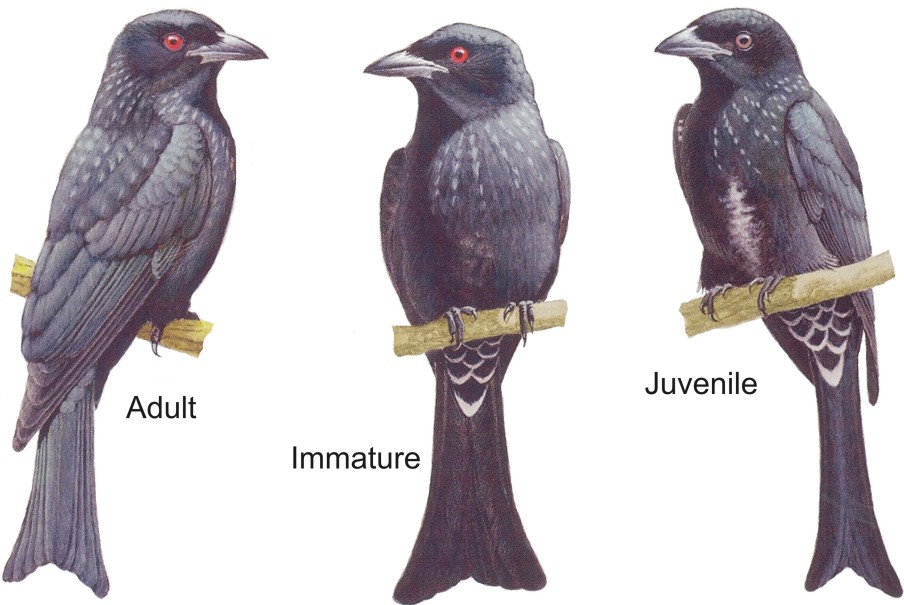


Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus bracteatus* Species No.: 673 Band size: 06



Morphometrics:

Three subspecies in Australia – nominate *D.b. bracteatus* Qld s. of Townsville, NSW, Vic & SA; ssp. *D.b. arrabectus* Cape York and south to Townsville, Qld; and ssp. *D.b. baileyi* WA & NT. Measurement below are for the nominate *D.b. bracteatus*, but there is little difference between the subspecies.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	154 – 172.5 mm	164.5 – 169.5 mm
Tail:	121 – 142 mm	130 – 135.5 mm
Weight:	69.0 – 87.0 g	75 – 80 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (2-)	Juvenile
iris:	red;	reddish-brown, hazel, yellow or brown;	dark brown or black;
General appearance:	glossy black with the sheen created by iridescent blue spots (spangles);	black, but far less gloss than adults;	mostly blackish-brown with little or no iridescence;

Juveniles moult to an immature plumage within a few months of fledging; Immatures retain most, or all, brownish juvenile rectrices, all remiges, alula, all greater primary coverts and some median and greater secondary coverts; Immatures moult to adult plumage coinciding with the adult post-breeding moult when just over one year old. Thus immatures are aged either (1) or (2-) depending on time of year and adults are aged (2+)

Sexing :

No apparent or confirmed difference in plumage in Australian subspecies/populations, but in populations in PNG, the shape of the iridescent markings (spangles) on hindneck and breast differ between sexes. Females are said to have roughly equal likelihood of rounded (29%), lanceolate (36%) or intermediate (35%) spangles, whereas males have mostly lanceolate (55%) and intermediate (31%) spangles. Adult males average larger than adult females; Incubation thought to be by both sexes, but needs confirmation.