

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* Species No.: 332 Band size: 05



Morphometrics:

Six subspecies are recognised throughout s-e Asia and the s-w Pacific region, but only subspecies *C.m. schlegelii* occurs in Australia with measurements as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	170 – 194 mm	170 – 195 mm
Tail:	133 – 149 mm	128 – 151 mm
Bill:	14.0 – 22.0 mm	14.0 – 20.9 mm
Tarsus:	13.0 – 17.8 mm	15.3 – 17.9 mm
Weight:	52 – 78 g	65 – 74 g

Ageing:

Plumage and moults are poorly known, but post-juvenile moult, when the juvenile is fully grown, results in adult-like plumage, but timing is not known;
 Juveniles have extensive buff mottling on the tips outer primaries p7-p10 and p1-p6 have sharp pink-buff tips;
 Adults can only be aged (1+).

Sexing:

The sex of adults is easily determined in the hand by the amount of pure white (males) or buff-white (females) in the broad subterminal band across the four outer primaries p7-p10 and particularly by width of the same colour toward the tip of the inner web of the of outer tail feathers (t5) as follows:
 Adult male (pure white) – 40.7 mm to 53.0 mm;
 Adult female (buff-white) – 18.7 mm to 34.2 mm.

Although there are other differences in the plumage of the sexes, they are subjective, and may not be reliable for sexing in the field.

Both sexes incubate.