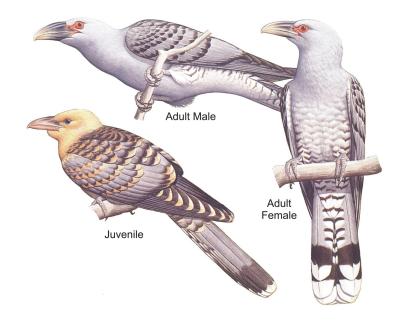
## Channel-billed Cuckoo Scythrops novaehollandiae Species No.: 348 Band size: 11 AM



## Morphometrics:

Adult Male A	duit Female
Wing: 337 – 367 mm 33	36 – 368 mm
Tail: 253 – 278 mm 25	53 – 276 mm
Bill: 83.7 – 93.5 mm 70	0.3 – 79.0 mm
Tarsus: 41.8 – 49.8 mm 38	3.7 – 46.3 mm
Weight: 560 – 935 g 56	80 – 800 g

## Ageing:

Complete post-juvenile body moult commences soon after fledging, but some or all remiges are retained until migration to non-breeding areas in New Guinea and Indonesia where remaining juvenile wing feathers are moulted;

This results in a plumage that is often identical to adults, though some juvenile remiges may be retained until migration back to non-breeding areas in Australia;

The illustrations above clearly identify the plumage differences between juveniles and adults.

## Sexing:

Males are significantly larger than females, especially in bill size; Sexes differ slightly in adult plumage and bare parts as follows:

	Adult Male (2+)
Bill:	grey-black with cream tip slightly more
	extensive on upper mandible;
Breast & belly:	mostly pale grey feathers grade to
	grey-white bases and these can be

partly exposed to give a paler colour especially on the belly;

Thighs & undertail barred dark grey-brown to light brownish -grey; Diffuse and narrow grey barring coverts:

> extends from thighs onto flanks. axillaries and sometimes belly; these markings are faint and often difficult to see; axillaries are barred like the flanks

but narrowly tipped white;

Adult Female (2+) grey-black, but distal 30-50% is cream;

ground-colour of underparts are paler than in males grading from pale grey on upper breast to offwhite on most of the breast, belly & flanks;

dark grey-brown barring of thighs encroaches onto flanks & belly: barring is more extensive and slightly more conspicuous than in males and diffuse light brownish-grey barring extends over all of the flanks and often merges to lighter brownish-grev barring up to centre of breast;