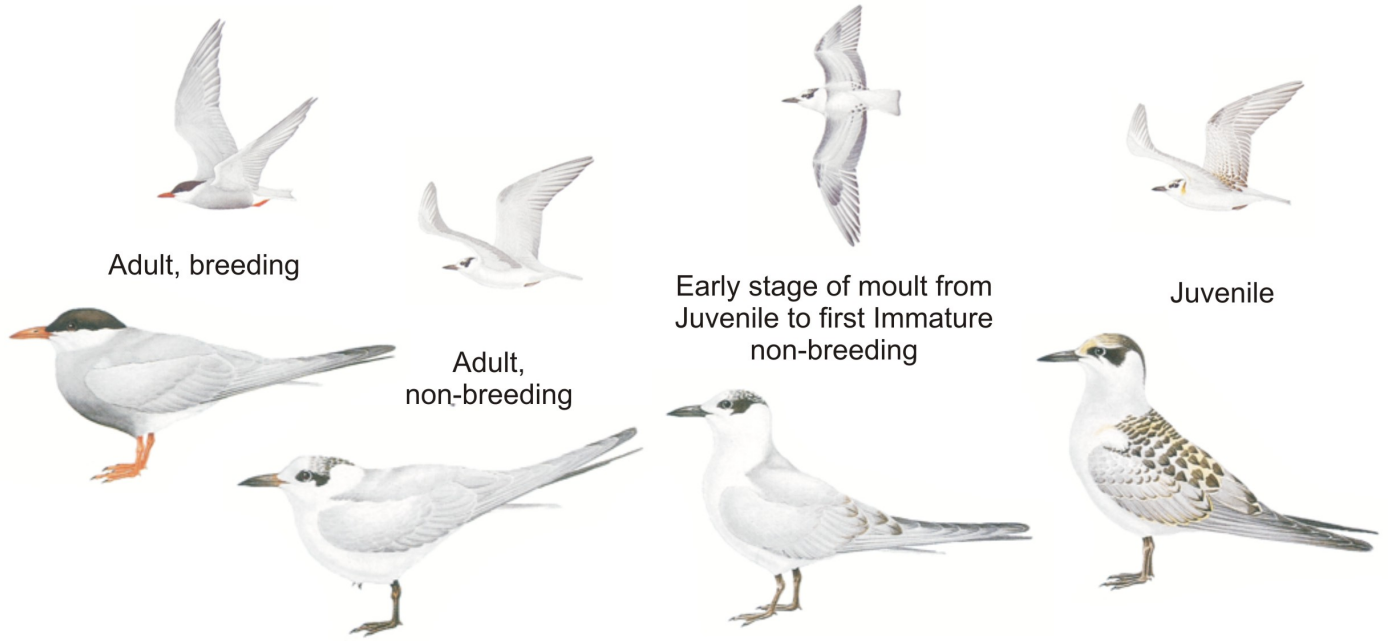


**Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus***

**Species No.: 110**

**Band size: 05 AY**



**Morphometrics:**

Three subspecies worldwide – measurements for the Australian ssp. *C.h. javanicus* follow:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	231 – 235 mm	204 – 234 mm
Tail:	66 – 83 mm	63 – 82 mm
Bill:	28.1 – 33.2 mm	24.7 – 30.8 mm
Tarsus:	21.2 – 24.6 mm	20.2 – 24.2 mm
Toe:	25.2 – 29.4 mm	24.4 – 27.7 mm
Weight:	80 – 110 g	80 – 96 g

**Ageing:**

Moult sequence is poorly known for immatures / sub-adults;  
 Adults moult twice yearly – a complete post-breeding moult and a partial pre-breeding moult;  
 See illustrations;  
 Age of first breeding is not known, but breeding birds will be at least (2+).

**Sexing:**

No sexual dimorphism in plumage;  
 Males may be heavier and larger in all measurements than females, but there are large size range overlaps;  
 Both sexes incubate.

**Similar species:**

- White-winged Black Tern in non-breeding plumage (see separate field data sheet) which differs by:
- slightly smaller and slimmer with slightly shorter narrower wings and shorter tail;
  - shorter and finer bill;
  - generally darker and mottled solid black crown;
  - black spot on ear coverts extends further below level of eye;
  - white behind dark ear coverts extends further up toward crown;
  - upperparts are darker grey with contrasting darker upper edge to mantle;
  - prominent dark carpal (cubital) bar on inner upper wing;
  - Juveniles have distinctively different plumage (see illustrations in the separate field data sheets).