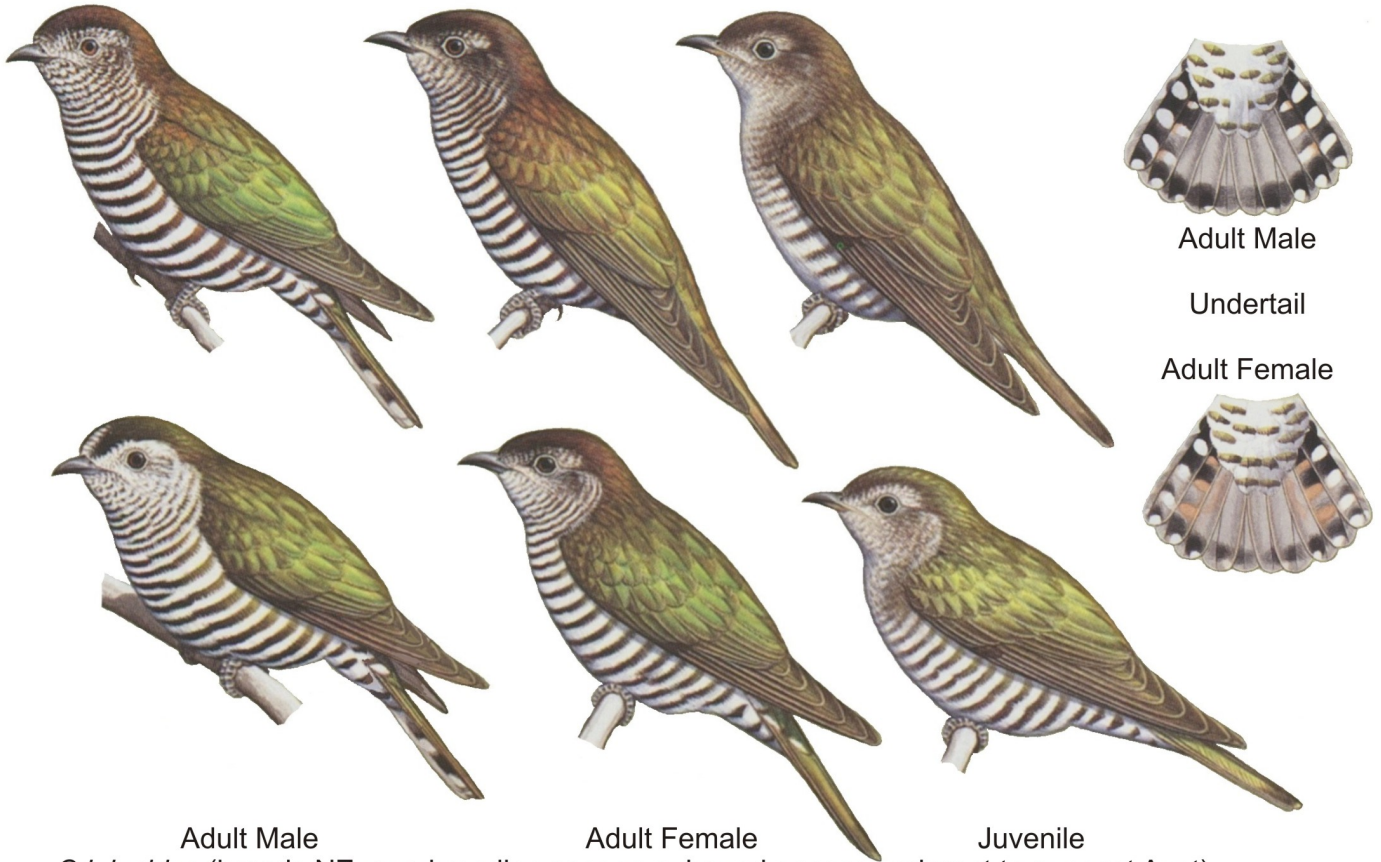


**Shining Bronze-Cuckoo *Chalcites lucidus* Species No.: 344 Band size: 03 AY**

*C.l. plagosus* (breeds e. s. & s.w. mainland Aust. & Tas)  
 Adult Male                      Adult Female                      Juvenile



*C.l. lucidus* (breeds NZ, non-breeding season n. bound passage migrant to e. coast Aust)

**Morphometrics:**

See illustrations for plumage differences

*C.l. plagosus* (breeds Aust.)

*C.l. lucidus* (breeds NZ)

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Bill Width:	4.7 – 5.3 mm	4.6 – 5.1 mm	5.3 – 6.2 mm	4.8 – 6.3 mm
Wing:	101 – 110 mm	102 – 110 mm	101 – 112 mm	99 – 109 mm
Tail:	64 – 72 mm	66 – 72 mm	63 – 75 mm	64 – 73 mm
Weight:	17 – 35 g	18 – 28.5 g	16.7 – 32.0 g	18.5 – 29.0 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (2+)	Immature (1)
Bill:	grey-black;	pinkish changing to dull black;
Gape & palate:	black;	yellow through grey to black;
Eye:	creamish grey to pale brown;	brownish grey with brown inner;
Orbital ringing:	male - pale green and very narrow, female – pale blue-green or yellowish green to grey-cream;	yellow-green;
Throat:	barred dark brown on white;	off-white with indistinct barring;
Lower breast & abdomen:	completely barred dark brown on white;	incomplete or no bars;

**Sexing :**

Not size dimorphic; but several plumage characters separates the sexes;  
 The back of the female is brownish-green glossy bronze whereas the male is more iridescent green-bronze;  
 Orbital ring is different - see above under Ageing;  
 The underside of the outer tail feathers are also fairly definitive with the female having rufous spots on t4 and some rufous, or buff, colouring on t3 & t5. No rufous on males (see illustrations above);  
 Barring on the lower chest and abdomen of females is narrower than on males.