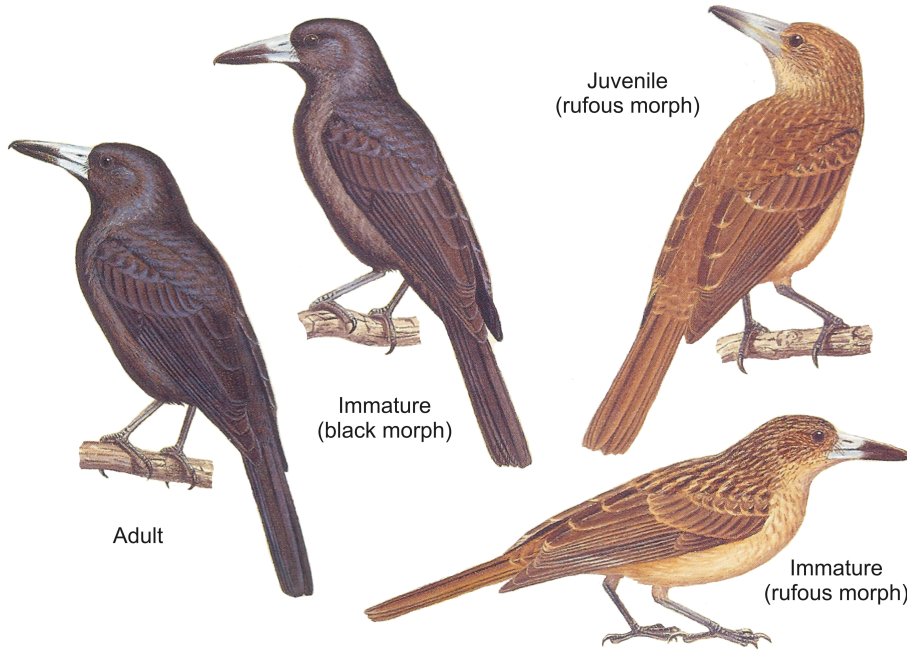


Black Butcherbird *Cracticus quoyi* **Species No.: 701** **Band size: 07**



Morphometrics:

Three subspecies in Australia – *C.q. spaldingi* in WA and NT; *C.q. jardini* on Cape York south to Cooktown; and *C.q. rufescens* coastal Qld Daintree area to Burdekin River. The measurements below are for *C.q. spaldingi*. The other subspecies are slightly smaller.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	187 – 210 mm	182 – 190 mm
Tail:	139 – 161 mm	136 – 155 mm
Weight:	180 – 220 g	160 – 210 g

Ageing:

	Adult (3+)	Juvenile
Bill:	largely pale blue or bluish-white on basal half and black on distal half;	dull bluing-grey bill with diffuse greyish-black tip;
Basic plumage:	glossy blue-black plumage;	all subspecies have dull blackish-brown plumage, but also a rufous morph occurs in ssp. <i>rufescens</i> only;

Juveniles moult to first immature plumage within a few months of fledging.

In ssp. *rufescens* juveniles may be either rufous or dull “black” and moult to immature plumage in the same morph colour, but both morphs commence moult to blackish adult-like plumage from approximately 1 year of age, coinciding with adult post-breeding moult.

First year immatures retain all or some juvenile feathers;

Immatures in adult-like “black” plumage are more blackish-brown rather than the glossy blue-black of adults and should be aged (2);

Confirmation needed, but immatures probably moult to full glossy adult plumage at the moult commencing at the end of their second year, thus adults should be aged (3+).

Sexing :

No difference in plumage, but males average larger than females;

Suspected that both sexes incubate, but confirmation needed.