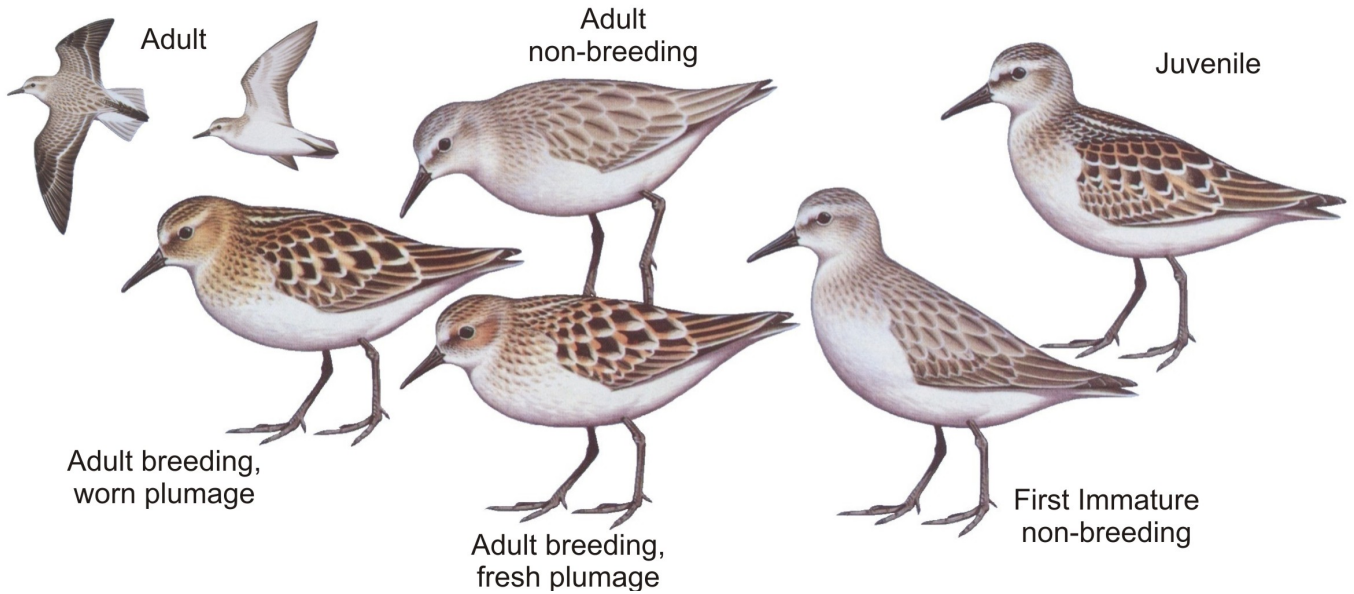


**Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*

**Species Code: 478**

**Band: [B(SS)/BP]**



**Morphometrics:**

	Males	Females
Wing:	93 – 100 mm	94 – 104 mm
Tail:	35 – 43 mm	37 – 44 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	16.7 – 19.2 mm	17.5 – 19.9 mm
Tarsus:	19.8 – 23.2 mm	19.7 – 23.6 mm
Middle Toe:	17.5 – 20.8 mm	17.5 – 20.1 mm
Weight:	22 – 27.5 g	

**Ageing:**

Ageing of Juveniles / First Immatures is difficult on moult characters because they arrive in non-breeding areas undergoing complete primary moult, unlike Red-necked Stint which commences primary moult in late Summer / early Autumn;  
 First Immatures are separated from adults by retained juvenile median and lesser secondary coverts until these feathers are replaced late in moult, about Dec – Apr in first year;  
 Adult non-breeding plumage (2+) is first attained in second austral Spring and moult to first breeding plumage commences in their second austral Autumn toward the end of the bird's second year, so adults will be aged (3+).

**Sexing:**

No sexual dimorphism in size or plumage.

**Similar species:**

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* – most individuals are slightly larger (see separate sheet);  
 See ageing of Juveniles above re moult timing to separate species.