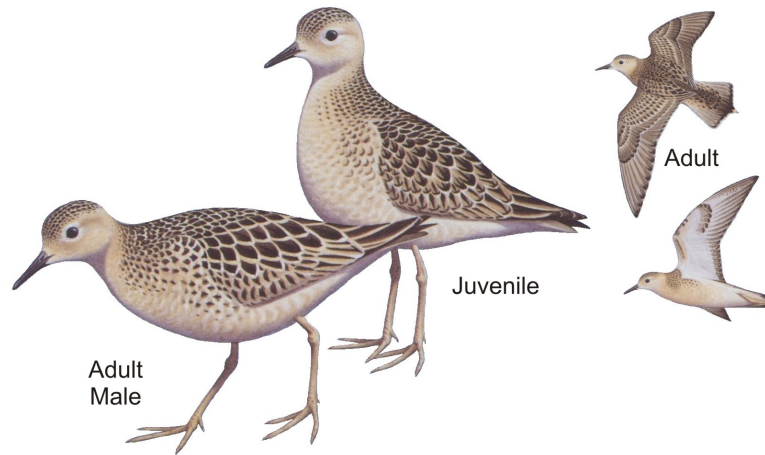


Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis* Species Code: 1003 Band: [CP]



Morphometrics:

	Males	Females
Wing:	132 – 142 mm	125 – 132 mm
Tail:	54 – 60 mm	50 – 56 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	19 – 22 mm	17 – 20 mm
Tarsus:	31 – 34 mm	28 – 31 mm
Middle Toe:	24 – 27 mm	23 – 25 mm
Weight:	63 – 94 g	50 – 69 g

Ageing:

On arrival in non-breeding areas juveniles can be separated from adults by plumage (see illustrations above) and by fresh primaries, whereas adults are old and worn; Immatures begin complete moult of primaries in Dec – Jan by which time adults have almost finished primary moult, so all primaries are fresh; Non-breeding First Immatures (1) may be separated from adults by differences in wear and moult of primaries late in austral summer; Adult plumage is attained late in the first year, so age adults (2+)

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage, but males are slightly larger than females.