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RAOU No. 342 — Horsfield Bronze Cuckoo
(*Chalcites basalis*)

If the tail is spread and viewed from above the rufous on the outer webs separates the Horsfield from the other Australian Bronze cuckoos.

Bill width: Narrow, 4.3 mm or less.

Forehead: No white.

Crown, Hind neck, Mantle: Brownish with slight purplish bronze tinge. Juv. Greyish brown.

Back: Bronze green. Juv. dull brownish green.

Wing coverts: Buffish white edges, sometimes lost with wear. Juv. slight rufous edges.

Tail: No. 1, 2, 3 & 4: 5-7 large white spots. Rufous for 2/3rds on both webs. 4 sometimes outer web only. Juv. similar, but rufous less intense.

Chin: Streaked brown. Juv. greyish buff.

Throat and Breast: Wavy brown bars. Juv. greyish buff as chin.

Belly: Centre line of belly white separating strongly brown barred flanks, occasionally barring goes across belly. Juv. Buff. No bars on belly or flanks.

Face: White line over eye extending down to "shoulders", separated from chin and throat by brown line through ear-coverts. Juv. Eye line none or slight.