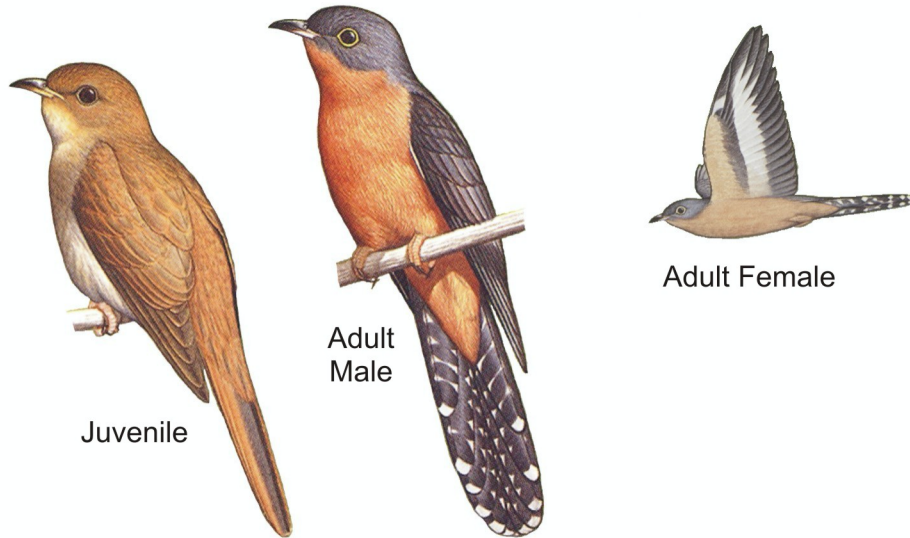


Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis castaneiventris* Species No.: 340 Band size: 04 AY



Morphometrics:

There are three subspecies, but only the nominate occurs in Australia:

| | Adult Male | Adult Female |
|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| Wing: | 104 – 114 mm | 111 – 114 mm |
| Tail: | 104 – 124 mm | 114 mm (1) |
| Bill: | 20.7 – 23.4 mm | 19.9, 21.7 mm (2) |
| Tarsus: | 17.1 – 19.8 mm | 15.1, 18.2 mm (2) |
| Weight: | 26 – 34 g | 32 g (1) |

Ageing:

| | Adult (1+) | Juvenile |
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| Bill: | grey-black to dark grey, some with paler base; | black with brown tinge; |
| Iris: | dark brown; | black-brown; |

Overall plumage identifies juveniles from adults (see illustrations above).

Juveniles moult to adult-like plumage soon after fledging.

Some immatures are indistinguishable from adults, but some retain juvenile secondaries;

Moult to full adult plumage commences at about one year of age;

All birds should be aged (1+) unless they have traces of juvenile plumage.

Sexing :

The few specimens available do not present enough data to determine whether there is any size dimorphism or that there is consistent plumage differences between the sexes. However, from the few specimens available, it appears that females may have paler and duller rufous-brown underparts and throat than males.