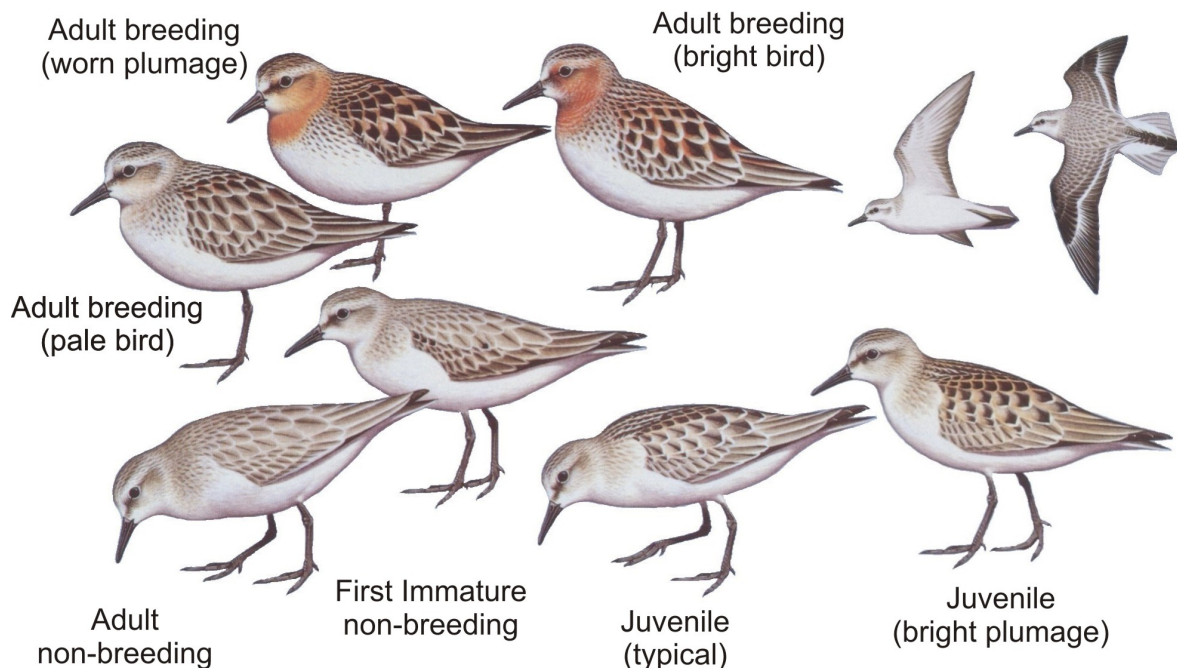


Red-necked Stint

Calidris ruficolis

Species Code: 462

Band: B(SS)/BP



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	98 – 108 mm	102 – 112 mm
Tail:	38 – 49 mm	40 – 52 mm
THL:	36.1 – 40.6 mm	38.0 – 42.3 mm
Bill:	15.9 – 22.6 mm	16.7 – 21.9 mm
Tarsus:	18.3 – 22.0 mm	18.1 – 23.0 mm
Middle Toe:	16.9 – 21.8 mm	17.6 – 21.5 mm
Weight:	22.3 – 33.5 g	22.1 – 24.6 mm

Ageing:

Juveniles arrive in Australia in October / November and stay until late in their second year; Juveniles (J) or (1) can be separated from immatures (2) and breeding adults (3+) to January by the lack of primary moult and also median coverts have buff edges; Juveniles (1) commence outer primary moult in late Summer / early Autumn, but primary moult isn't completed until late Spring when the bird will be into its second year (2) non-breeding plumage; Immature (2) birds can be distinguished from returning breeding adults (3+) by faded and worn primaries; The first full primary moult of the previous years fledglings (immature (2)) is completed in December of their second year, so during the period August to November Juveniles (J), immatures (2) and breeding adults (in non-breeding plumage) can be distinguished by the condition of their primaries; After immature (2) birds complete their first complete primary moult in December they cannot be separated from adults (3+); Adults (3+) moult from breeding to non-breeding body plumage from August to October and moult back into breeding plumage from late February.

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage, but some females are marginally larger than males.

Similar species:

Little Stint *Calidris minuta* – most individuals are slightly smaller (see separate sheet);