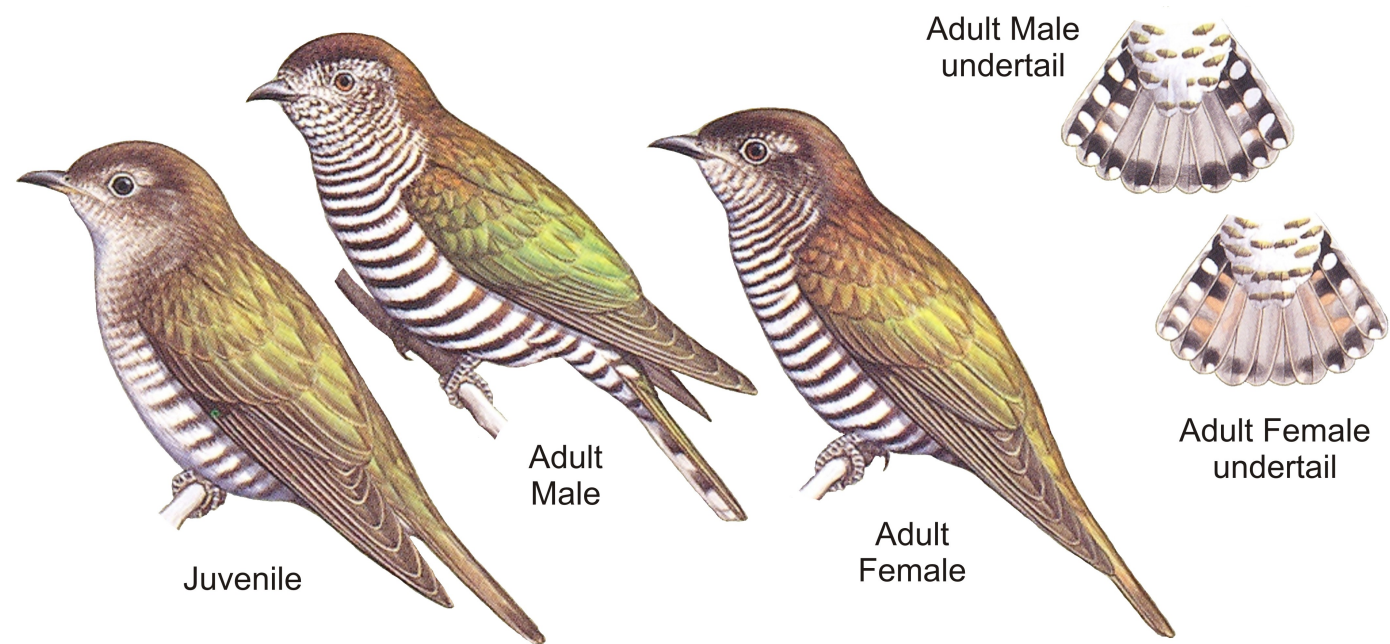


**Shining Bronze-Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx lucidus* Species No.: 344 Band size: 03



**Morphometrics:**

The measurements presented here are for the subspecies *C.l. plagosus* which breeds in eastern and south-western Australia. The nominate *C.l lucidus* breeds in NZ and nearby islands and occurs on mainland eastern Australia only as a non-breeding season passage migrant as it migrates to overwinter on the islands north of Australia.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:		
Wing:	101 – 110 mm	102 – 110 mm
Tail:	64 – 72 mm	66 – 72 mm
Weight:	17 – 35 g	18 – 28.5 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (2+)	Immature (1)
Bill:	grey-black;	pinkish changing to dull black;
Gape & palate:	black;	yellow through grey to black;
Eye:	creamish grey to pale brown;	brownish grey with brown inner;
Orbital ringing:	male - pale green and very narrow, female – pale blue-green or yellowish green to grey-cream;	yellow-green;
Throat:	barred dark brown on white;	off-white with indistinct barring;
Lower breast & abdomen:	completely barred dark brown on white;	incomplete or no bars;

**Sexing :**

Not size dimorphic; but several plumage characters separates the sexes;  
The back of the female is brownish-green glossy bronze whereas the male is more iridescent green-bronze;  
Orbital ring is different - see above under Ageing;  
The underside of the outer tail feathers are also fairly definitive with the female having rufous spots on t4 and some rufous, or buff, colouring on t3 & t5. No rufous on males (see illustrations above);  
Barring on the lower chest and abdomen of females is narrower than on males.