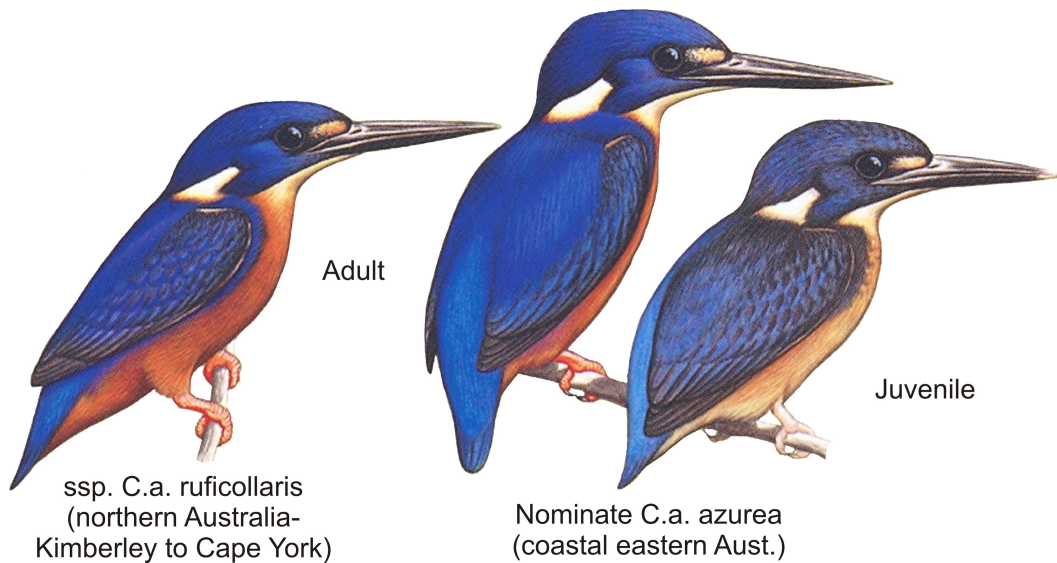


Azure Kingfisher *Ceyx azurea* **Species No.: 319** **Band size: K**



Morphometrics:

The measurements presented here are for the nominate *C.a. azurea*. *C.a. ruficollaris* is slightly smaller.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	72 – 80 mm	75 – 82 mm
Tail:	33 - 39 mm	33 – 38 mm
Weight:	22 – 39 g	26 – 43.5 g

Ageing:

	Adult	Juvenile/Immature
Bill:	black, some have small (c. 1 mm) dull-white or pearl-grey tip;	black with 3-4 mm cream-white tip;
Legs and feet:	red;	pink;
Forehead & crown:	bright dark blue;	feathers have greenish-blue centres and distinct blue-black fringes which combine to give a banded appearance; appear mottled black & blue
Cheeks & ear coverts:	bright dark blue;	
Breast & belly:	rufous to rufous brown with centre of belly paler buff-brown;	sides of breast blackish, olive-brown, rest of breast and belly light brown;

Azure Kingfishers moult throughout the year and duration of juvenile/immature plumage is not documented. Accordingly, adults can only be aged as (1+) and those with traces of juvenile plumage should be recorded as (1).

Sexing :

Females are said to be slightly duller in plumage than males, but unless you are holding a mated pair, forget it.
Both sexes incubate.