

**Buff-banded Rail**

*Gallirallus philippensis*

Species No.: 46

Band size: 08 (09) SS

Adult ssp. *G.p. assimilis*  
(Norfolk & Lord Howe Is.)

Juvenile

Adult ssp. *G.p. mellori*  
(Aust mainland & Tas)



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	130 – 156 mm	132 – 152 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	90 – 107 mm	90 – 100 mm
Tail:	60 – 78 mm	54 – 71 mm
Weight:	144 – 234 g	123 – 240 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	dirty pink to pink-red grading to grey or brownish-grey tip;	mostly grey-black with pinkish tinge;
Iris:	bright red, dark red or dark orange, inner ring sometimes dark blue or brown;	dark brown to brown, transitioning to yellow-brown then red with yellow flecks;
Legs & feet:	grey or brownish-grey with pink, reddish, buff or olive tinge;	dark grey with pink tinge;
Plumage:	see illustrations;	

Downy young grow very fast attain juvenile plumage and adult size within a few months of hatching; Moul to adult plumage commences early in the second year, thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

Sexes are similar in plumage throughout life, though adult males may be marginally larger than adult females;  
Both sexes incubate.