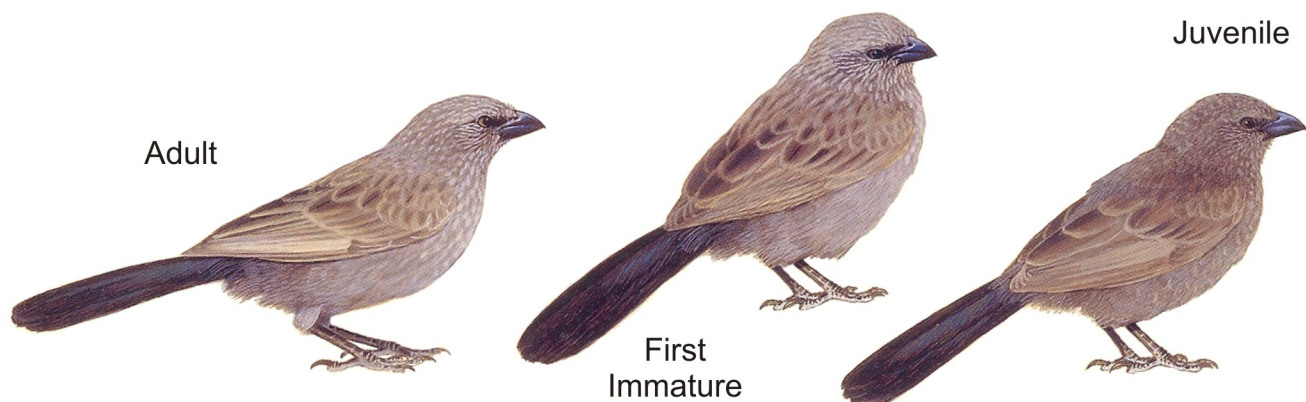


Apostlebird *Struthidea cinerea* Species No.: 675 Band size: 07 (08) SS



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies:

	nominate <i>S.c. cinerea</i> (s. of 25° S Qld, NSW, Vic & SA)		ssp. <i>S.c. dalyi</i> (n. of 19° S Qld, NT)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	140 – 161 mm	142 – 145 mm	146 – 159 mm	149 – 161 mm
Tail:	130 – 174 mm	139 – 166 mm	146 – 166 mm	150 – 165 mm
Bill:	22.9 – 26.9 mm	23.1 – 27.5 mm	25.3 – 29.8 mm	26.7 – 29.9 mm
Tarsus:	34.0 – 42.0 mm	35.0 – 44.3 mm	37.7 – 46.7 mm	40.0 – 42.2 mm
Weight:	101 – 150 g	112 – 154 g	112 – 148 g	140 – 160 g

Ageing:

	Adult	Juvenile
Bill:	black;	grey-brown;
Iris:	grey with thin pearly yellow outer ring;	brown;
Legs & feet:	black;	grey-brown;
Head & neck feather shape:	pointed tips – giving a shaggy appearance, especially on throat;	except for ear coverts – lack pointed tips and don't look shaggy;
Head & neck colour:	dark grey to grey with pale-grey, or greyish-white tips that combine to form short off-white streaks or chevron-like markings especially on throat;	largely dark grey to grey with fine greyish-white mottling;
Underparts:	feathers dark grey, grading to pale grey at tips combining to form short off-white streaks;	rather dark greyish with very indistinct pale-greyish mottling;

Immatures are difficult to distinguish from adults and probably only by retained juvenile plumage – especially narrower rectrices and broader outer primaries than adults; Primary moult does not commence until after the breeding season, in about November, so birds without retained juvenile plumage as above will be (2+), but some immatures (depending on time of year can be aged (2-).

Sexing :

No significant sexual dimorphism in either measurements or plumage;
Breed co-operatively, but typically with a single monogamous pair (primary male and female);
All members of a flock may incubate, so presence an active brood patch is not useful for sexing.