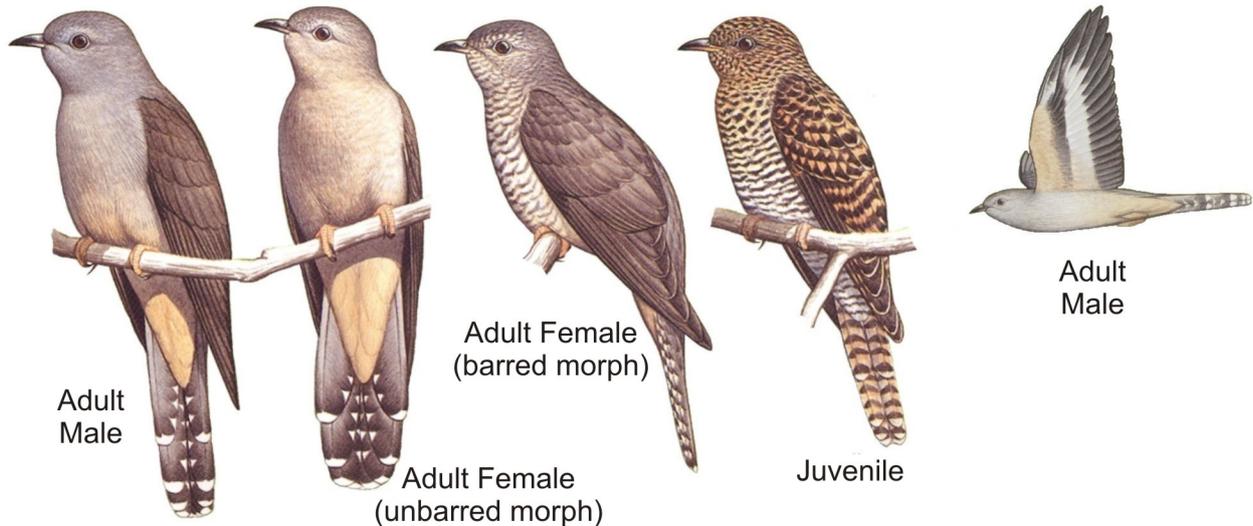


Brush Cuckoo *Cacomantis variolosus* Species No.: 339 Band size: 04 AY



Morphometrics:

	<i>C.v. variolosus</i> (coastal & subcoastal Qld s. Townsville, NSW & Vic.)		<i>C.v. dumetorum</i> (n. WA, NT & Qld s. to Townsville)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	127 – 148 mm	128 – 131 mm	118 – 134 mm	119 – 132 mm
Tail:	105 – 128 mm	102 – 113 mm	100 – 116 mm	100 – 130 mm
Bill:	20.9 – 24.0 mm	20.7 – 22.5 mm	18.8 – 24.0 mm	20.8 – 21.9 mm
Tarsus:	16.7 – 18.8 mm	17.6 – 18.0 mm	15.2 – 18.5 mm	16.4 – 18.2 mm
Weight:	39 – 49 g	No data	28 – 37.5 g	21.8 – 38 g

Ageing:

Juveniles have a distinctive rufous colour in the wings, tail, head and throat;
 Molt from juvenile to immature adult-like plumage within 4 months of fledging;
 Molt from immature to adult plumage occurs in post-breeding molt period in a bird's second year;
C.v. variolosus, is a breeding summer migrant from Indonesia and PNG and molt occurs during transit, or in over-wintering areas of New Guinea or Wallacea;
 Birds that display some juvenile plumage are Immatures and should be aged (2-) and Adults (2+);
C.v. dumetorum does not migrate, but display the same age characteristics.

Sexing:

Immature and adult males are not barred;
 Females may be barred or unbarred (see illustrations above);
 Males have a grey head and throat;
 Unbarred females have a grey-brown crown, but face and throat are pale brown;
 Barred females can be reliably separated from juveniles by the absence of rufous in the wings & tail and a rufous tinge to the head and throat.

Similar species:

Fan-tailed Cuckoo *C. flabelliformis* with the following differences:

	Brush Cuckoo	Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Orbital ring:	narrow cream or pale yellow;	1mm wide, yellow to bright yellow;
Tail:	102 – 128 mm;	123 – 151 mm;
Weight:	28 – 49 g;	42.6 – 65 g.