

**Ground Cuckoo-Shrike** *Coracina maxima* **Species No.: 423** **Band size: 07 AY**



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	198.5 – 220.0 mm	191.0 – 221.0 mm
Tail:	171.0 – 222.5 mm	165.0 – 194.0 mm
Bill:	23.9 – 32.0 mm	24.2 – 31.8 mm
Tarsus:	30.3 – 36.9 mm	33.5 – 38.1 mm
Weight:	126 – 155 g	124 – 147 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (2+)	Immature (2-)
Bill:	black or grey-black, paler grey at base;	blackish with dull pink tomtia and base;
Iris:	pale yellow or yellow-white;	brown to yellowish-brown;
Upper back:	light grey;	pale greyish-cream with remnants of juvenile bold dark-brown barring;
Remiges & rectrices:	black;	blackish-brown;

Juvenile moults to immature plumage soon after fledging (see illustrations above).; Immatures retain blackish-brown juvenile primaries, secondaries, alula, greater primary coverts and a varying number of rectrices, tertials and outer greater and median secondary coverts; Moults to adult plumage is thought to commence at about one year of age coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus age Immatures (2-) and adults (2+).

**Sexing :**

Little information, but it appears that there is no sexual dimorphism in plumage or size; It is thought that adults share incubation.