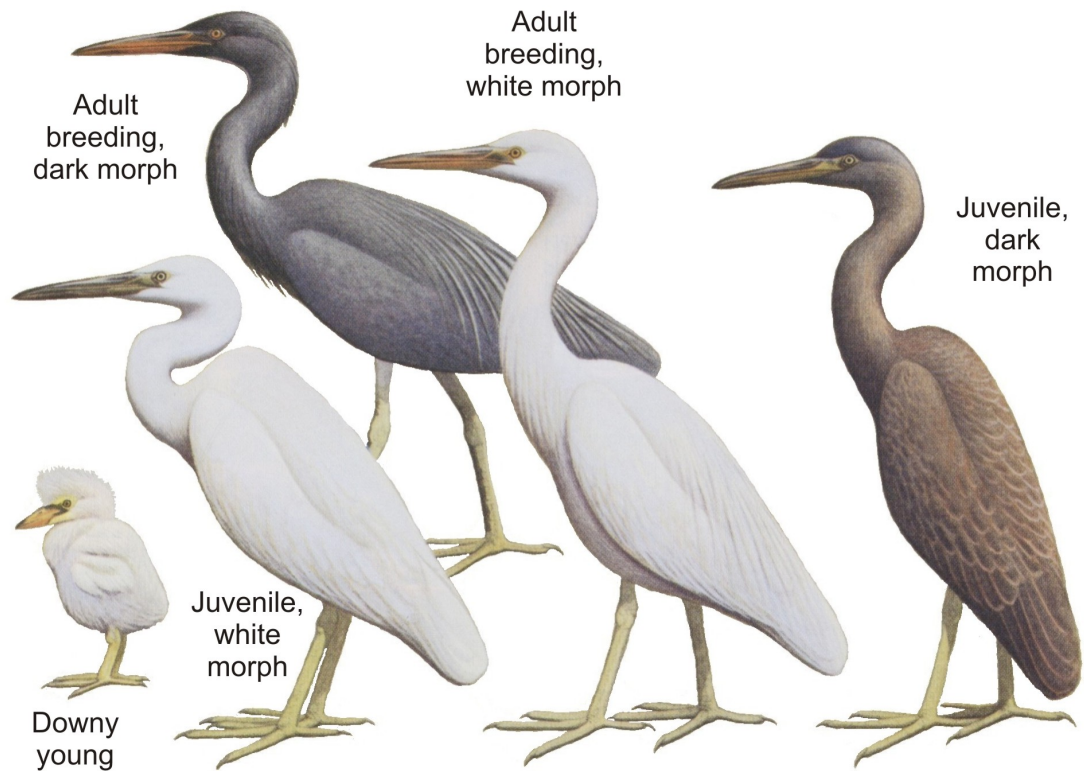


Reef Heron *Egretta sacra*

Species Code: 215 **Band: L**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	263 – 284 mm	252 – 282 mm
Tail:	86 – 100 mm	87 – 104 mm
Bill:	76 – 90 mm	74 – 83 mm
Tarsus:	65 – 88.5 mm	69 – 84 mm
Toe:	65 – 70 mm	
Weight:	few data	

Ageing:

	Adults	Juvenile / Immature
Iris:	orange to orange yellow;	straw yellow;
Bill:	orange-buff, upper mandible middle is black-brown, lower mandible tip black-brown;	similar to adult, but browner;
Legs & feet:	pale green with scutes on front of tarsus and toes grey-black.	buff with scutes on front of tarsus and toes dark olive-green.

Timing and duration of moults in Australia is unknown;
 Juvenile plumage is retained for about one year, so age breeding plumaged birds (2+).

Sexing:

No sexual difference recorded in size or plumage.
 Incubation by both sexes.