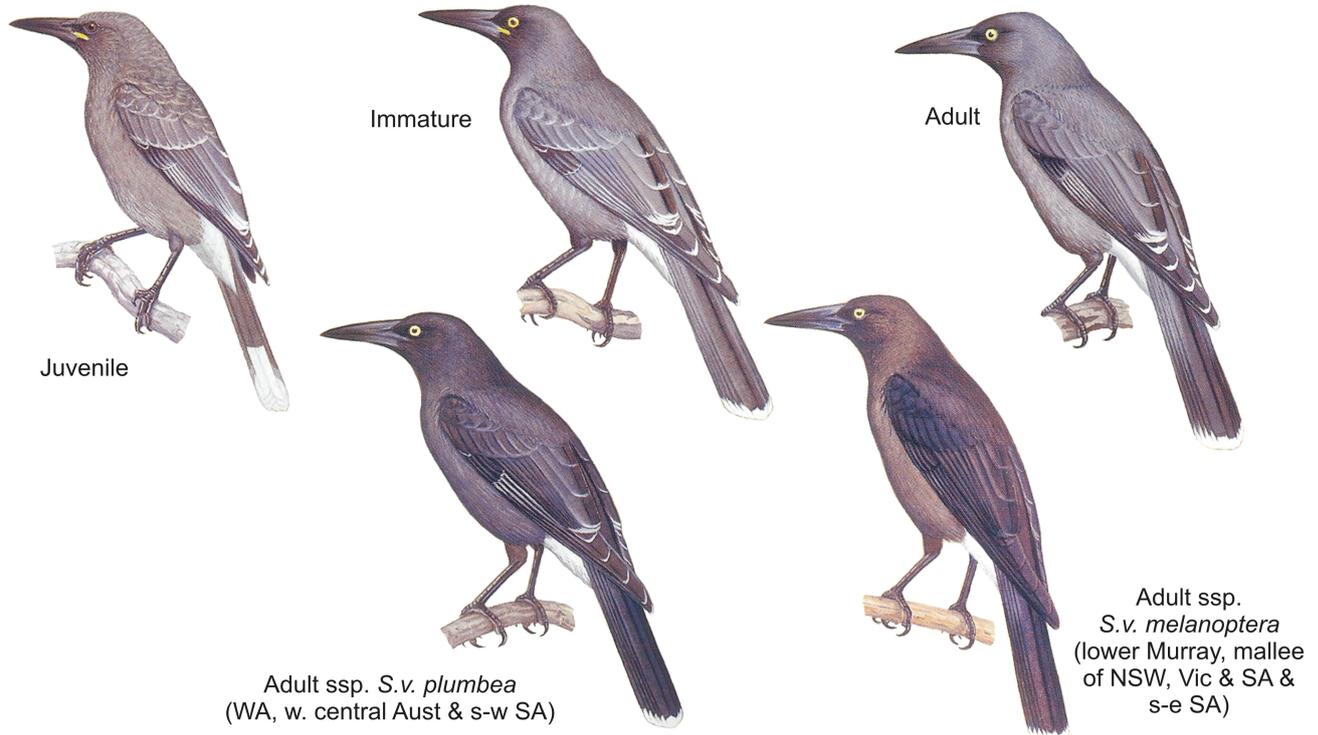


Grey Currawong *Strepera versicolor* Species No.: 697 Band size: 10 (09)

Nominate *S.v. versicolor* (s-e NSW, eastern & central Vic)



Morphometrics:

Although only the three subspecies *S.v. versicolor*, *S.v. melanoptera* & *S.v. plumbea* are illustrated, a further three subspecies are presently recognised – *S.v. arguta* (e. Tas), *S.v. halmaturina* (Kangaroo Island), *S.v. intermedia* (w.coastal SA). Morphometrics for two subspecies are:

	<i>S.v. versicolor</i>		<i>S.v. plumbea</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	265 – 290 mm	251 – 289 mm	266 – 289 mm	252 – 277 mm
Tail:	212 – 241 mm	206 – 250 mm	205 – 230 mm	204 – 219 mm
Weight:	390 – 500 g	300 – 500 g	398 – 425 g	308 – 345 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (2-) or (1)	Juvenile
Bill:	black, or grey-black;	black or grey-black;	blackish with pale yellow tip and extreme base to lower mandible;
Gape:	black or grey-black;	light yellowish;	yellow;
Iris:	yellow;	brown with yellow outer ring;	dark, light brown or hazel;

A post juvenile moult is completed within a few months of fledging. This results in an immature plumage that includes many adult-coloured feathers, but also retain all juvenile rectrices and all, or most, remiges, greater primary coverts and alula. Retained juvenile remiges, especially secondaries, have much broader white tips than adults and form more distinct white scaling to folded wing;

Complete moult to adult plumage commences early in the second year coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

There is no sexual dimorphism in plumage. Although males average larger than females there is so much overlap in measurements that sexing by measurements would be unreliable; It is thought that only the female incubates.