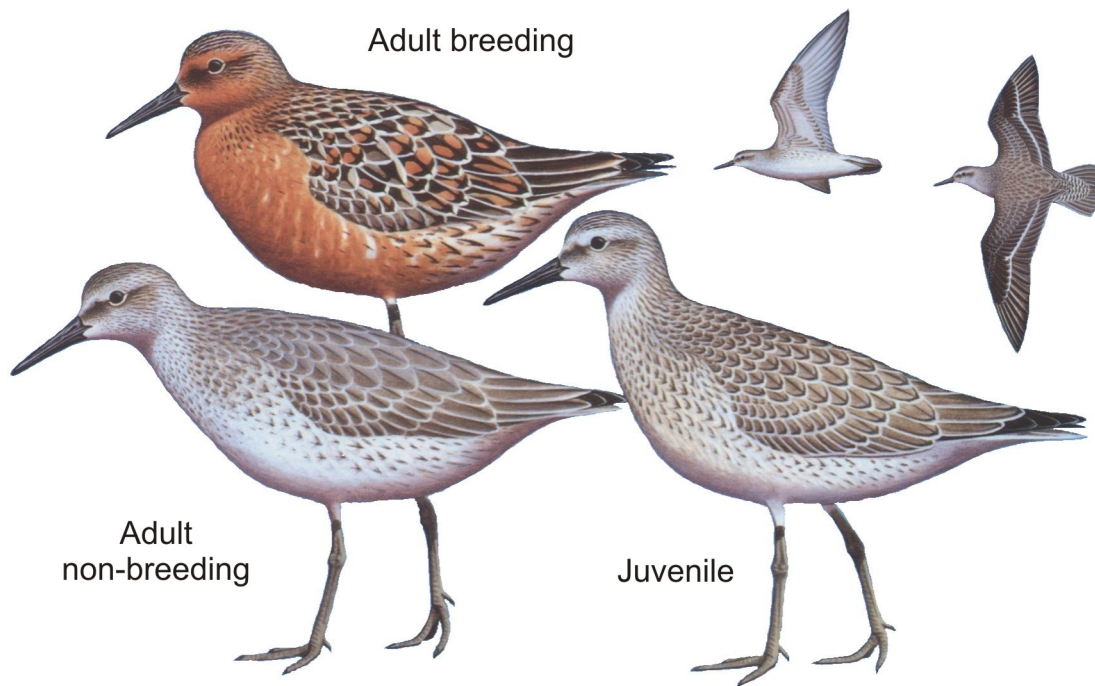


Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

Species Code: 458 Band: CX (do not use CP)



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	156 – 170 mm	153 – 167 mm
Tail:	56 – 69 mm	50 – 62 mm
Bill:	28.5 – 33.6 mm	30.1 – 35.2 mm
Tarsus:	28.2 – 32.4 mm	28.8 – 32.8 mm
Weight:	88 – 162 g	

Ageing:

Juveniles (J) arrive in Aust. In October with relatively unworn primaries and dark sub-terminal bands on wing coverts. Moults to first immature (1) plumage, which is indistinguishable from non-breeding adults (see illustrations) usually commences in January with outer primary moult; All first year birds over-Winter in Australia, and don't migrate back to breeding areas in northern Asia and North America until late in their second year (2), by which time they have moulted to plumage which is indistinguishable from non-breeding adults or have commenced moult to breeding plumage;

All breeding birds will be at least late in their second year (2) or older (2+), but when they return to Aust. in August after they first breed they will actually be early into their third year (3+). Unfortunately they arrive in non-breeding plumage with very worn primaries and active primary moult which is probably indistinguishable from the second year birds that over-Wintered in Aust.; In the period August to November juveniles (J), immatures (1) & non-breeding immatures and adults (2+) can be aged, but from then on only adults (2+) and Juveniles (J) can be separated.

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage or size.