## Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo Chalcites basalis Species No.: 342 Band size: 03 AY



## Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	97 – 108mm	95 – 108 mm
Tail:	64 – 75 mm	63 – 76 mm
Bill:	14.0 – 18.3 mm	15.2 – 18.7 mm
Tarsus:	16.2 – 19.8 mm	15.9 – 19.2 mm
Weight:	17 – 30 g	20 – 32 g

## Ageing:

Juvenile lacks barring on undersides, but rapidly moults to immature plumage that is similar to adults by the first Autumn.

Immature is similar to adults but much paler and duller. Brown fringes to all greater and some lesser and median coverts. Breast bars are faint to absent;

Immatures probably attain full adult plumage in the post-breeding season moult in their second year. Thus Immatures are aged (1) or (2-) and Adults (2+).

## Sexing:

Adult Male Adult Female

Undertail: See illustrations above – far more black & white in male tail than in female,

and little or no rufous in t5 of the male compared with female;

Iris: reddish; brown to off-white with pale brown or

cream tinge;

Throat: prominent lateral brown stripes; indistinct mottling on throat & upper

breast;

Breast, abdomen

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& flanks:

broadly barred dark brown; paler brown barring less bold than male.