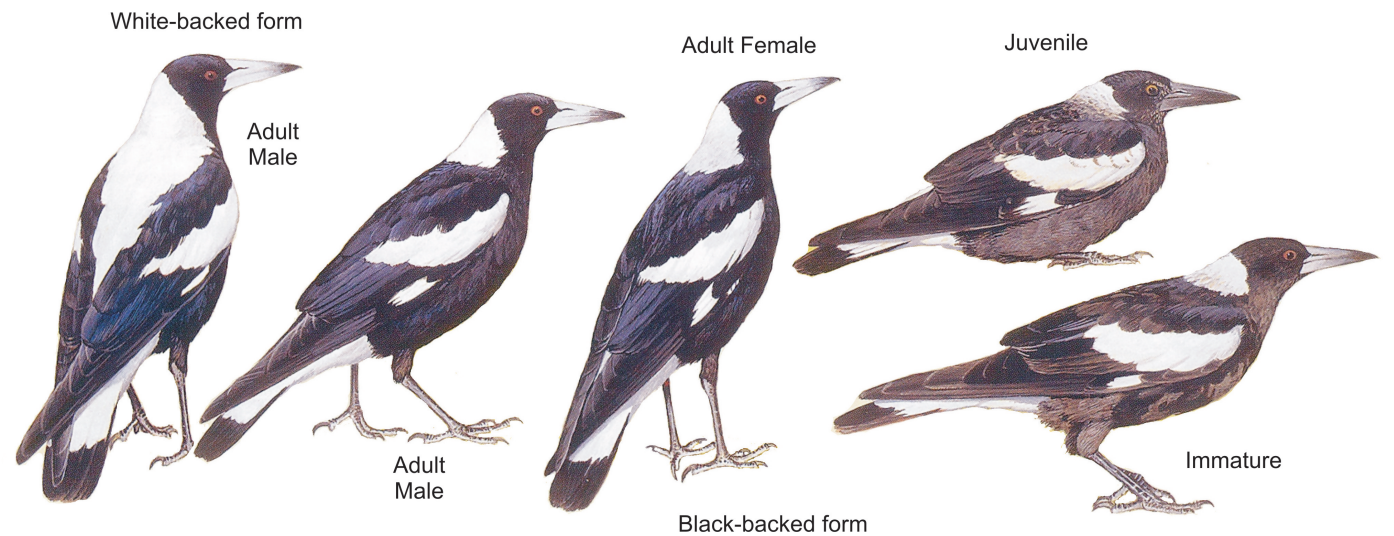


Australian Magpie *Gymnorhina tibicen* **Species No.: 705** **Band size: 09 (08)**



Morphometrics:

The following measurements are for the black-backed nominate *G.t. tibicen*:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	249 – 295 mm	250 – 270 mm
Tail:	124 – 153 mm	135 – 152 mm
Weight:	212 – 335 g	219 – 300 g

Ageing:

	Adult (3+)	2 nd Immature (2)	1 st Immature (1)	Juvenile (J)
Bill:	pale bluish or bluish-white with black distal third;	dark greyish fading to be similar to adult by end of second year;	blackish to dark greyish becoming paler from base;	dark grey with pinkish tomlia;
Gape:	black;	grey to grey-black;	grey-pink to grey;	pink or pinkish-grey;
Eye:	brown;	chocolate brown;	chocolate brown	dark brown or brown
Crown, nape & sides of head:	glossy black with faint bluish tinge when seen in good light;	blackish-brown, slightly glossy on top;	blackish-brown with indistinct fine light brown or buffy flecking;	blackish brown with diffuse, narrow brown or light greyish-brown tips to feathers forming pale scalloping;
Hindneck & sides of neck:	male – white; female – grey wash on white;	similar to adult female;	mottled off-white;	off-white with yellow-brown tinge & diffuse greyish mottling;
Throat, breast, belly & flanks:	glossy black with faint bluish tinge in good light;	blackish-brown to dull black;	dark brown or blackish-brown, or patchy mixture of both;	dark brown with buff flecking or mottling faint on breast, bolder on belly & thighs;
Wing:	black with white wing bar;	dull black with white wing bar;	dark brown with light brown or light grey-brown fringes, wing bar off-white;	dark brown with buff leading edges, wing bar white with narrow yellow-brown fringes;

Sexing :

Adult females are readily identified by grey wash on the hindneck and also on the back in the white-backed forms;
Only females incubate.