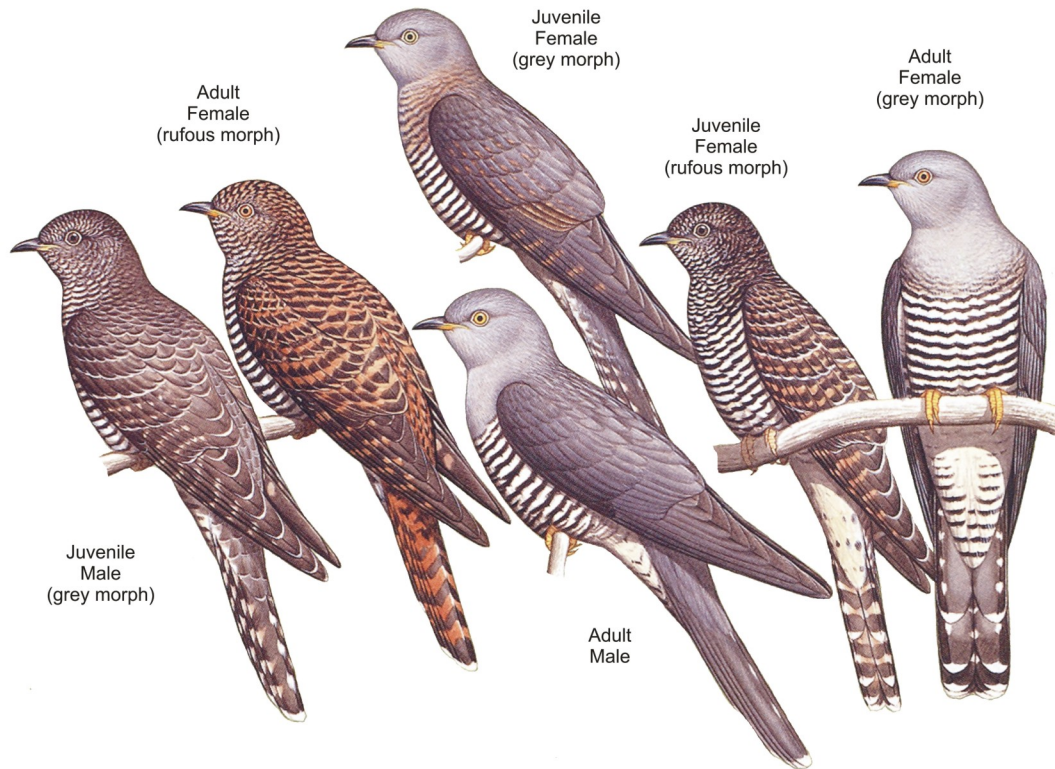


**Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus saturates* Species No.: 336 Band size: 05 (06) AL**



**Morphometrics:**

Migrant from Asia usually late November to May as a post-breeding migrant, but there are a few claimed records of birds breeding in northern Australia during July/August:

	Adult Male (2+)	Adult Female (2+)
Wing:	199 – 219 mm	175 – 200 mm
Tail:	153 – 168 mm	138 – 161 mm
Bill:	25.1 – 31.4 mm	25.5 – 29.1 mm
Tarsus:	19.7 – 23.6 mm	17.7 – 22.1 mm
Weight:	73 – 139 g	74 – 156 g

**Ageing:**

In all juvenile plumages there are white fringes to feathers of head, body and upperwing coverts;  
 Post-juvenile moult occurs in the first austral summer, largely in non-breeding areas – such as Australia, with the resultant immature plumage similar to adult but generally retain a few remiges and rectrices;  
 Adult plumage attained when approximately 14 - 18 months, so age Adults (2+);

**Sexing:**

Sexes of adults are plumage dimorphic and males average larger than females;  
 All adult males have a grey ground colour, whereas adult females may be either a grey, or rufous morph;  
 Female grey morph has a rufous foreneck collar that extends around neck (see illustrations) which readily identify them from adult males;

**Similar species:**

Pallid Cuckoo *Cuculus pallidus* – differences as follows:

	Oriental Cuckoo	Pallid Cuckoo
Breast & belly:	heavily barred;	lacks barring;
Legs and feet:	orange;	grey.