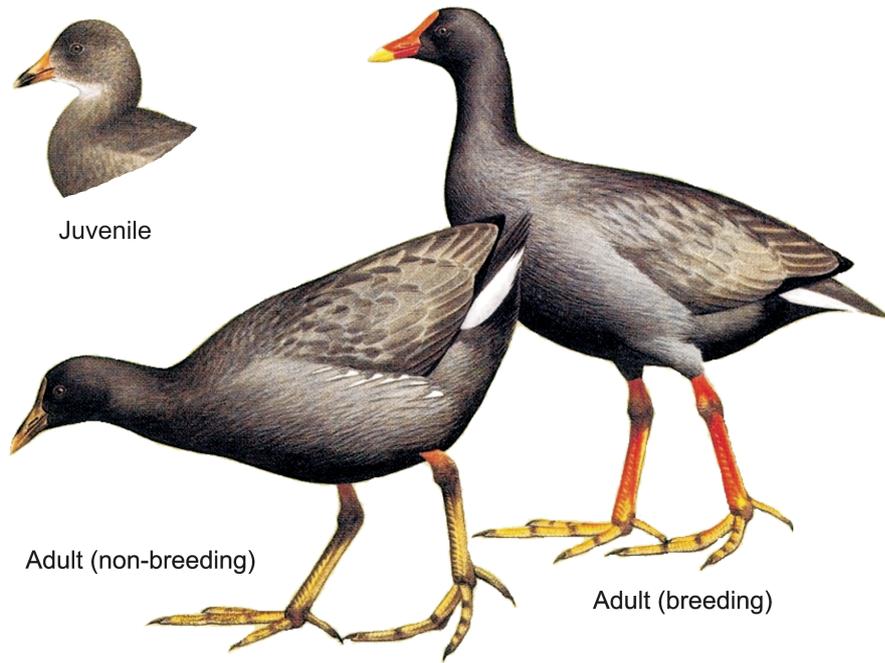


Dusky Moorhen

Gallinula tenebrosa

Species No.: 56

Band size: 11 SS



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	197 – 223 mm	189 – 213 mm
8 th Primary:	133 – 144 mm	128 – 135 mm
Tail:	64 – 82 mm	63 – 77 mm
Tarsus:	57.6 – 69.9 mm	54.5 – 67.8 mm
Weight:	490 – 720 g	336 – 684 g

Ageing:

	Adult breeding (2+)	Adult non-breeding (2+)	Juvenile / Immature
Bill:	bright red to crimson with bright yellow tip;	olive-black often with red tinge grading to dull yellow tip;	dark olive brown;
Iris:	red-brown;	dull red-brown;	dark brown;
Legs & feet:	front of tarsus & top of toes orange-red to orange, rest olive-yellow, lime green or dark olive-grey;	wholly olive-green to yellow;	dark olive-green or olive-brown;
Head & neck:	uniform grey-black;	grey-black;	top of head dark brown, rest grey-brown;
Chin & throat:	grey-black;	grey-black;	grey with white feather bases often visible;

Juveniles moult to an immature plumage that is similar to adult non-breeding plumage, but juvenile tertials and remiges and some body feathers are retained. Adult plumage attained early in the second year so age adults (2+).

Sexing:

Plumage of both sexes is similar throughout life, but adult males may be marginally larger than adult females.

All members of the group are thought to assist with incubation.