

FANTAILED CUCKOO



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Fantailed Cuckoo *Cacomantis pyrrhophanus*

The following characters separate adult and immature birds of this species from the similar Brush Cuckoo *C. variolosus*.

Adult

Total length: 266 mm

Tail: 132-147 mm; feathers black with well marked white notches on both webs.

Immature

Tail: With buff and fawn notching similar to or even more marked than in adult.

Upper parts: Uniform brown, with reddish edging to feathers.

Underparts: Mottled dull grey and buff, sometimes with a reddish tinge on breast.

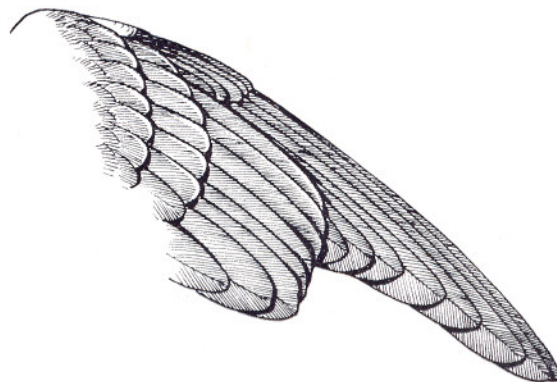
Wings: Upper wing coverts and secondaries with very narrow rufous edges.

DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERS

The larger size and longer tail separates all adult and most immature and young Fantailed Cuckoos from the Brush Cuckoo.



- Tail of adult (dorsal view) with feathers slightly spread.



- Wing of immature with narrow rufous edges to upper wing coverts and secondaries.

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