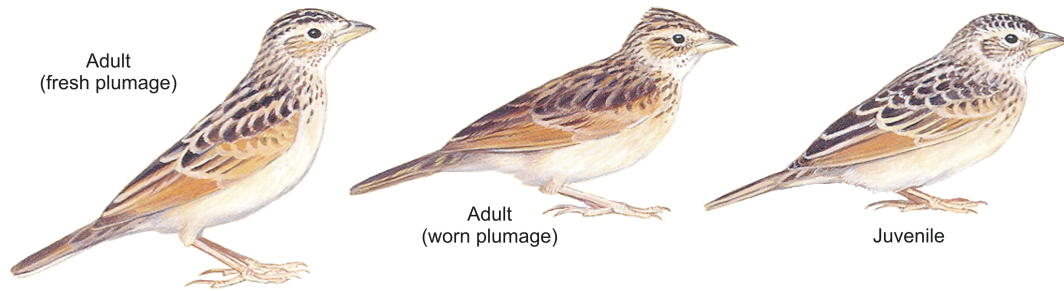


**Horsfield's Bushlark** *Mirafra javanica*

**Species No.: 648** **Band size: 02**



*M.j. horsfieldi* (e. Australia from n. Qld to e. Vic and w. to Murray-Darling basin)



Adult *M.j. secunda* (lower reaches of Murray-Darling & S.A.)



Adult *M.j. athertonensis* (Atherton-Mareeba uplands, n-e Qld)

**Morphometrics:**

Eight subspecies are recognised in Australia (three of which are illustrated above) and another twelve or so subspecies occur throughout s-e Asia, India, the Middle East and Africa. The measurements below are for the widespread and most frequently captured ssp. *M.j. horsfieldii*:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	69 - 76 mm	61 - 73 mm
Tail:	46 - 52 mm	42 - 50 mm
Weight:	19.5 – 25.8 g	18.0 – 24.8 g

**Ageing:**

Plumage differences for *M.j. horsfieldii*:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile (J) or (1)
Forehead, crown & nape:	black-brown or dark brown light coarse grey-brown or light brown mottling or streaking;	black-brown or dark brown with fine cream or cinnamon-brown scalloping;
Hindneck & sides of neck:	light greyish-brown or light brownish with diffuse dark brown mottling or streaking;	light brownish with diffuse dark brown mottling;
Mantle, back & scapulars	greyish-brown or light brownish with bold dark brown or blackish-brown mottling & cinnamon-brown or off-white streaking and scalloping;	lack streaking to back and scapulars & less boldly mottled on mantle, back and scapulars;

Juveniles undergo a complete moult to adult plumage in their first autumn. Hence birds can only be aged (J), (1) or for adults (1+).

**Sexing:**

The sexes cannot be separated on plumage characters, but males average larger than females. Both sexes incubate.