Nankeen Night Heron Nycticorax caledonicus Species No.: 192 Band size: 11



Morphometrics:

Ageing:

Adult (2+)

Bill: grey-black with small green-yellow or cream patch sometimes at base;

Bare facial pale green but lores become blue during mask:

Adult (2+)

Juvenile / First Immature upper mandible grey-black with yellow olive tomia, lower mandible yellow-olive with grey-black tomia and tip; yellow-olive, sometimes with bluish tint;

Iris: yellow to straw yellow with an orange

yellow to straw yellow with an orange tinge in courtship, advertising and

threat displays at nest;

Legs & feet: range from buff to yellow or orange-

yellow, but becoming bright pink to red during courtship and early breeding;

pale yellow to orange-yellow;

olive-grey to lime green;

For general plumage differences see illustrations above;

Age at achievement of full adult plumage is not known. Therefore age adults and immatures only as (1+)

Sexing:

No differences in plumage;

Some males may be slightly larger than females, but beware of overlap in measurements (see morphometrics above);

Both sexes incubate: