

## Forest Raven *Corvus tasmanicus*

Species No.: 868

Band size: 10 SS



### Morphometrics:

Two subspecies as follows:

	Nominate <i>C.t. tasmanicus</i> (Tas, Vic & SA)		ssp. <i>C.t. boreus</i> (central e. & n-e NSW)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	346 – 372 mm	339 – 367 mm	366 – 390 mm	362 – 378 mm
Tail:	175 – 221 mm	175 – 216 mm	200 – 239 mm	201 – 239 mm
Bill:	61.0 – 70.7 mm	58.7 – 70.2 mm	61.7 – 66.8 mm	61.6 – 65.8 mm
Bill depth:	18.5 – 22.5 mm	18.9 – 22.0 mm	18.9 – 22.7 mm	20.4 – 21.6 mm
Hackle:	31.8 – 39.6 mm	28.1 – 39.8 mm	39.1 – 45.0 mm	32.0 – 39.2 mm
Weight:	550 – 770 g	575 – 755 g	645 – 735 g	610 – 710 g

### Ageing:

	Adult (4+)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (3) & 2 <sup>nd</sup> (2) Immatures	1 <sup>st</sup> Immature (1) & Juvenile
Bill:	black;	black;	grey-black;
Gape:	black;	black	pink;
Palate:	black;	retain some pink;	pink changing to pinkish-grey;
Interlamal skin:	black;	retain some pink;	greyish-pink;
Iris:	white, with light blue inner ring;	hazel, mottled brown & white, & changing to white at about 3 years of age;	blue-grey changing to dark brown, or brown with white flecks or hazel;
Remiges & rectrices:	black with glossy green -ish sheen, grading to bluish purple at tips;	as for adult;	blackish-brown;

Juveniles undergo a partial moult to first immature plumage soon after fledging;

First Immatures retain all or most juvenile remiges, greater primary coverts, alula and rectrices. Note that outer primaries and tail feathers differ in shape from adults – see illustration below;

First immatures commence moult to second immature plumage, which is indistinguishable from adult plumage, at approximately one year old;

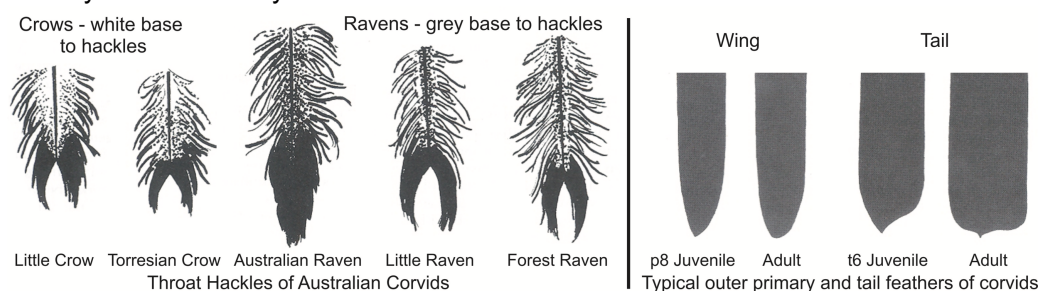
Second and at least some third immatures can be identified by subtle differences in bare parts;

Adults are at least 4 years of age;

### Sexing:

There is no plumage dimorphism, though adult males average larger than adult females;

Incubation is by the female only.



### Similar species:

- The other four Australian corvid species – see separate Field Data Sheets;
- see illustrations above of the throat hackles of Australian corvids;
- see *Bird in the Hand (Second Edition)* - Guide to Identification of Australian Corvids