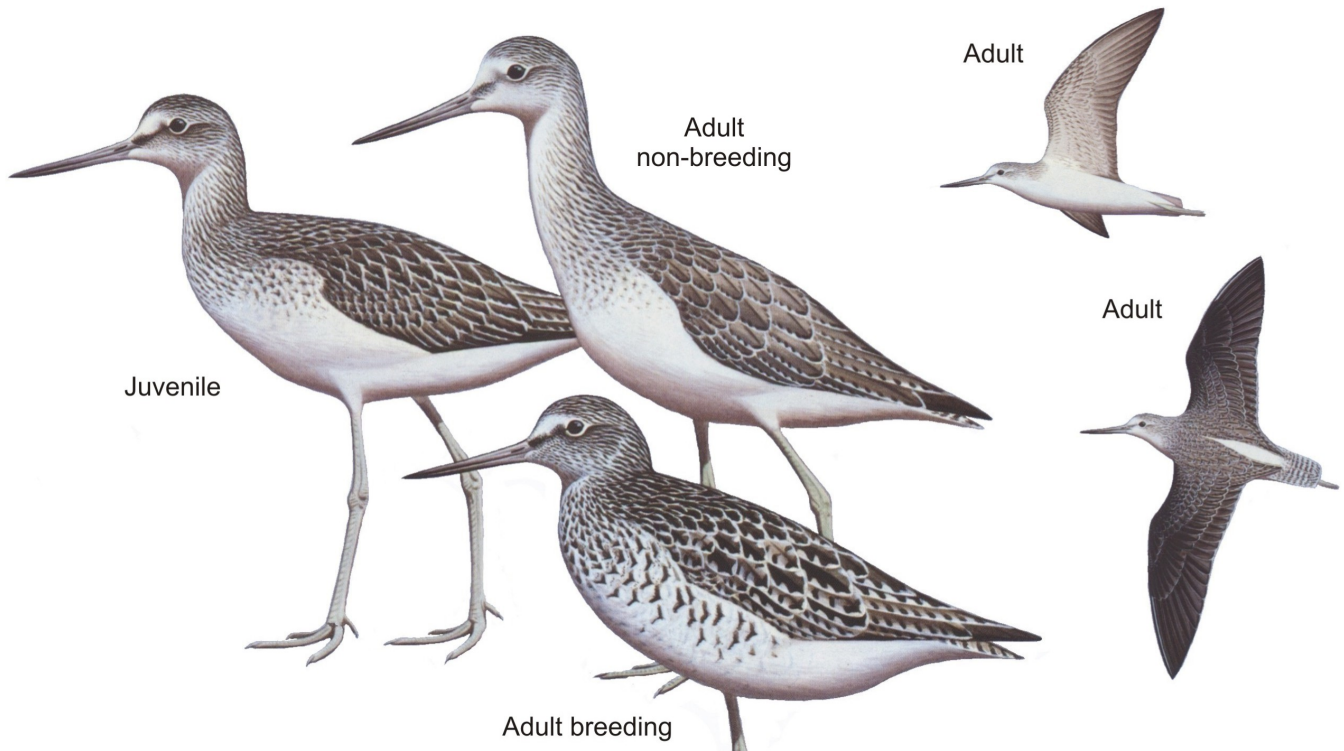


Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Species Code: 447

Band: [D/DP]



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	170 – 192 mm	126 – 202 mm
Tail:	66 – 76 mm	66 – 85 mm
Bill:	47.7 – 65.8 mm	49.9 – 61.7 mm
Tarsus:	53.8 – 63.6 mm	54.2 – 65.0 mm
Weight:	129 – 245 g	135 – 225 g

Ageing:

From about August to December three age-classes can be recognised:

- Juveniles and birds in first basic moult to first immature plumage (1) – arrive with juvenile plumage and fresh primaries which are retained until about March. First basic plumage is attained by about October;
- Adults arrive with all primaries worn, or in early stages of primary. Adults undergo active primary moult until January;
- First Immature breeding (1) and second basic immatures (2) can be identified before about mid November by very worn inner primaries contrasting with newer 2-5 outer primaries. Between late November-December and January, new inner primaries only contrast with slightly worn outer primaries;

From January all birds with fresh wings are aged as adults (2+) but first Immatures (1) are separable at this time by heavily abraded primaries.

Sexing:

There is no sexual dimorphism in plumage and in Australia there is no significant size difference between the sexes, whereas in Europe and west Africa there is a significant difference in bill toe and wing size.