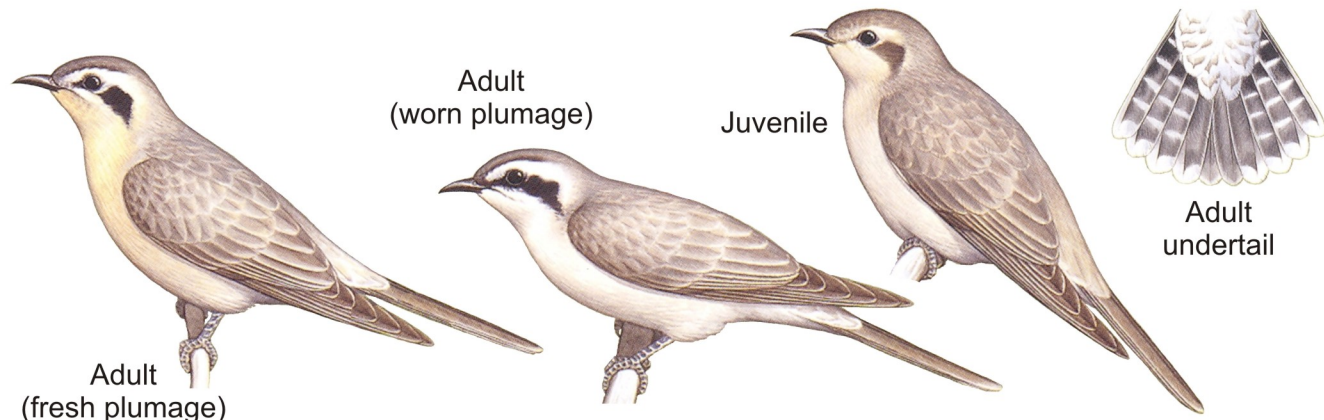


Black-eared Cuckoo *Chalcites osculans*

Species No.: 341

Band size: 04 AY



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	114 – 123 mm	113 – 122 mm
Tail:	83 - 92 mm	83 – 92 mm
Bill:	17.3 – 21.3 mm	17.1 – 21.2 mm
Tarsus:	16.9 – 20.9 mm	18.1 – 22.0 mm
Weight:	25.5 – 35.4 g	27 – 38.5 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile (1) / Immature (2-)
Gape:	black;	pale yellow changing with age;
Palate:	black;	deep yellow to grey & black with age;
Iris:	black-brown sometimes greyish tinge;	initially mid-brown changing to brown;
Ear patch:	black;	dark brown;
Supercilium:	white – extending from base of upper mandible to above ear patch with narrow black upper border;	indistinct - no black border as in adult;

Immatures may retain juvenile remiges and rectrices and can be distinguished from adults by wear of primaries and synchronous growth bars in the tail;
 Full adult plumage is attained in the post-breeding season moult in the second year;
 Thus immatures not showing juvenile features (yellow gape and palate etc.) should be aged (2-) and adults will be (2+).

Sexing :

Reliable sexing is not possible on external examination, but males may have more black than females on ear coverts and lores.