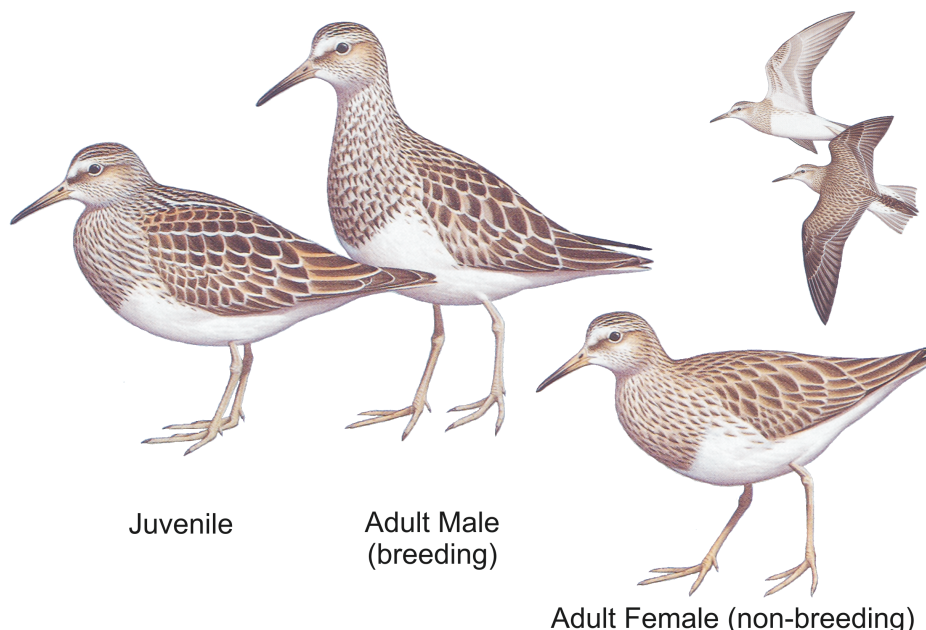


Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

Species Code: 460

Band: [CP/C]



Juvenile

Adult Male
(breeding)

Adult Female (non-breeding)

Morphometrics:

	Male	Female
Wing - adult:	135 – 148 mm	126 – 143 mm
- juvenile p10 and central rectrices:	136 – 150 mm	125 – 138 mm
Tail - adult:	55 – 70 mm	48 – 58 mm
- juvenile p10 and central rectrices:	53 – 62 mm	46 – 54 mm
Bill:	26.1 – 32.0 mm	23.8 – 30.0 mm
Tarsus:	26.1 – 31.7 mm	24.0 – 28.8 mm
Toe (middle toe – base to tip of claw):	24.8 – 31.0 mm	24.8 – 28.7 mm
Weight (increases over austral summer:	62 – 78 g	45 – 63 g

Note: max. weights recorded in the few records in Australia, are considerably less than the weights recorded in the breeding area of northern Asia and North America- max weights recorded at start of breeding in Alaska (June – July) are males 105 g and females 86 g).

Ageing:

Juvenile / Immature superficially similar to adults in breeding plumage, but slightly darker rufous-brown streaking on crown and nape; mantle is scalloped rather than streaked as in breeding adult; fringes of longest feather of mantle and scapulars are darker rufous-brown than adults; rufous-brown tips to undertail coverts and feathers of rump are slightly narrower and darker than in adults; marginal and tertial coverts have light rufous-brown fringes; rufous-brown feathers fade to buff;

Age juveniles and immatures as (1) AND ADULTS AS (2+).

Sexing:

See measurements above. Female has finer dark streaking on breast than male.

Similar species:

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – see below:

Pectoral Sandpiper
 Breast/belly: sharply defined contrast (see illustration);
 Supercilium: broad white with narrow brown eyestripe;
 Orbital ring: narrow white & extends into supercilium;

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
 uniform plumage over breast & belly;
 narrow white with broad eyestripe below;
 broad clean white ring contrasts with supercilium.