

Lesser Frigatebird *Fregata ariel*

Species Code: 202 Band: [L] #

Care is needed with chicks: legs fat before fledging



Morphometrics:

	Males	Females
Wing:	518 – 566 mm	534 – 562 mm
Tail:	307 – 364 mm	314 – 324 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	79 – 91.9 mm	86 – 93 mm
Bill (tip to gape):	96.5 – 103 mm	106 – 113 mm
Tarsus:	17.3 – 23.5 mm	24 – 25.5 mm
Weight:	Few data	780 – 1107 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:

Sexing of juveniles in the field is virtually impossible;
 Adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage (see illustrations);
 Both