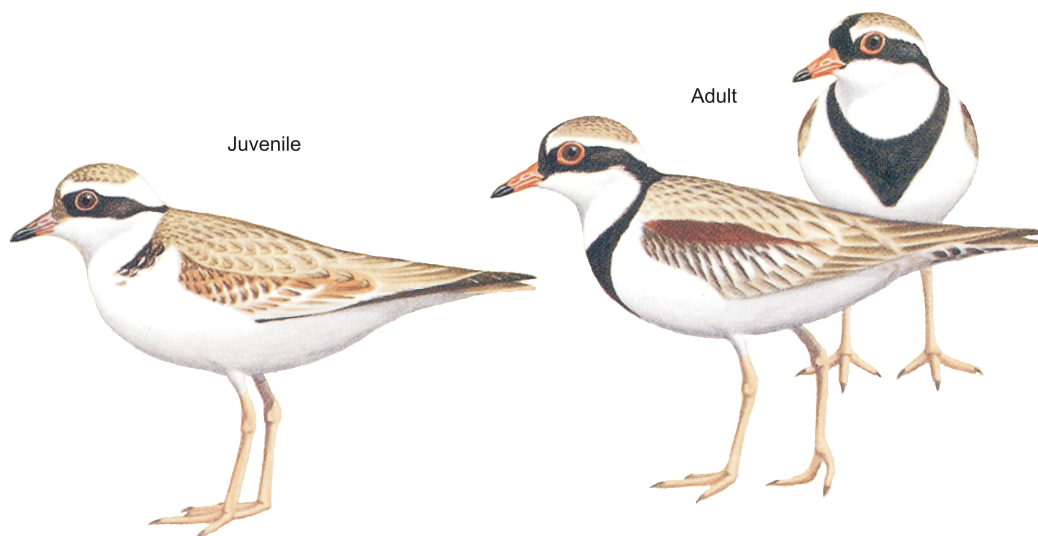


**Black-fronted Plover** *Elsayornis melanops*      **Species No.: 144**      **Band size: 03 IN**



**Morphometrics:**

|         |                   |                     |
|---------|-------------------|---------------------|
|         | <b>Adult Male</b> | <b>Adult Female</b> |
| Wing:   | 105 – 119 mm      | 105 – 117 mm        |
| Tail:   | 51 – 57 mm        | 49 – 57 mm          |
| Weight: | 30.3 – 34.0 g     |                     |

**Ageing:**

|                    |                               |   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|
|                    | <b>Adult (2+)</b>             | <b>Juvenile/Immature</b>  |
| Bill:              | red with black distal third;  | black in juvenile to dull red with black distal half in immature; |
| Iris:              | black-brown;                  | black;  |
| Frons:             | black;                        | brown;  |
| Crown:             | brown with dark brown shafts; | dark brown with buff fringes;                                     |
| Eye stripe:        | black;                        | dark brown;   |
| Breast band:       | black;                        | absent in juvenile and not fully developed in immature;           |
| Secondary coverts: | dark brown;                   | brown basally with buff tips;                                     |

Partial post-juvenile moult commences soon after fledging. Immatures retain juvenile remiges and rectrices.

Full adult plumage attained at about one year of age. Thus age adults (2+).

**Sexing:**

Both sexes incubate

Sexes are similar in size and plumage;