

Black-faced Woodswallow *Artamus cinereus* Species No.: 546 Band size: 05



Note: The north Queensland subspecies have white undertail coverts and/or belly.

Morphometrics:

Measurements given here are for the ssp. *A.c. melanops* which occurs over much of mainland Australia. Nominate *A.c. cinereus* of s-w WA is marginally larger.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	112 – 127 mm	115 – 125 mm
Tail:	63 – 79 mm	65 – 76 mm
Weight:	32 – 40 g	28 – 40 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	pale blue with fairly narrow grey-black tip;	dark brown or flesh coloured with black tip.
Gape:	grey-black or pale bluish;	pale yellow;

Juveniles easily distinguished from Immatures and Adults – see illustrations;
 Immatures retain all juvenile remiges, greater coverts, rectrices and feathers of alula;
 Immatures probably commence moult to adult-like plumage when approximately six months old, coinciding with adults undergoing their complete post-breeding moult;
 Immatures are thus aged (1) and adults (1+);

Sexing :

Not sexually dimorphic on plumage or measurements;
 Both sexes incubate.