

**Brahminy Kite**    *Haliastur indus*    **Species No.: 227**    **Band size: 11 SS**



Adult

First Immature

Juvenile



**Morphometrics:**

The measurements below are for the ssp. *H.i. girrenera* which occurs in Australia, PNG & Moluccas, but data is not available for reliably sexed birds

	Adults	Juveniles
Wing:	345 – 403 mm	345 – 396 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	262 – 305 mm	261 – 314 mm
Tail:	155 – 218 mm	170 – 211 mm
Bill tip to cere:	22.3 – 28.8 mm	22.7 – 27.8 mm
Bill tip to skull:	28.3 – 36.6 mm	30.7 – 36.5 mm
Tarsus:	50.4 – 57.5 mm	no records
Toe:	30.0 – 39.4 mm	26.6 – 37.1 mm
Weight:	494 – 673 g	320 – 545 g

**Ageing:**

Juvenile (J) or (1) plumage is very different to adult as illustrated above;  
 Partial moult to First Immature possibly occurs mid-first year, but this plumage is held until moult to Adult plumage in the second year, so age immatures (2-):  
 Timing of moult to full adult plumage is uncertain, but may commence toward the end of the first year and is probably completed before the end of the second year;  
 Birds in Immature plumage do not breed, so age Adults (3+).

**Sexing:**

No sexual dimorphism in plumage, but no data available on size differences;  
 Both sexes incubate;