

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



Morphometrics:

The only subspecies in Australia is *C.u. ceciliae* and its measurements are provided below:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	315 – 382 mm	320 – 363 mm
Tail:	179 – 214 mm	176 – 221 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	57.5 – 66.1 mm	53.5 – 63.6 mm
Weight:	430 – 670 g	430 – 650 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;	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;

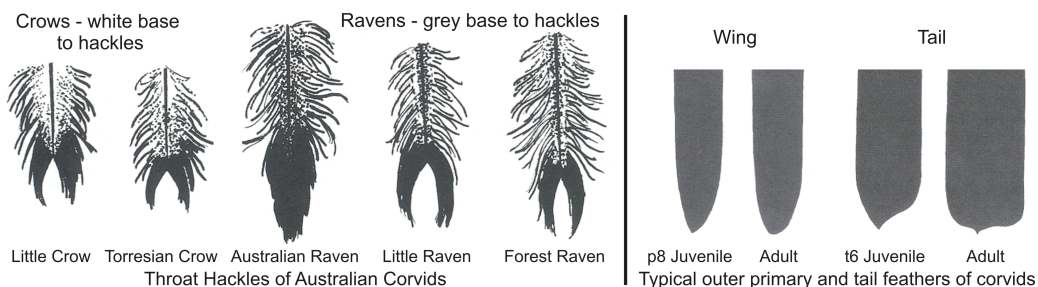
First immatures commence moult to second immature plumage, which is indistinguishable from adult plumage, at approximately one year old;

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: Other Australian corvids – see illustrations of hackles above.