

Little Crow *Corvus bennetti* **Species No.:** 691 **Band size:** 9 (10)



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	295 – 346 mm	292 – 330 mm
Tail:	163 – 210 mm	160 – 190 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	49.8 – 57.3 mm	48.4 – 53.5 mm
Weight:	345 – 500 g	290 – 490 g

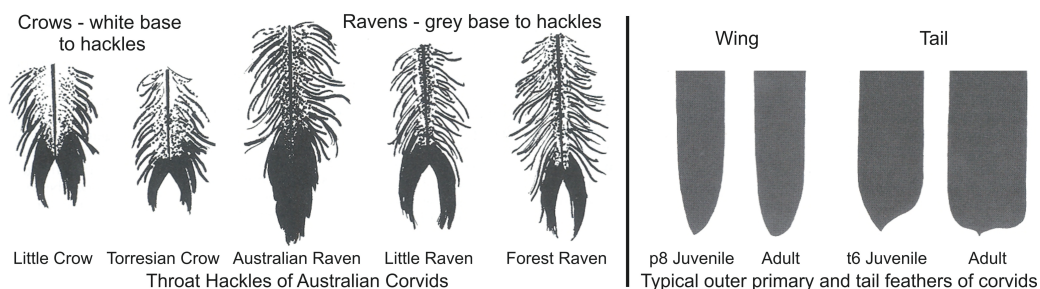
Ageing:

	Adult (3+)	2 nd Immatures (2)	1 st Immature (1) & Juvenile
Bill:	black;	grey- black;	grey-black, initially with pinkish base to lower mandible;
Gape:	black;	blackish-pink;	dull pinkish;
Palate:	black;	blackish-pink;	pinkish;
Interramal skin:	black;	blackish-pink;	pink;
Iris:	white, with pale blue inner ring;	hazel;	blue-grey changing to brown by three months of age;
Remiges & rectrices:	blackish with glossy greenish 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 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 immatures, identified by subtle differences in bare parts, attain full adult colouring in a complete moult commencing at the end of their second year. Thus adults aged (3+);

Sexing:

There is no plumage dimorphism, though adult males average larger than adult females; Incubation is by the female only.



Similar species: Other Australian corvids – see illustrations of hackles above.