

Chestnut-breasted Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides* Species Code.: 261 Band: [M/13]



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	318 – 392 mm	304 – 355 mm
8 th Primary:	239 – 251 mm	210 – 226 mm
Tail:	99 – 126 mm	105 – 114 mm
Bill:	41 – 49.5 mm	38 – 45 mm
Tarsus:	60.8 – 68.8 mm	57.0 – 60.0 mm
Weight:	990 – 1980 g	878 – 1850 g

Ageing:

Juvenile plumage (see illustrations) is retained for about 4 months and then undergo a partial moult to Immature plumage in which Juvenile wing and belly feathers are retained for up to 19 months;

Sexing:

Juvenile (J) and Immature (2-) birds are sexually dimorphic on plumage with the female having off-white feathers at the base of the bill;
 Adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage – females have white feathers at the base of the bill and nearly always also have a white eye-ring;
 Age at first breeding in wild birds is unknown;
 Female alone incubates.