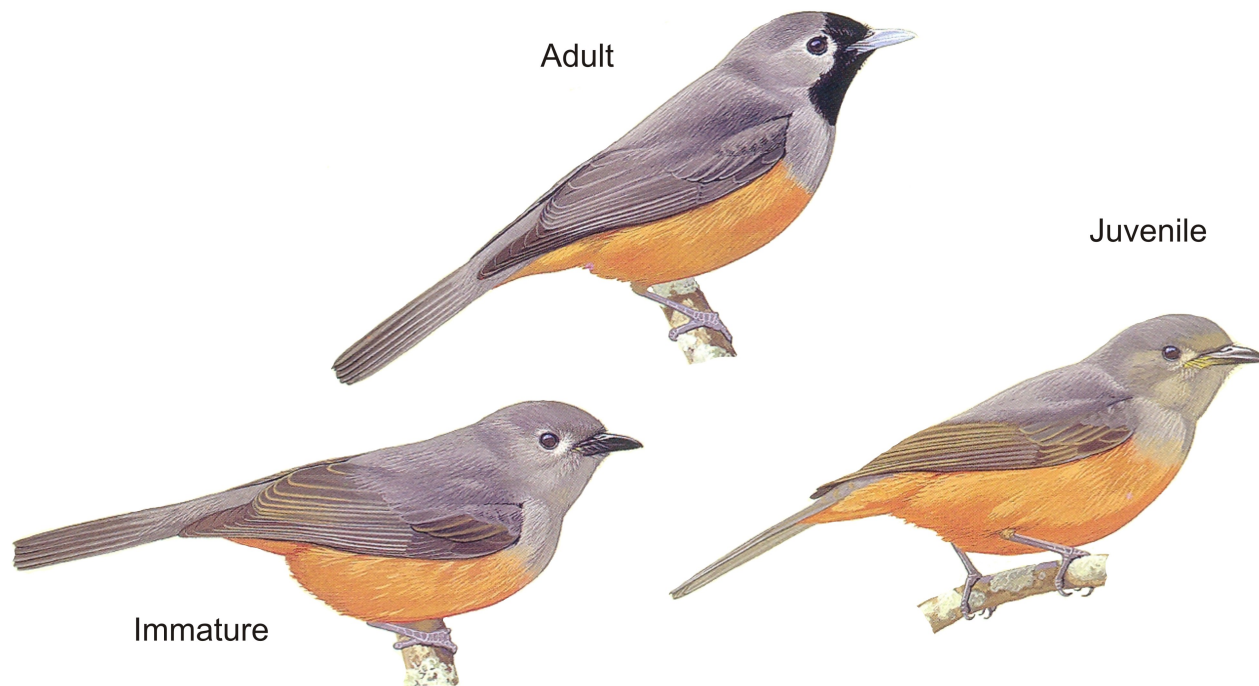


Black-faced Monarch *Monarcha melanopsis* **Species No.: 373** **Band size: 03**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	85.5 – 98.5 mm	82.5 – 93.0 mm
Tail:	69 – 81.5 mm	68 – 89.5 mm
Weight:	19.0 – 27.0 g	20.5 – 25.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature	Juvenile
Bill:	light blue grading to pale blue;	blackish with dull yellowish base to lower mandible in 1 st year birds;	yellowish-grey;
Eye ring:	black;	dark grey or dark brown;	dark greyish;
Malar area, chin & throat:	black;	light greyish;	greyish-cream with diffuse orange-buff tips to feathers

Post juvenile moult to first immature occurs soon after fledging;
 Immatures retain all juvenile rectrices, remiges, greater primary coverts, alula and outer 3-6 greater secondary coverts;
 Leave Australia for PNG in April/May and return in September/October still in immature plumage;
 Immatures commence moult to adult plumage – best characterised by the black face and throat – at approximately 1 year old and coinciding with adult post-breeding moult;
 Immatures are thus (2-) or (1) depending on time of year and plumage condition and adults will all be (2+).

Sexing :

Sexes are not size or plumage dimorphic;
 Incubation by both sexes.