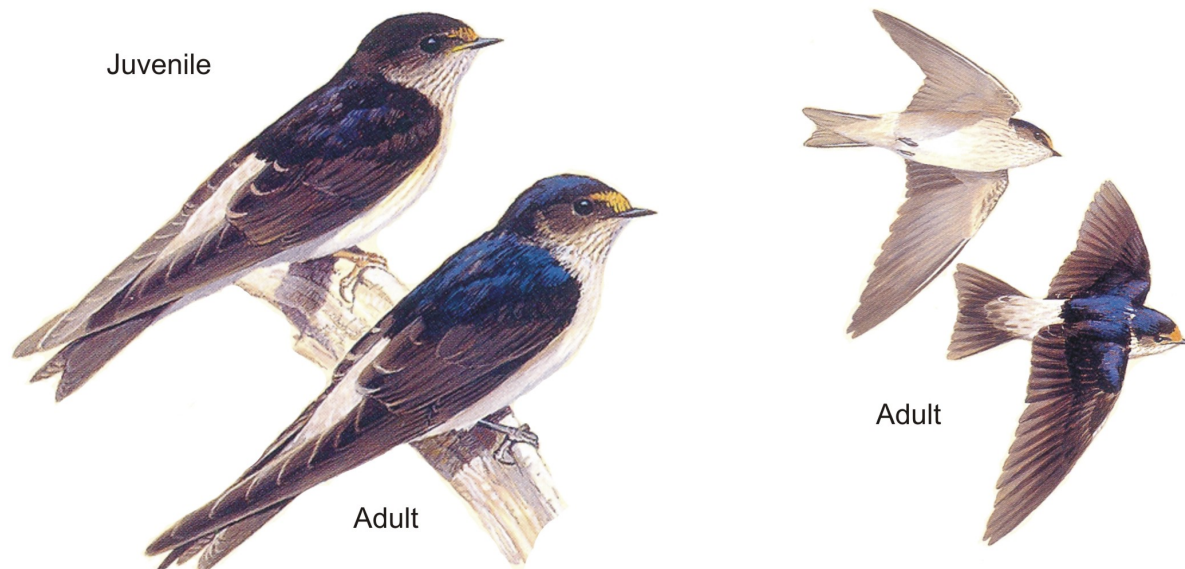


Tree Martin *Petrochelidon nigricans*

Species No.: 359

Band size: 02 AY



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies as follows:

	Nominate <i>P.n. nigricans</i> (Tasmania)		ssp. <i>P.n. neglecta</i> (Aust. mainland)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	105 – 109 mm	104 – 107 mm	99 – 110 mm	91 – 114 mm
Tail:	51 – 63 mm	51 – 59 mm	42 – 63 mm	44 – 59 mm
Tail fork:	5.9 mm (1)	No data	5.7 – 8.9 mm	6.1 – 8.4 mm
Bill:	10.2 – 11.3 mm	10.4 – 11.6 mm	8.2 – 11.8 mm	9.4 – 12.4 mm
THL:	No data	No data	25.1 – 28.0 mm	
Tarsus:	10.7, 11.0, 11.9 mm (3)	No data	9.3 – 12.7 mm	9.2 – 13.5 mm
Weight:	No data	No data	13.0 – 16.5 g	14.8 – 25.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	black;	black or brownish-black;
Gape:	black;	yellow fading to dark-grey;
Iris:	dark red-brown;	dark brown;
Lower forehead:	rufous brown;	light brown or cream-brown with fine dark brown mottling or streaking;
Upper forehead, crown, nape & hindneck;	glossy blue-black;	dark brown or black-brown;
Mantle, scapulars & back:	glossy blue-black;	black-brown with rather indistinct blue-black gloss;

Juveniles moult direct to adult plumage and cannot be separated from adults by late Autumn. Thus birds in adult plumage in early Spring are aged (2+)

Sexing :

There is no plumage or size sexual dimorphism;
Not known if both sexes incubate.