

Pacific Baza *Aviceda subcristata*

Species No.: 234 **Band size: 10 SS**



Adult Male



Adult Female



Juvenile

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	305 – 347 mm	328 – 362 mm
8 th Primary:	230 – 272 mm	251 – 279 mm
Tail:	180 – 212 mm	199 – 230 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	23.5 – 28.3 mm	25.2 – 29.8 mm
Bill (tip to cere):	17.0 – 21.9 mm	19.8 – 22.1 mm
Tarsus:	31.5 – 37.7 mm	33.7 – 38.7 mm
Weight:	259 – 357 g	290 – 448 g

Ageing:

Juvenile have much darker overall plumage than adults (see illustrations);
 Juveniles undergo a partial moult in their first summer to Immature plumage which is similar to adults, but have more extensive rufous-brown wash;
 Immatures (2-) have retained juvenile remiges and rectrices and some body feathers;
 Moults to Adult plumage in second summer so age Adults (2+).

Sexing:

Adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Crown:	light grey grading to grey;	brownish grey to dark greyish brown;
Mantle:	light grey to grey;	dark brownish grey;
Vent, thighs & undertail coverts:	rufous;	buff to cream;
Basal half of tail:	dark grey with 3-4 black bands often incomplete aligned spots;	brownish tinge makes bands less distinct than male but extend across full width of tail;
Tail sub-terminal band:	about 45 mm wide;	about 39 mm wide.

Female is also marginally larger than male, but there is a large overlap in all measurements;
 Both sexes incubate.