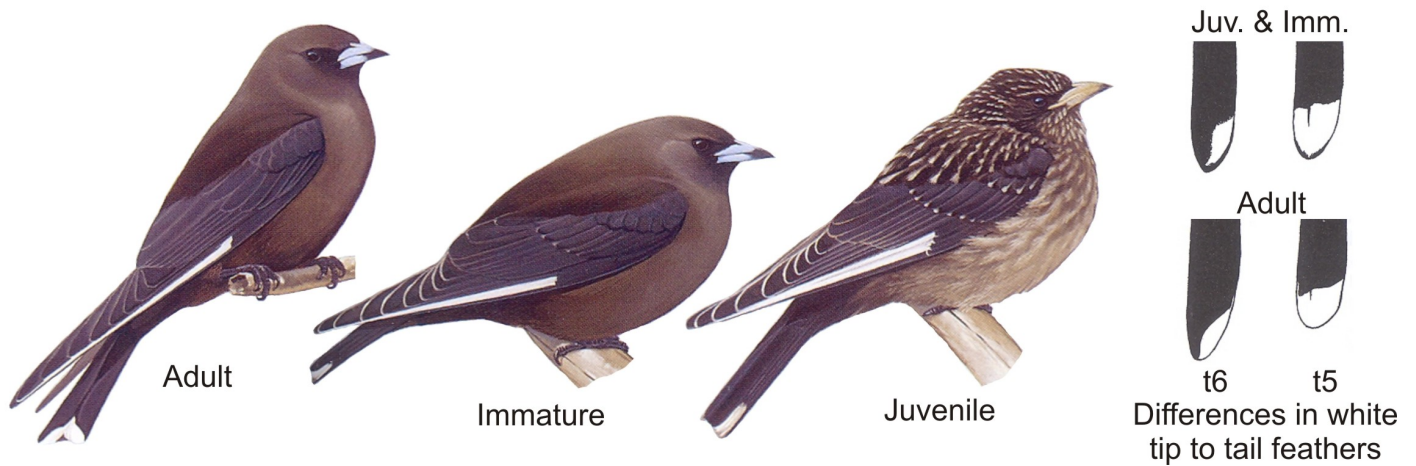


Dusky Woodswallow *Artamus cyanopterus* **Species No.: 547** **Band size: 05 (04) AY**



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies:

	nominate <i>A. C. cyanopterus</i> (illustrated) (Qld, NSW, Vic, Tas & SA e. of gulfs);		<i>ssp. A.c. perthi</i> (s-w WA & SA west of gulfs)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	120 -131 mm	116 – 131 mm	121 – 135 mm	117 – 132 mm
Tail:	67 – 81 mm	67 – 80 mm	67 – 78 mm	66 – 80 mm
Bill:	17.2 – 20.1 mm	17.6 – 19.7 mm	17.5 – 20.1 mm	17.5 – 19.1 mm
Tarsus:	17.6 – 20.5 mm	17.2 – 22.0 mm	17.3 – 19.9 mm	16.7 – 20.5 mm
Weight:	30 – 45 g	35 g (1)	32.5 – 38.0 g	26.0 – 40.5 mm

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Immature	Juvenile
Bill:	pale bluish or bluish -grey with black tip;	mauve with dark grey tip;	pinkish-brown or dirty pink coloured with black tip;
Gape:	black;	whitish;	bright yellow;
Iris:	dark red-brown to chocolate brown;	olive brown;	olive brown;

Juveniles easily distinguished from Immatures and Adults – see illustrations;

Immatures retain all juvenile remiges, greater coverts, rectrices and feathers of alula – see tail feather illustration above;

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 :

Sexes not size or plumage dimorphic;

Incubation by both sexes.