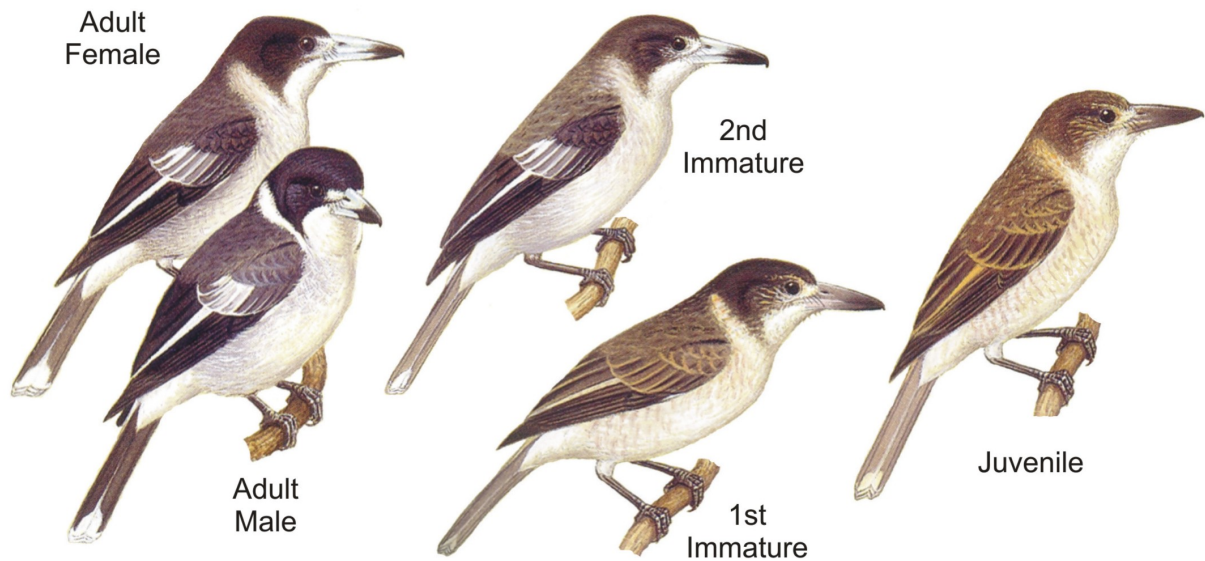


Grey Butcherbird *Cracticus torquatus*

Species No.: 702 Band size: 06 IN

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Status:

Former subspecies *C.t. argenteus* and *C.t. colletti* have been separated as a new species *Cracticus argenteus*, the Silver-backed Butcherbird of n.w Australia and they are now covered in a separate field information sheet.

Morphometrics:

Three subspecies recognised and their morphometrics are provided below:

	nominate <i>C.t. torquatus</i> (e. & s. of Great Divide, NSW & Vic)		ssp. <i>C.t. leucopterus</i> (Qld except far s-e, NSW w. of Great Divide, n-w Vic, SA & WA except Kimberley Div.)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	139 - 153 mm	131 - 142 mm	130 - 150 mm	130 - 149 mm
Tail:	101 - 132 mm	104 - 113 mm	101 - 120 mm	101 - 118 mm
Bill:	38.5 - 44.5 mm	33.8 - 39.9 mm	39.4 mm - 45.0 mm	36.2 - 41.7 mm
Tarsus:	26.6 - 30.6 mm	27.7 - 32.1 mm	26.9 - 33.2 mm	26.9 - 31.7 mm
Weight:	73 - 119 g	72 - 87 g	79 - 99 g	70 - 104 g

	ssp. <i>C.t. cinereus</i> (Tasmania)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	146 - 156 mm	142 - 155 mm
Tail:	106 - 120 mm	109 - 120 mm
Bill:	42.1 - 46.7 mm	39.9 - 43.3 mm
Tarsus:	28.5 - 33.6 mm	29.3 - 33.6 mm
Weight:	96 - 125 g	99.5 - 107 g

Ageing:

	Adult (3+)	2nd Immature (2)	1st Immature (1)	Juvenile (J)
Bill:	black distal 1/3 to half, rest blue-grey;	black distal 1/2, basal half changing from light brown to grey;	black distal half & basal half light brown;	dark brown;
Gape:	bluish-grey;	grey;	pale pinkish in birds <6 months old, to pink-grey;	cream;

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	Adult (3+)	2nd Immature (2)	1st Immature (1)	Juvenile (J)
Crown:	black;	dark sooty-grey;	dark olive-brown with narrow buff streaks;	dark brown with faint faint streaking
Ear coverts:	black;	dark sooty-grey with some white streaks;	dark brown with buff streaks;	dark brown with buff streaks;
Nape & sides of neck;	nape black, sides of neck white;	no streaking on nape, sides of neck mottled black & white;	dark brown with buff streaks heaviest at sides of neck - merging with light buff and dark brown mottling;	dark brown with buff streaks – streaks most pronounced at sides of neck, merging with light buff and dark brown mottling;
Back:	grey with narrow black centre shafts to feathers;	dark olive-grey, with darker centres to feathers;	olive-brown – centre of feathers darker;	dark brown with narrow buff streaks in centre of feathers;
Underparts:	white, sometimes faint grey barring or mottling;	dirty white with faint greyish mottling & barring on breast;	light buff-olive with grey mottling giving barred appearance;	off-white, mottled with buff and dark brown;
Wing:	grey-brown and white edges to coverts & secondaries;	dark grey-brown with white edged coverts secondaries;	dark brown with buff edging to coverts & secondaries;	dark brown with rufous to buff edges to coverts & secondaries;

Sexing :

Males larger than females and adult females may be duller than adult males, but not always;
 All adult females have the white of the lores extend under the front half of the eye, as in immatures – absent in adult males;
 Both sexes, including some immature “helpers”, incubate.