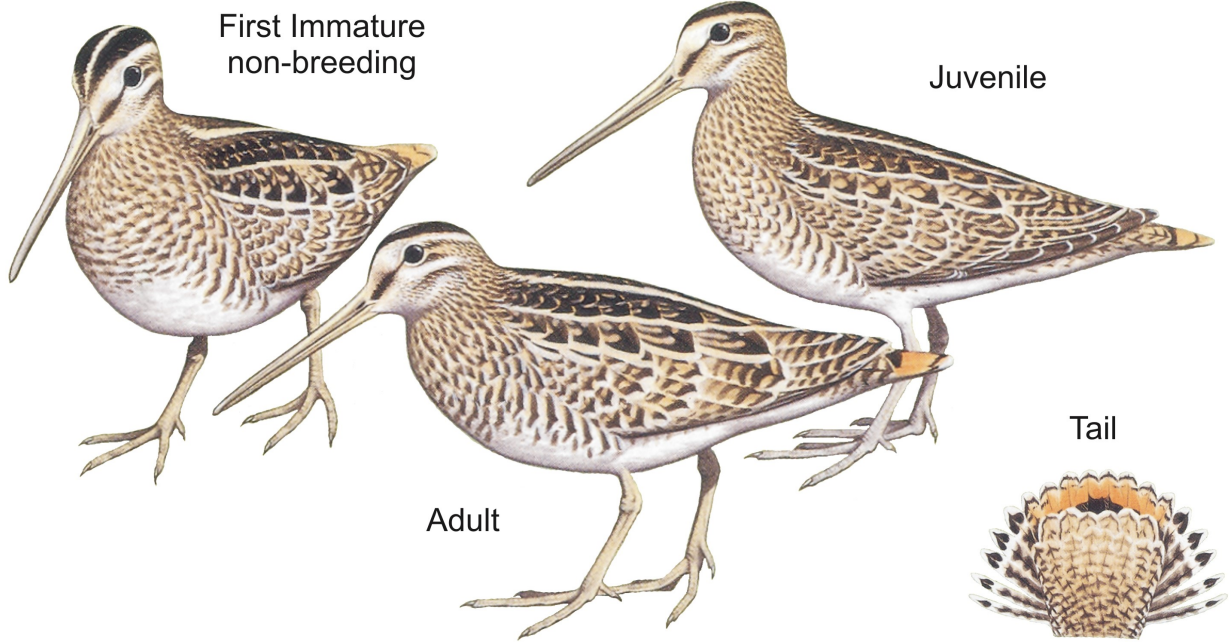


Japanese Snipe

Gallinago hardwickii

Species Code: 457 Band: [D/DP]



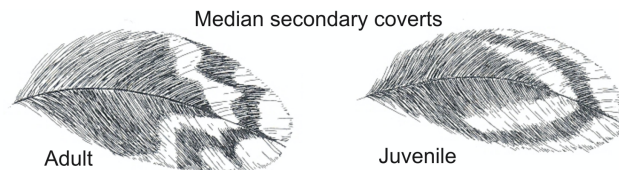
Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	154 – 163 mm	152 – 169 mm
Tail:	62 – 71 mm	60 – 70 mm
Bill:	65.3 – 70.9 mm	66.9 – 75.6 mm
Weight (Sept):	131 -190 g	143 – 184 g
(March):	202 – 274 g	175 – 277 g

Ageing:

Latham's Snipe breed in Japan, nearby Asian mainland and islands;

On arrival in Australasia in September juveniles retain some fledgling plumage and all remiges and rectrices which are replaced in a complete moult by the first southern hemisphere summer Thus adults are (2+); Juveniles are most readily identified from adults by the pattern on median secondary coverts as illustrated below:



Sexing:

Sexes similar in size and plumage.