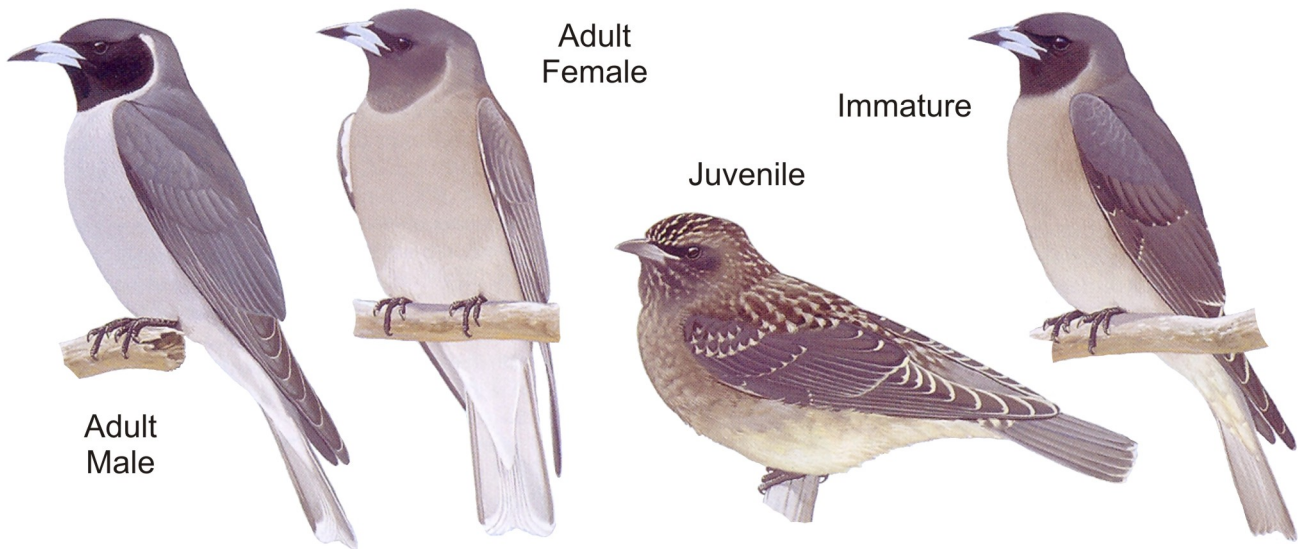


Masked Woodswallow *Artamus personatus* **Species No.: 544** **Band size: 05 (04) AY**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	115 – 128 mm	104 – 126 mm
Tail:	70 – 88 mm	70 – 86 mm
Bill:	21.5 – 25.3 mm	19.6 – 23.1 mm
Tarsus:	18.0 – 21.4 mm	18.2 – 21.0 mm
Weight:	31.5 – 39.5 g	25.5 – 41.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (1) or (2-)	Juvenile (J)
Bill:	bluish-grey or pale blue with black distal third or half;	similar to adult;	brown with faint black tip;
Gape:	bluish-grey or light grey	no info;	pale yellowish or flesh coloured;
Iris:	dark brown, brown or hazel;	no info;	greenish-yellow;

Immatures retain most 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 and attain full adult plumage at approximately 1 year old;
 Immatures are thus aged (2-) or (1) based on time of year and plumage wear and adults (2+);
 Immature males have a darker head, back and wings than adult females.

Sexing :

Adults and Immatures can be sexed on plumage characters;

	Adult Male	Immature Male	Adult & Immature Female
Forehead:	grey-black or dark grey, usually black on lower sides of forehead;	grey black;	dark grey grading to dark brownish at sides;
Crown, nape & neck:	bluish-grey or grey, grading to white or greyish-white on anterior sides of neck;	dark grey;	dark grey, paler and less bluish than adult male;
Mask:	black with whitish band curving below & behind mask;	brownish dark grey -brown band below and behind mask;	dark grey/grey & narrow light grey-brown band below and behind mask;
Breast & belly:	pale grey or whitish-grey;	light brown;	greyish-brown with pinkish-brown tinge.

Incubation by both sexes;