

Torresian Crow *Corvus orru* **Species No.: 692** **Band size: 10 SS**



Morphometrics:

The only subspecies in Australia is *C.u. ceciliae* with measurements as follows:

| | Adult Male | Adult Female |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Wing: | 315 – 382 mm | 320 – 363 mm |
| Tail: | 179 – 214 mm | 176 – 221 mm |
| Bill: | 57.5 – 66.1 mm | 53.5 – 63.6 mm |
| Bill Depth: | 19.4 – 23.8 mm | 18.5 – 22.2 mm |
| Hackle: | 23.6 – 32.7 mm | 21.9 – 29.9 mm |
| Weight: | 430 – 670 g | 430 – 650 g |

Ageing:

| | Adult (3+) | 2 nd Immatures (2) | 1 st Immature (1) & Juvenile |
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| Bill: | black; | grey- black; | grey-black: initially with pinkish base to lower mandible; |
| Gape: | black; | blackish-pink; | pink or reddish; |
| Palate: | black; | blackish-pink; | pink or reddish; |
| 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;

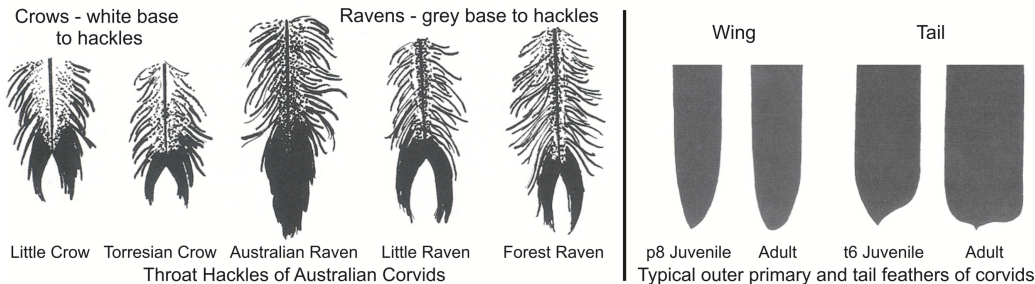
First Immatures retain all or most juvenile remiges, greater primary coverts, alula and rectrices. Note that outer primaries and tail feathers differ in shape from adults – see illustration below;

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

Second 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:

- 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