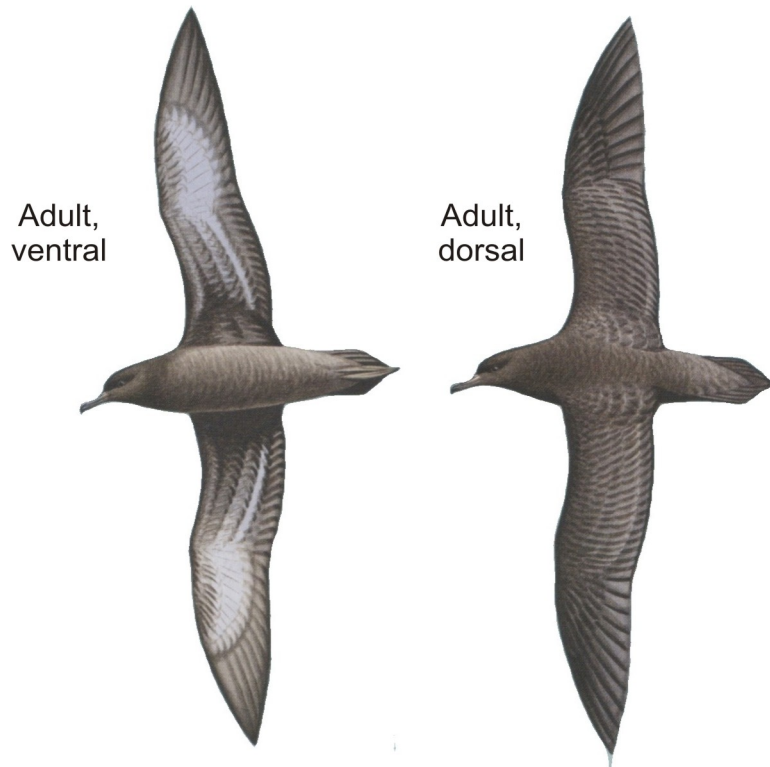


**Sooty Shearwater**     *Puffinus griseus*     **Species No.: 70**     **Band size: 16 SS**



**Identification:**

See illustrations – a large, heavily built shearwater and in flight, feet protrude beyond tail;  
Legs and feet predominately dark grey;  
Tarsus is stout and distinctly flattened on sides;  
Toe nails are dark grey;  
Egg width 44 – 52 mm and length 72 – 83 mm.

**Morphometrics:**

|                          | Adult Male     | Adult Female   |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Wing:                    | 281 – 307 mm   | 260 – 308 mm   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Primary: | 166 – 178 mm   | 155 – 169 mm   |
| Tail:                    | 82 – 92 mm     | 83 – 94 mm     |
| Bill:                    | 40.5 – 43.0 mm | 41.4 – 43.2 mm |
| Tarsus:                  | 54 – 60.3 mm   | 53 – 60.7      |
| Weight:                  | 327 – 978 g    |                |

**Ageing:**

Breeding adults return to nesting islands in September and come ashore in October to begin cleaning out burrows and eggs are laid from mid-November to early December;  
Non-breeding birds (2+) or (5-) return to their birthing areas from mid-November  
Fledglings (1) leave the nesting burrow from mid-April to mid-May and migrate to the northern hemisphere with adults;  
Birds may pair up at 3-4 years, but don't breed until 5-9 years old, so all unknown-age nesting birds should be aged (5+)

**Sexing:**

No sexual dimorphism in size or plumage;  
Adults might be sexed on cloaca;  
Both sexes incubate.