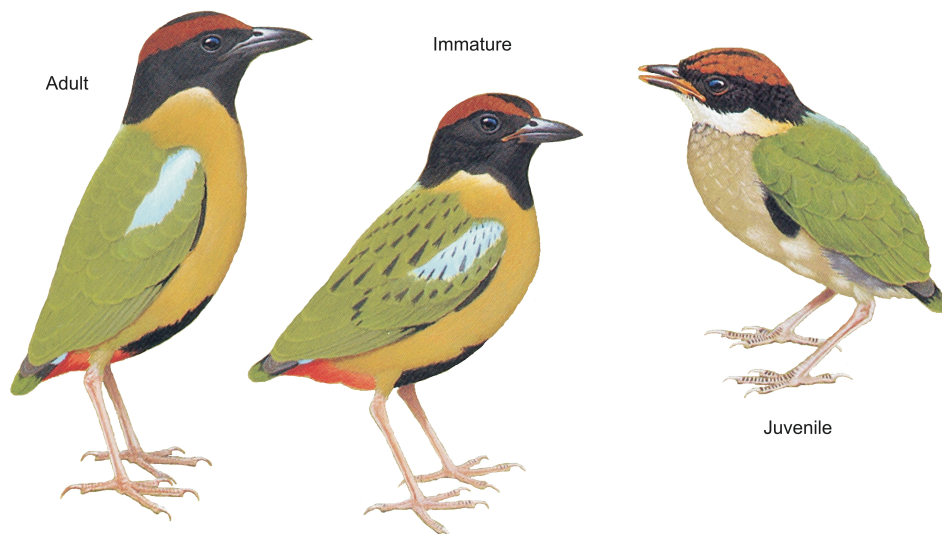


Noisy Pitta *Pitta versicolor* Species No.: 352 Band size: 06



Morphometrics:

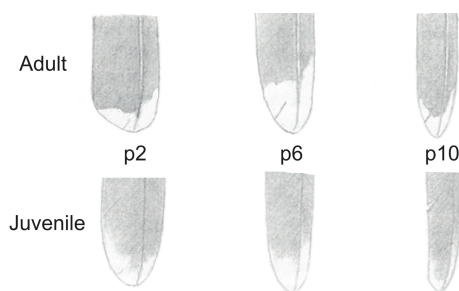
Three subspecies are recognised in Australia - Nominate *P.v. versicolor* (s-e Qld and NSW); *P.v. intermedia* (n-e Qld s. of Cooktown; and *P.v. simillima* (Cape York Peninsular). Measurements for *P.v. versicolour* are shown below. The other two subspecies are slightly smaller:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	124 – 133 mm	124 – 134 mm
Tail:	47 – 55 mm	48 – 55 mm
Weight:	72 – 112 g	79 – 128 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile/immature
Bill:	grey-black;	juveniles have orange egg tooth, otherwise grey-black, with some having buff smudges to underside of bill;
Gape:	grey-black;	bright orange to pink-orange with age;
Plumage:	see illustrations;	

Juveniles moult to immature plumage soon after fledging, but at least some retain juvenile primaries, secondaries, alula and primary coverts. Primaries are slightly narrower than adults and with more diffuse olive-grey tips (see illustration);



Tips of primaries of adults and juveniles

Moult to complete adult plumage commences at about 1 year of age, coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults are aged (2+);

Sexing:

Sexes are similar in size and plumage. However, adult females may tend to have more buff-yellow on rear flanks and may have less intense red on lower belly and undertail coverts than adult males, but these suggestions are unreliable for sexing because of overlap.