100.2 mm	83.7 – 93.9 mm
THL:	117.7 – 138.9 mm	117.5 – 134.6 mm
Tarsus:	80.6 – 97.3 mm	83.1 – 89.9 mm
Centre toe:	39.7 – 45.0 mm	40.3 – 44.3 mm
Weight:	270 – 390 g	270 – 360 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult	Juvenile
Head & neck:	chestnut;	rufous-brown;
Iris:	black-brown to dark reddish-brown or red;	dark brown in juveniles, reddish-brown and dark brown in immatures;
Upperparts:	mostly white, with narrow black stripes down inner scapular	brownish mottled appearance;

Chicks hatch in natal down and grow rapidly as they moult to a distinctively juvenile plumage; Partial post juvenile moult occurs in first Summer / Autumn but does not include primaries or primary coverts, but otherwise is difficult to distinguish from adults; Adult plumage is attained at about one year old, so age adults (2+).

**Sexing:**

There is a marginal difference in measurements with adult males being slightly larger than adult females; Females have a more steeply upcurved bill than males and less black on tip of primaries; Not known whether both sexes incubate.