Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike Coracina novaehollandiae Species No.: 424 Band Size: 06



Morphometrics:

THL:

Wing 189 – 202 mm Wingspan 529 – 628 mm Tail 128 - 155 mm Weight 86.5 – 148.0 g

Ageing: Juvenile – Brown and fluffy.

Immature (1) – Head, neck and breast differ from adult plumage – see drawings

Adult (2+) – Adult plumage attained when approximately 1 year old.

Sexing There is no sexual dimorphism in either plumage or size. Both sexes brood and feed

nestlings.

Separating Black-faced from White-bellied Cuckoo Shrikes.

In the hand, the melanistic race and immature *C. papuensis* may be confused with adult *C. novaehollandiae* and adult *C. papuensis* may be confused with *immature C. novaehollandiae*. However, birds with a wing length greater than 180mm, wingspan greater than 520mm and weight greater than 85g are Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrikes and those with lesser measurements are White-bellied Cuckoo-shrikes.