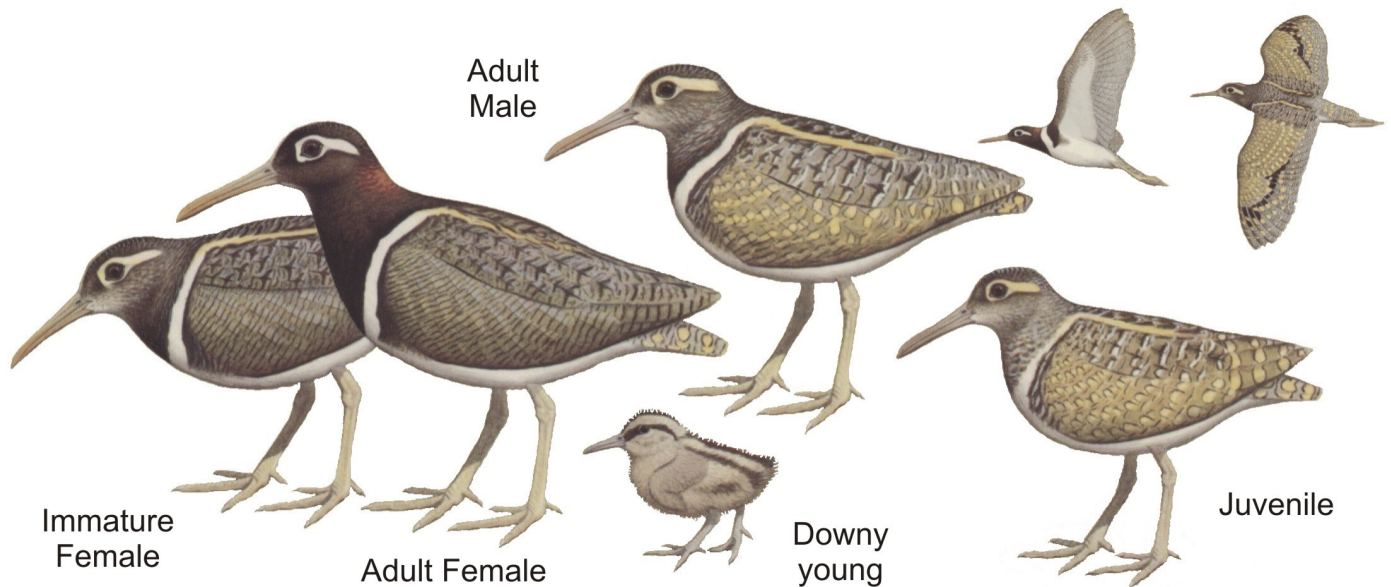


Painted Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*

Species Code: 494

Band: [D/DP]



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	141 – 149 mm	147 – 163 mm
8 th Primary:	93 – 98 mm	95 – 106 mm
Tail:	48 – 54 mm	46 – 58 mm
Bill:	41.9 – 44.4 mm	39.7 – 47.8 mm
Tarsus:	37.7 – 40.6 mm	39.1 – 41.6 mm
Weight:	106 – 142 g	119 – 145 g

Ageing:

Juveniles are duller in colour than immatures, but reach adult size by their first Winter;
 Adult plumage is attained at about 1 year old - thus adults are aged (2+);
 Immature (1) and adult males (2+) are indistinguishable;
 The plumage of immature females (1) are brighter than adult males but duller than adult females (see illustrations).

Sexing:

Immatures and adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage (see illustrations);
 Females are marginally larger than males;
 Incubation by male only.