

Noisy Miner *Manorina melanocephala*

Species No.: 634

Band size: 06



Juvenile

Adult

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	125 – 154 mm	119 – 148 mm
Tail:	111 – 142 mm	108 – 130 mm
Weight:	40 – 91 g	46.7 – 74 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile (1) /Immature (2-)
Bill:	yellow;	orangey-yellow, brown tip to upper mandible;
Eye:	brown;	greyish brown;
Eye ring/bare skin:	wattle yellow;	pale yellowish-grey;
Crown:	black;	feathers black with grey-brown tip;
Nape:	feathers grey fringed white;	feathers dark grey tipped pale grey;
Other upperparts:	grey;	feathers grey, tipped brownish grey, browner on back;
Primary & lesser coverts & alula:	grey-brown;	dark-brown to dark grey;
Alula:	pointed tip;	rounded tip;
Throat feathers:	pale grey with dark grey sub-terminal band;	dark grey tipped pale grey;
Upper breast:	distinctly scalloped;	absent or indistinct scalloping;

Moult from juvenile to first immature plumage occurs within a few months of fledging. First immatures retain juvenile dark brown inner primaries, secondaries and alula. Immatures attain adult plumage in the post-breeding season moult period early in their second year. Thus immatures are either (1) or (2-); Adults should be aged (2+).

Sexing :

Not sexually dimorphic on plumage and in most cases cannot be reliably sexed on size; However, the largest adult males tend to be slightly bigger than the largest adult females; Incubation by female alone – so always check for a brood patch.