

Great Frigatebird *Fregata minor*

Species Code: 201 Band: Male L, Female M] #

Care is needed with chicks: legs fat before fledging



Morphometrics:

	Males	Females
Wing:	540 – 612 mm	552 – 638 mm
Tail:	314 – 428 mm	385 – 444 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	92 – 108 mm	105 – 123 mm
Bill (tip to gape):	113 – 127 mm	125 – 144 mm
Tarsus:	25 – 28 mm	26 – 30 mm
Weight:	950 – 1450 g	1215 – 1950 g

Ageing:

Juvenile plumage is retained for at least 30 months, so age juveniles (3-);
Adult will thus be aged (3+);
Age of first breeding unknown;

Sexing:

Sex of juveniles is indistinguishable in the field;
Adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage (see illustrations) and females tend to be larger than males
(see morphometrics above);
Both sexes incubate.