

Description of the Chick of the Large Sand-Dotterel (*Pagoa leschenaulti*)

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The following description of two chicks of *Pagoa leschenaulti* has been sent to me by Mrs. Sushkin through Mrs. Kozlova, and as this description is new to me, no doubt others will be interested. The young birds were taken on July 3, 1915, by the late Dr. Peter Sushkin on the Tchuyia steppe, on the lower course of the Jartchaty River, in Russian South-eastern Altai.

Chicks—A few days old. Upper parts pinkish-buff or cartridge buff; crown, middle of the back, and wings darker or cinnamon buff; forehead very pale-buffish, nearly white; a very distinct black line runs from the bill, over the forehead, up to the middle of the crown; this line is $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. wide on the forehead and broadens out to 3 mm. on the crown; above the eyes and on the nape are irregular black streaks and spots; a short black line runs from the corners of the mouth up to the middle of the lores; there is a narrow black band from behind the eye to the back of the neck surrounding the nape; a small black spot on the ears; black irregular markings on the back—the largest black markings are located in the middle of the lower back, on the wings and on the scapulars; under parts white, with a slight buffy tinge on the sides of the neck. Measurements in the flesh are:—Length 100 and 102 mm., length of head from bill 30 and 33; tarsus 23 and 25.

Compared with the chick of *alexandrina*, this latter is smaller; the upper parts are paler and greyer, between tulleul-buff and pale olive-buff; the black markings on the back are smaller and more numerous; it has no black line on the lores or middle of the crown and no black band surrounding the nape.