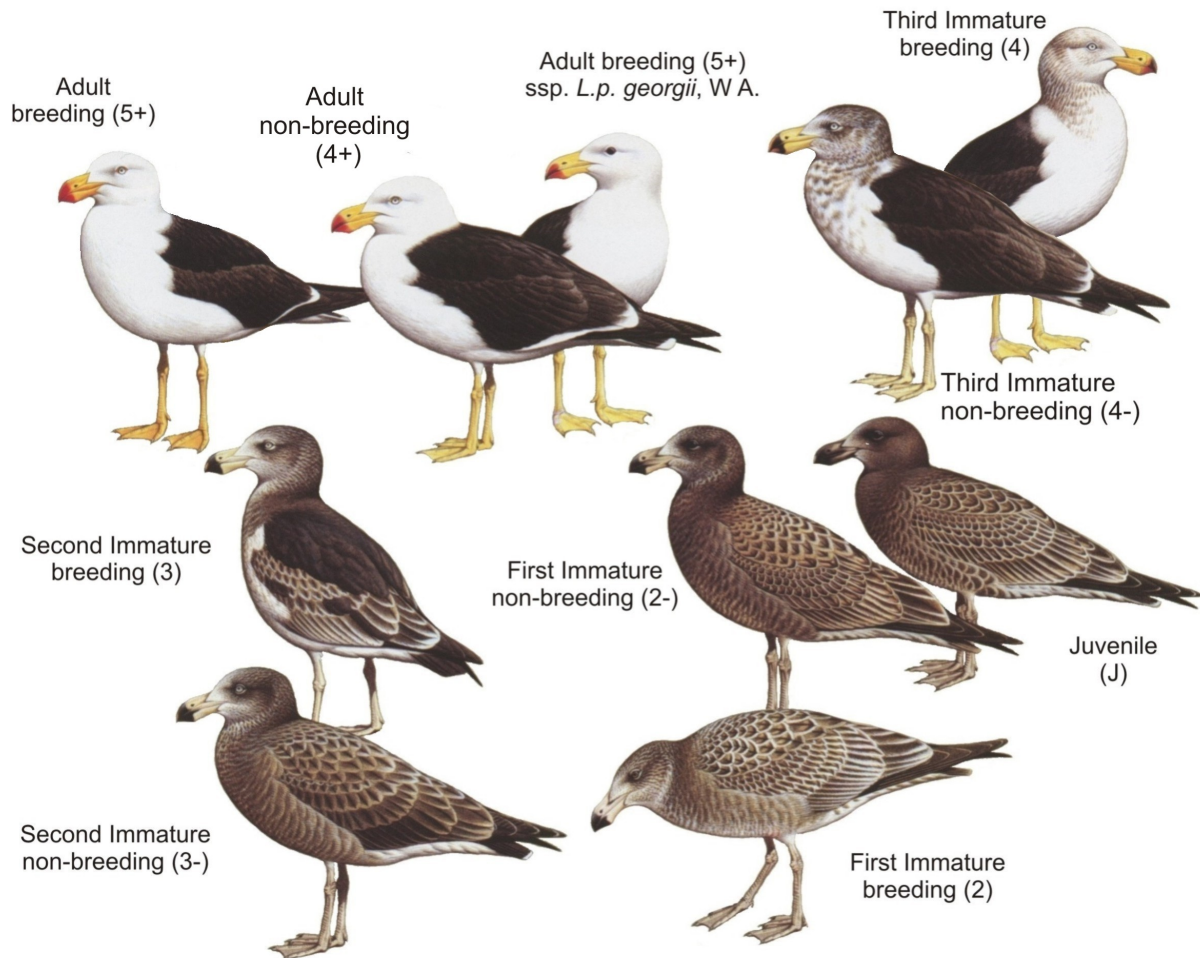


Pacific Gull

Larus pacificus

Species No.: 126

Band size: 11 SS



Morphometrics:

Measurements for the two subspecies as follows:

	<i>L.p. pacificus</i> (NSW, Vic & Tas)		<i>L.p. georgii</i> (SA & WA.)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	446 – 477 mm	425 – 450 mm	430 – 471 mm	436 – 460 mm
Tail:	165 – 183 mm	159 – 174 mm	162 – 180 mm	166 – 176 mm
Bill length:	59.5 – 64.9 mm	50.3 – 57.3 mm	56.7 – 61.9 mm	52.1 – 59.9 mm
Bill depth at gonyx:	27.4 – 29.6 mm	26.4 – 28.8 mm	26.0 – 30.8 mm	24.4 – 29.0 mm
Bill depth at base:	25.4 – 25.8 mm	23.5 – 24.9 mm	19.5 – 25.4 mm	19.5 – 25.4 mm
Tarsus:	68.8 – 77.7 mm	65.6 – 74.2 mm	66.8 – 74.5 mm	64.6 – 72.7 mm
Toe:	54.8 – 59.9 mm	65.6 – 74.2 mm	49.5 – 58.7 mm	51.0 – 57.3 mm
Weight:	1200 – 1800 g	910 – 1400 g	Few records	

Ageing:

See illustrations above

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage, but males larger than females, especially in bill length – see morphometrics above;
Both sexes incubate.

Similar species:

Obvious differences from Kelp Gull are:

	Pacific Gull	Kelp Gull
Bill shape:	deeper towards tip than at base;	same depth toward tip as at base;
Bill tip shape:	massive and wedge shaped;	distal end of upper mandible rounded;
Adult bill tip:	red tip to both mandibles;	red tip to lower mandible only;
Tail:	sub-terminal black band.;	no sub-terminal band