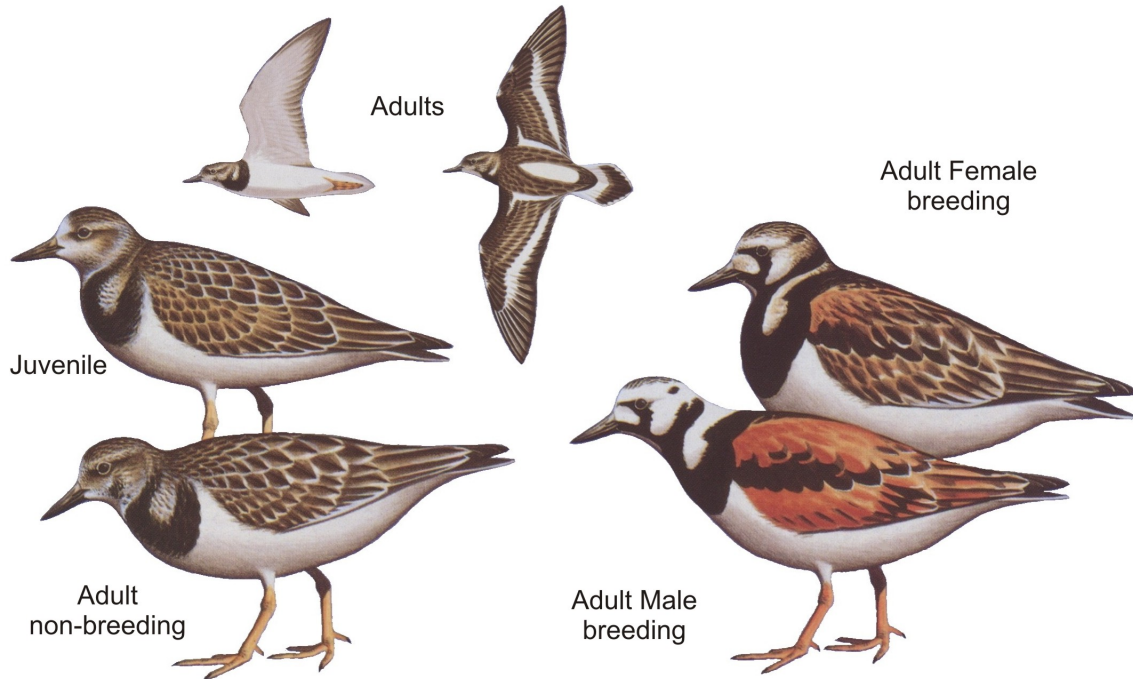


Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Species Code: 451

Band: D/DP



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	142 – 161 mm	142 – 159 mm
8 th Primary:	100 – 105 mm	96 – 105 mm
Tail:	50 – 64 mm	52 – 62 mm
Bill:	19.9 – 24.6 mm	20.2 – 23.1 mm
Tarsus:	24.5 – 26.9 mm	4.4 – 27.7 mm
Weight:	104 – 115 g	100 – 135 g

Ageing:

Finish partial post-juvenile moult to immature non-breeding plumage soon after arrival in non-breeding areas – age (1);
 Undergo first pre-breeding moult to first immature breeding plumage in April-June, appearing similar to adult breeding plumage, but most retain all juvenile remiges and all retain some juvenile tertials and wing coverts which have worn pale-buff fringes – still age (1);
 Some immatures remain in Australasia for their first winter;
 Adult non-breeding plumage in first attained early in their second Austral spring – age (2);
 Moults twice annually with complete post-breeding moult to non-breeding plumage during and just after southern migration and pre-breeding partial moult to adult breeding plumage just before northern migration – age (2+);

Sexing:

No sexual differences in size;
 Immature males can resemble adult breeding females;
 Immature females are often much duller than breeding females;
 Breeding females are slightly duller than breeding males, however, both sexes vary greatly, so it is only possible to sex known breeding pairs.