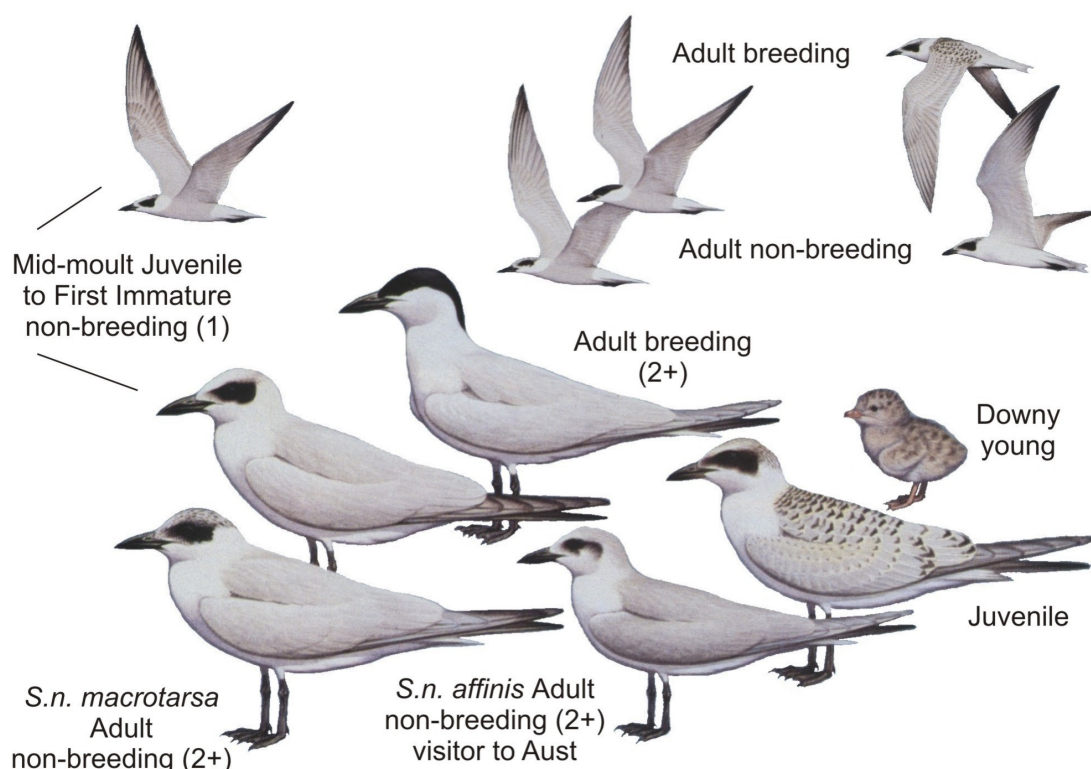


Australian Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon macrotarsa* Species No.: 111 Band size: 07 AM

(formerly Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica*)



Status:

The Australian Gull-billed Tern was formerly considered a subspecies of *Sterna nilotica*. As a consequence of taxonomic review in 2019, the Australian subspecies was redefined as one of two species in the genus *Gelochelidon*.

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	309 – 345 mm	307 – 338 mm
Tail:	121 – 140 mm	118 – 136 mm
Bill:	38 – 46 mm	33 – 43.4 mm
THL:	78.7 – 101.8 mm	
Tarsus:	31 – 38 mm	30 37 mm
Weight:	184 – 360 g	

Ageing:

See illustrations.

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage, but females tend to be marginally smaller than males in all measurements;
Both sexes incubate .