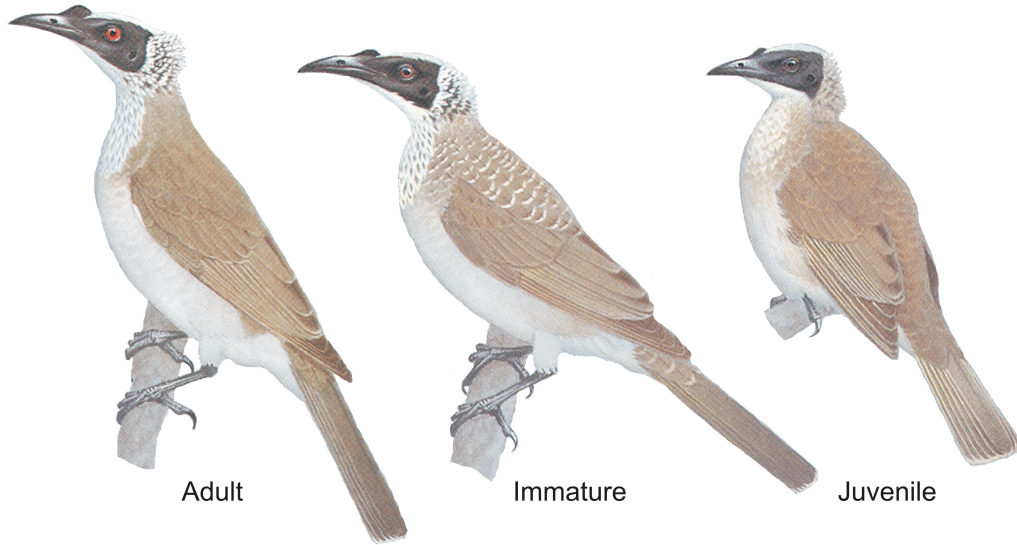


Silver-crowned Friarbird *Philemon argenticeps* Species No.: 644 Band size: 07, 06 (n. Aust.)



Adult

Immature

Juvenile

Morphometrics:

Two subspecies ssp. *P.a kemp* of n-e Cape York and nominate *P.a argenticeps* over much of the rest of northern Australia. They are much the same size, so data below are for the nominate:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	133 – 146 mm	127 – 144 mm
Tail:	110 – 123 mm	103 – 118 mm
Weight:	70 – 106 g	59 – 88.5 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature	Juvenile
Bill, bare facial skin & casque:	black;	black;	black or dark grey, with horn base;
Casque size:	(casque grows in size over the first two years – see illustrations);		
Inside mouth:	purplish pink;	whitish;	yellow;
Iris:	red-brown, red or crimson;	red-brown;	grey or dark brown;
Mantle, scapulars, back & rump:	brown, fading to grey -brown with wear;	brown with white fringes to feathers;	browner than adult;
Alula:	pointed tip;	rounded tip;	rounded tip.

Partial post-juvenile moult soon after fledging results in immature plumage with retained juvenile remiges & rectrices; Full adult plumage attained early in second year coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus age adults (2+).

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage, but adult males slightly larger than adult females (see measurements above); Incubation by female only.

Similar species:

Helmeted Friarbird – longer, lower casque; shape of bare facial skin - rounded at rear, edge rather than straight (see illustrations); darker crown (brownish rather than silver-white); bare black skin extends to side of neck.



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