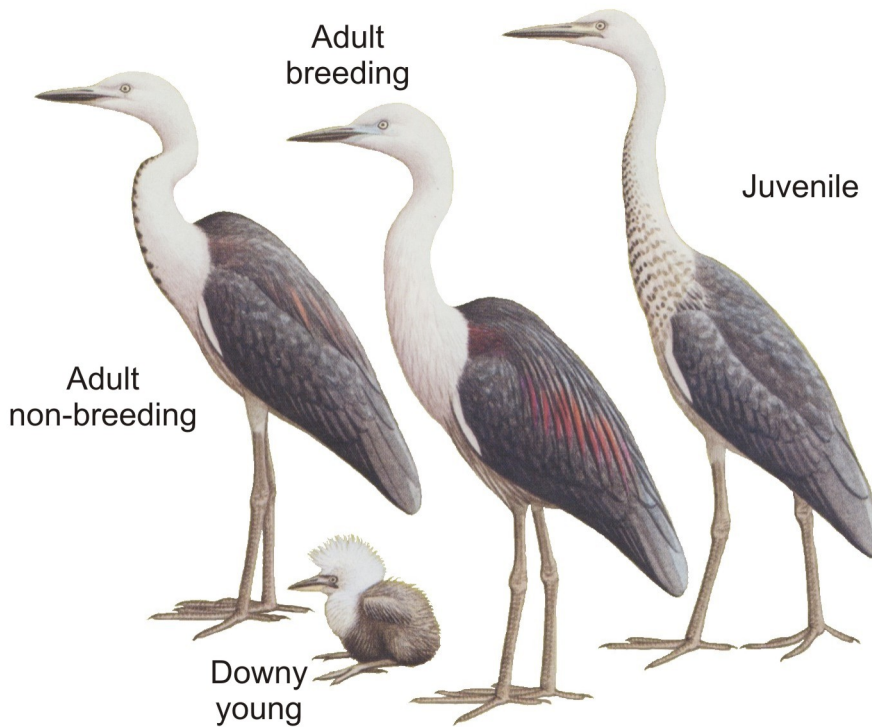


**White-necked Heron** *Ardea pacifica* **Species No.: 189** **Band size: 12 SS AM**



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	395 – 431 mm	383 – 426 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	276 – 305 mm	267 – 302 mm
Tail:	155 – 169 mm	141 – 166 mm
Bill:	80.4 – 90.0 mm	75.8 – 87.2 mm
Tarsus:	121.2 – 146.4	120.2 – 143.5 mm
Toe:	85.1 – 89.3 mm	78.2 – 87.1 mm
Weight:	600 – 1220 g	

**Ageing:**

	Adult breeding (2+)	Adult non-breeding (2+)	Immature (2-)	Juvenile (J)
Iris:	light yellow to pea green;		yellow;	pale yellow;
Bill:	grey-black with cream mandibular rami, sometimes cream patch behind nostrils;		upper mandible black, rest yellow;	yellow;
Crown:	white;	white;	dark grey wash to tips of feathers;	brownish-grey tinge;
Facial skin:	light blue;	dark grey;	olive;	olive to olive-yellow;
Legs & feet:	grey-black, sometimes tibia olive-yellow tinge;		black;	black;
Foreneck:	white with double row of pale grey-black spots down centre;	white with prominent double row of grey-black spots down centre line;	as for adult non-breeding	brownish-grey tinge with grey-brown lateral stripes toward upper chest.

Age of first breeding probably toward end of second year, so age breeding birds (2+); Most scapulars in breeding birds are lanceolate and maroon which becomes more chestnut when worn, but maroon scapulars also observed in some non-breeding adults.

**Sexing:**

There is no sexual dimorphism in size and no sexual differences recorded in plumage; Not known whether both sexes incubate.