

**Chestnut-breasted Mannikin** *Lonchura castaneothorax* Species No.: 657 Band size: 02



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	24.1 – 27.5 mm	
Wing:	53 – 57 mm	51 – 56 mm
Tail:	29 – 40 mm	29 – 37 mm
Weight:	12.0 – 16.1 g	

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	mostly light blue-grey or grey-mauve with off-white cutting edges;	grey or blue-grey, darker than adult;
Iris:	black-brown;	dark brown or brown;

There are significant differences in plumage between juvenile and adult birds - see illustrations; Post-juvenile moult is thought to result in adult plumage;

Sexing :

Not sexually dimorphic on size and claimed plumage differences (by aviculturists) are unreliable for sexing birds in the field – some claim that males are brighter than females; males have more silver-grey crown and nape than females; under tail coverts and thighs are black in males and rust-brown in females and a wider, straighter breast band in males than females; Both sexes incubate.