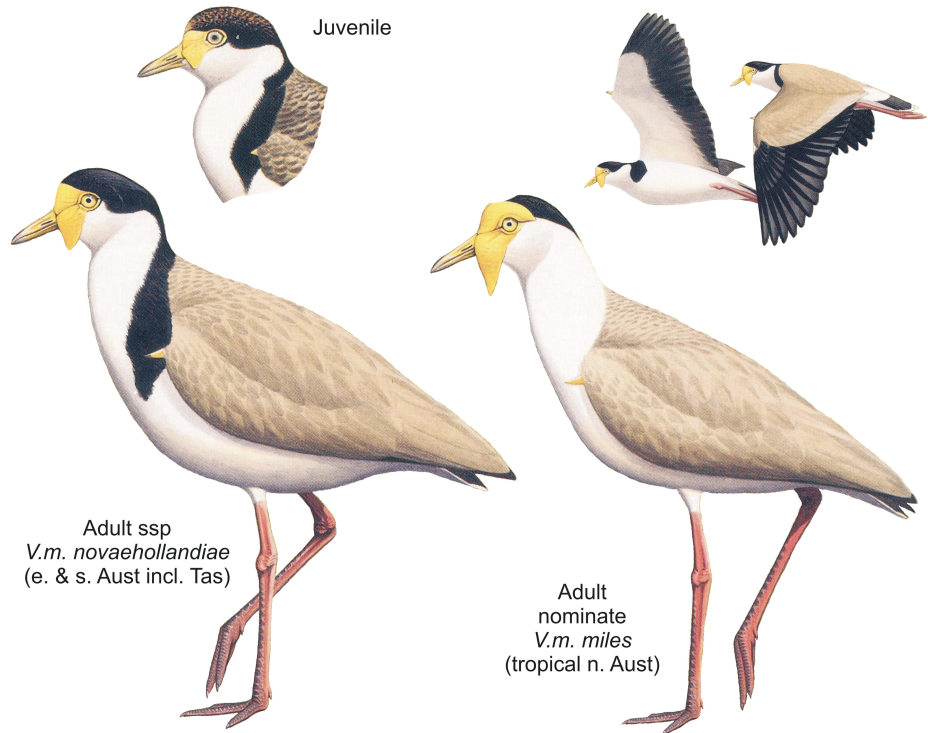


Masked Lapwing

*Vanellus miles*

Species No.: 133

Band size: 08 SS



Morphometrics:

There are two recognised subspecies, but there are also intermediates in a distribution overlap zone:

	nominate <i>V.m. miles</i>		ssp. <i>V.m. novaehollandiae</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	216 – 237 mm	213 – 233 mm	244 – 268 mm	238 – 258 mm
Tail:	93 – 100 mm	89 – 95 mm	101 – 114 mm	96 – 110 mm
Weight:	230 – 300 g	191 – 296 g	338 – 412 g	296 – 410 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	pale yellow, some have white distal third with small dark grey tip;	initially cream, but similar to adults by 3-4 months old;
Iris:	cream to yellow;	dark brown with straw yellow outer ring;
Orbital ring, lores & facial lappers:	pale yellow;	pale yellow – wattle grows rapidly to near adult size by 4 months of age;
Legs & feet:	dark pink with grey tops of toes and front & rear edges of tarsus;	light grey with dark pink tinge on sides of tarsus and toes;
Crown & nape:	black;	black heavily mottled with brown;

Post-juvenile moult to first immature plumage completed by four months of age;  
Moult to adult plumage commences at about one year of age. Thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

There is no sexual dimorphism in either size or plumage;  
Both sexes incubate.