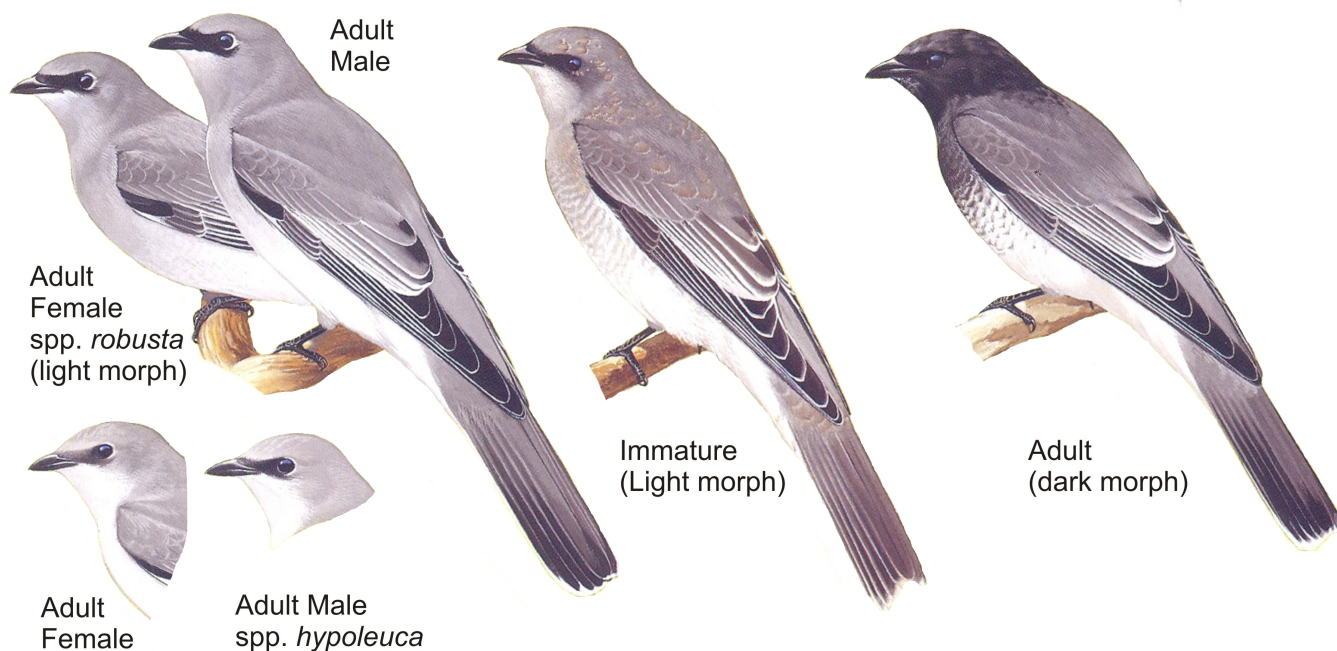


**White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike** *Coracina papuensis* Species No.: 425 Band size: 05 (04)



**Morphometrics:**

THL:	
Wing:	148 -175 mm
Wingspan:	482 – 505 mm
Tail:	112 - 140 mm
Weight:	63 – 80 g

**Ageing**      Immature (1) – Similar to adult female, but retain many juvenile light brown wing feathers.

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

**Sexing**      Males, except first year birds, have a small spot of white feathers at the upper hind rim of the eye. This spot is clearly visible in all plumage types. Both sexes brood.

**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.