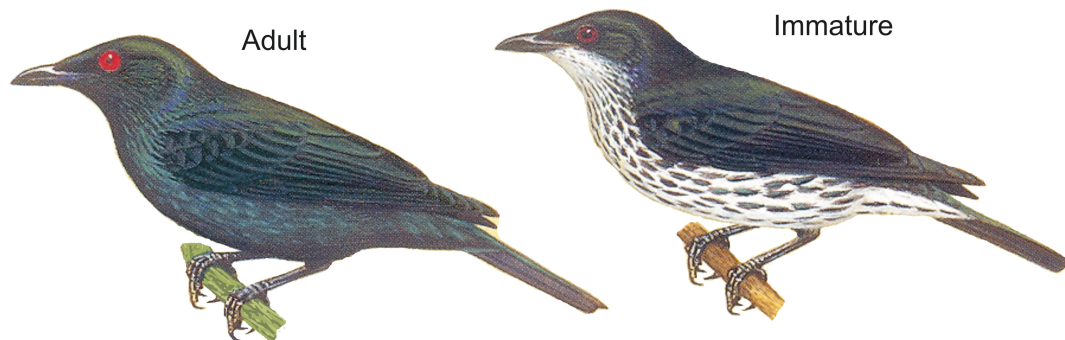


Singing Starling *Aplornis cantoroides* **Species No.: 724** **Band size: (trial)**



Range:

In Australia confined to Boigu and Saibai Islands in Torres Strait north of Cape York.

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	102 – 105 mm	103 mm (one specimen only)
Tail:	66 – 78 mm	69 mm (one specimen only)
Weight:	54.5 – 60.0 g	54.5 to 60 50.0 g (one specimen only)

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile/immature
Iris:	orange-red, red or vermillion;	yellowish, bright orange or orange-red;
Underparts:	blackish with dark green gloss or iridescence grading to dark brown on lower belly;	off-white or creamy white with bold dark brown streaking;

Juveniles moult from an overall brownish plumage to a distinctive immature plumage (see illustration above) within a few months of fledging;

Immatures commence moult to adult plumage toward the end of their first year or early in their second year, probably coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

Sexes are alike in size and plumage;
No information on breeding.

Similar Species:

Most obvious difference from the Metallic Starling is its short, square-cut tail; whereas the Metallic Starling has a long, graduated tail, with an acute tip.