

Black Currawong *Strepera fuliginosa* Species No.: 696 Band size: 09



Adult



Juvenile

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	254 – 282 mm	250 – 265 mm
Tail:	179 – 204 mm	177 – 195 mm
Weight:	365 – 457 g	327 – 353 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (2-) or (1)	Juvenile
Bill:	black;	black;	bluish-grey with greyish-black distal half;
Gape:	black;	yellow;	pale yellow;
Iris:	yellow, red-orange, orange-yellow or orange;	orange-yellow, lemon-yellow or mid-yellow;	dull straw yellow;

Overall plumage appearance of juveniles is greyish-black to brownish-black; A post juvenile moult is completed within a few months of fledging. This results in an immature plumage that includes many adult-like blackish feathers, but also retain juvenile greater secondary coverts with off-white rosethorn-shaped tips, rectrices, alula and primaries, all of which have more pointed tips than those of adults; Complete moult to adult plumage commences early in the second year coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

No difference in plumage, but males are larger than females and weight in particular may be a useful sexing criterion; No information on incubation.