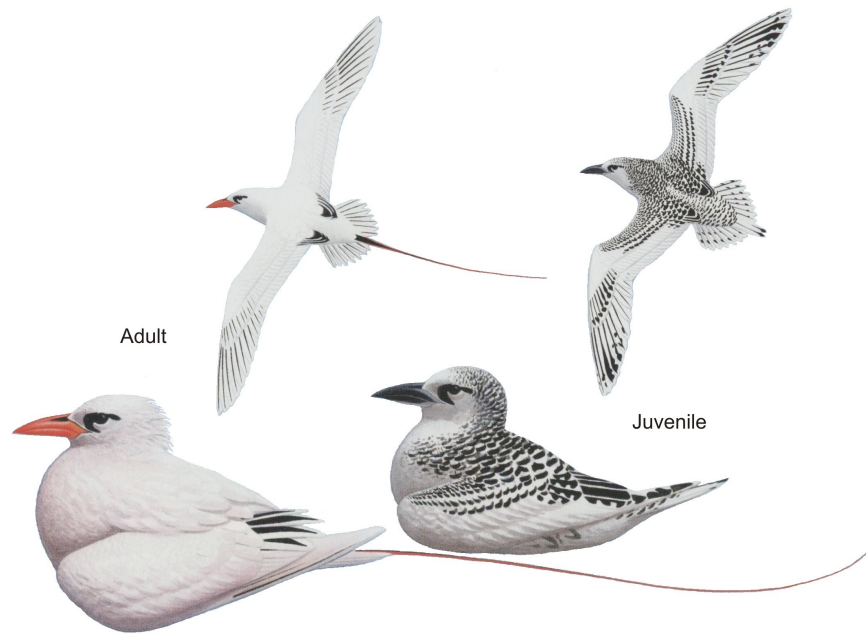


Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda*

Species Code: 141 **Band: H/T/K**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	338 – 353 mm	320 – 356 mm
Tail:	96 -112 mm	100 – 117 mm
Tail streamers:	280 – 457 mm	380 – 443 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	65 – 70 mm	63 – 69 mm
Tarsus:	29 – 35 mm	28.6 – 31 mm
Toe:	49.7 – 54 mm	51 – 58.9 mm
Weight:	590 – 1095 g	

Ageing:

Duration and timing of moults is undescribed;
 The crown, nape, mantle, back, rump and upper wing coverts of Juveniles / Immatures are heavily barred and scaled blackish on white, with no tail projections and bill is grey or black (see illustrations above);
 Adults are white except for varying pink suffusion, black chevron-markings on tertials and black shaft-streaks on outer primaries and bill is red, but paler at base;
 No detailed information on plumage development, but transition to adult plumage involves progressive decrease in barring on upper body and wings, probably over 2-3 years, so age adults (3+);
 Age of first breeding is unknown;
 Each t1 forms a red streamer in adults and these are generally replaced one at a time.

Sexing:

There appears to be no sexual dimorphism in plumage or size;
 Incubation by both sexes.