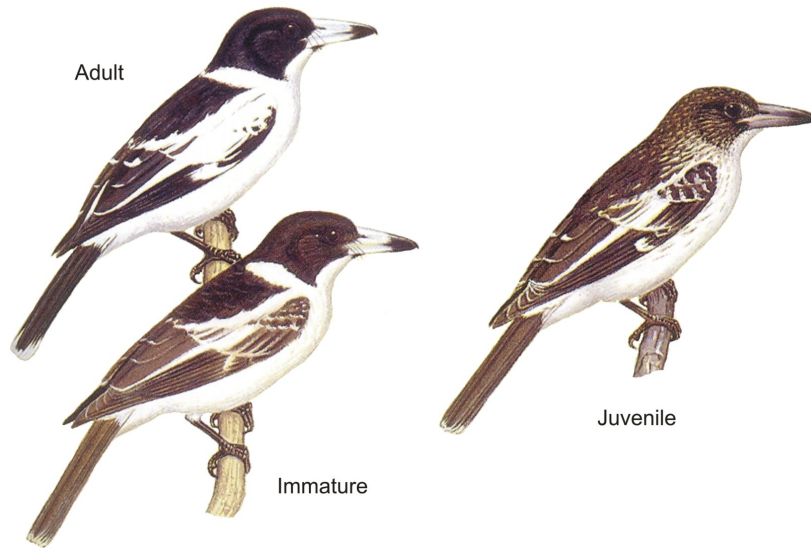


Black-backed Butcherbird *Cracticus mentalis*

Species No.: 704

Band size: (trial)



Morphometrics:

The Australian subspecies *C.m. kempii* occurs only on Cape York Qld and measurements for this subspecies follow

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	138 – 150 mm	136 – 145 mm
Tail:	100 – 113 mm	99 – 106 mm
Bill:	36.6 – 40.3 mm	35.4 – 37.3 mm
Tarsus:	24.5 – 31.4 mm	26.0 – 29.8 mm
Weight:	74 – 80 g	74 – 79 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile/immature
Bill:	light bluish-grey with black distal third;	light greyish with blackish distal third, and with age, becoming blue-grey with dusky tip;
Gape:	greyish;	pinkish;
Iris:	dark brown;	brown
Forehead, crown, nape & hindneck;	black;	blackish-brown with dense cream-buff streaking, but streaking disappears with post-juvenile moult;

Within a few months of fledging, juveniles undergo a partial moult to adult-like blackish-brown and white plumage, rather than the black and white of adults; Moulting to adult plumage commences at about 1 year of age, coinciding with adult post-breeding Moulting. Thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

Sexes are alike in size and plumage; No information on incubation.