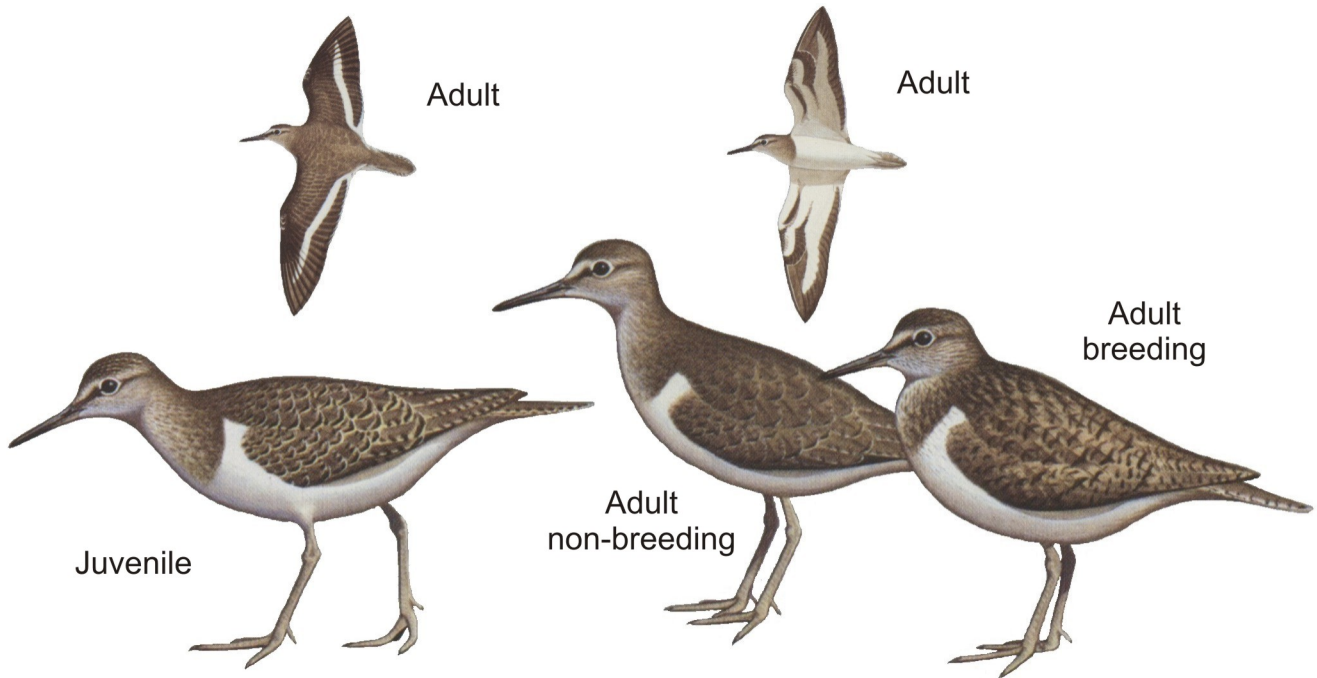


Common Sandpiper *Actitus hypoleucos* **Species Code: 470** **Band: [CP/C]**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	103 – 125 mm	104 – 114 mm
Tail:	48 – 57 mm	50 – 58 mm
Bill:	23.9 – 26.7 mm	23.5 – 26.5 mm
Tarsus:	23.8 – 26.2 mm	23.0 – 25.8 mm
Toe:	21.5 – 24.9 mm	22.2 – 25.4 mm
Weight:	37 – 50 g	39 – 48 g

Ageing:

Juveniles are similar to adult non-breeding, but with finer barring on wing coverts and spotted edges to tertials;

Condition of remiges is the most obvious guide to age:

- from August to December juvenile primaries are fresh while primaries of adults are worn (August) or in moult (December);
- from January to March juveniles are moulting primaries while adults have new primaries;
- after moult is completed in late March to April immatures are similar to adults but their plumage is slightly duller;

Immature (1) plumage is attained by late March of the first year;
Probably first breed in second year, so age adults (2+).

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in size or plumage.