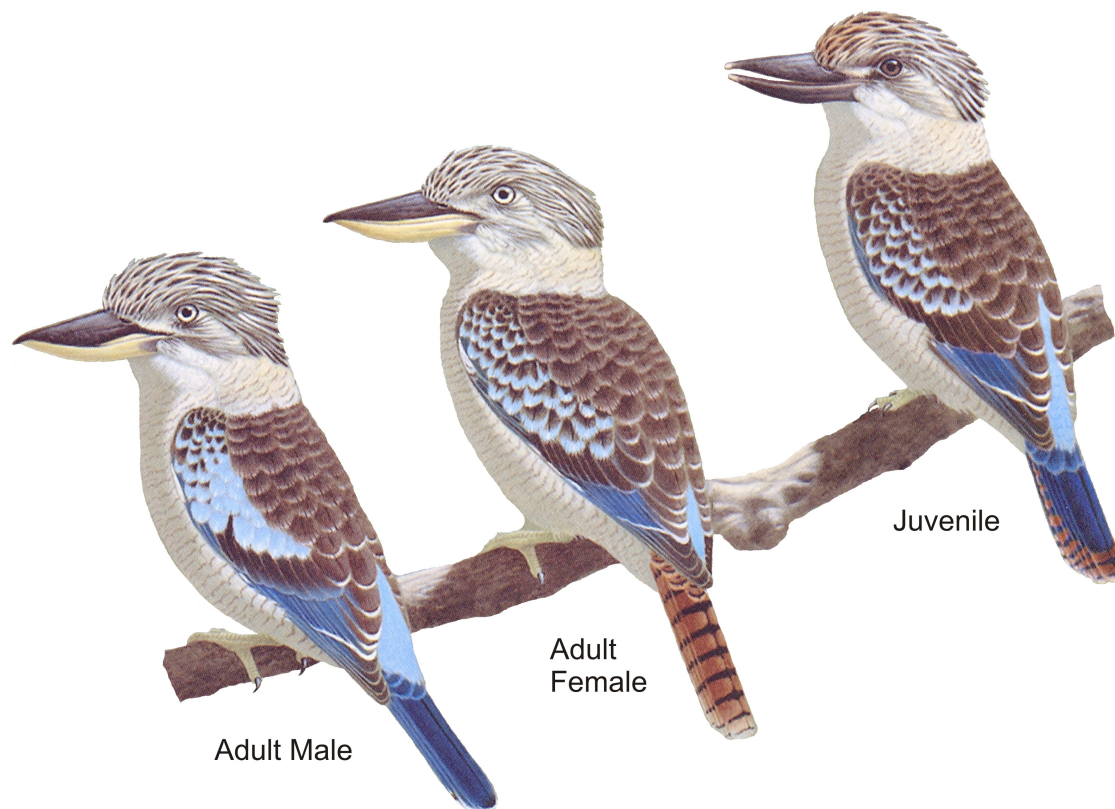


Blue-winged Kookaburra *Dacelo leachii*

Species No.: 323

Band size: 09



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male (2+)	Adult Female (2+)
THL:	114 – 128 mm	115 – 128 mm
Wing:	180 – 210 mm	181 – 221 mm
Tail:	100 – 134 mm	110 -135 mm
Weight:	200 – 330 g	267 – 447 g

Ageing:

Juvenile has mostly black or dark grey upper and lower mandibles with white tips. White tips are lost and lower mandible gradually becomes paler, changing to pink-buff or cream of adults within a few months after fledging;

Juvenile iris is much darker (dark grey, dark brown or brown) than adults (pearl-grey, cream or light grey-brown);

The orbital ring of juveniles is bluish-grey, whereas the adults are brownish-grey;

Juveniles generally have a light brown suffusion to feathers of forehead, centre of crown and cheeks;

Tail feathers (rectrices) of Juveniles and immatures are pointed;

Immatures are indistinguishable after complete tail moult at approximately 15 months. Thus Immatures (2-) and Adults will be at least (2+);

Sexing :

Sexes of all ages can be identified by the colours of the rump and tail feathers;

Adult males have dark blue lower tail coverts and rectrices, whereas adult females are rufous brown with tail feathers being lighter at the tips;

Juveniles/Immatures have either blue tail coverts (male) or brown (female) and the rectrices have both male and female characters.