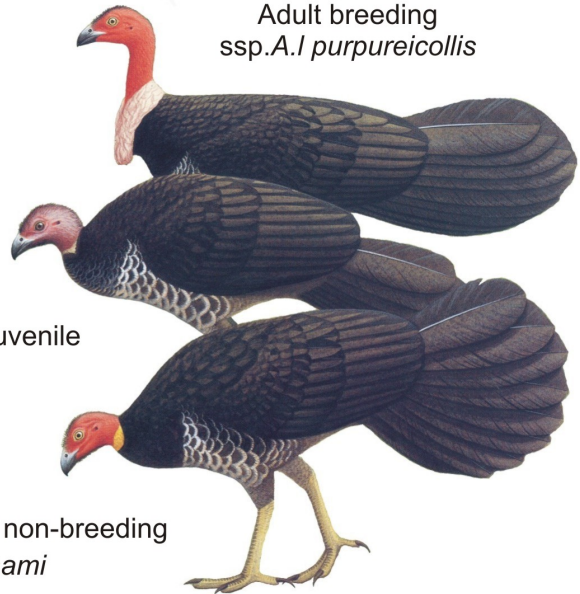


Australian Brush-turkey *Alectura lathami* **Species No.: 8** **Band size: 13 SS**



Adult breeding



Adult breeding
ssp. *A.l. purpureicollis*

Juvenile

Adult non-breeding
Nominate *A.l. lathami*

Morphometrics:

Two subspecies recognised as follows:

	Nominate <i>A.l. lathami</i> (NSW & e. Qld, except Cape York)		ssp. <i>A.l. purpureicollis</i> (Cape York, Qld)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	278 – 336 mm	276 – 320 mm	309 mm (1)	283 – 298 mm
8 th Primary:	200 – 225 mm	189 – 222 mm	198 mm (1)	194 – 200 mm
Tail:	239 – 294 mm	224 – 268 mm	No data	215 – 273 mm
Bill (N)*:	25.5 – 29.6 mm	24.3 – 25.9 mm	27.2 mm (1)	26.1 – 26.7 mm
Tarsus:	91.8 – 111 mm	86.0 – 97.5 mm	93.7 mm (1)	85.1 – 101 mm
Weight:	1400 – 2450 g	1700 – 2210 g	No data	1740, 1750 g (2)

*taken from near edge of nostril to tip of upper mandible

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	dark dusky grey to dull black;	black;
Iris:	light brown to yellow-brown or yellow, sometimes cream;	dark;
Legs & claws:	generally grey-brown, with pinkish, yellowish or greenish tinge;	cream to straw yellow;

Reach full weight by 7 months of age.

Immatures develop breeding colours at about eight months and are barely indistinguishable from adults by nine months;

Complete adult plumage is acquired within the first year, so all except obvious juveniles/immatures Adult plumaged birds are aged (1+).

Sexing:

Can be sexed by cloacal examination. Both sexes have a phallic structure on the ventral lip of the cloaca, but in males this is considerably larger and normally darker pink in colour than in females.