

Banded Rail *Gallirallus philippensis* **Species Code: 331** **Band: E(SS)**
 Adult



Status:

At least 10 subspecies recognised with *G.p. mellori* on Australian mainland and Tasmania, *G.p. tounelieri* on Coral sea and Great Barrier Reef islands and *G.p. assimilis* in and around New Zealand.

Morphometrics:

Measurements below are for ssp. *G.P. assimilis*:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	128 – 142 mm	130 – 150 mm
8 th Primary:	95 – 100 mm	92 – 94 mm
Tail:	62 – 67 mm	64 – 66 mm
Bill:	32.3 – 39.1 mm	30.5 – 33.6 mm
Tarsus:	38.5 – 46.0 mm	38.4 – 42.0 mm
Weight:	126 – 204 g	115 – 208 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	dirty pink to pink-red grading to grey or brownish-grey tip;	mostly grey-black with pinkish tinge;
Iris:	bright red, dark red or dark orange, inner ring sometimes dark blue or brown;	dark brown to brown, transitioning to yellow-brown then red with yellow flecks;
Legs & feet:	grey or brownish-grey with pink, reddish, buff or olive tinge;	dark grey with pink tinge;
Plumage:	see illustrations;	

Downy young grow very fast and attain juvenile plumage and adult size within a few months of hatching;

Moult to adult plumage commences early in the second year, thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

Sexes are similar in plumage throughout life, though adult males may be marginally larger than adult females;
 Both sexes incubate.