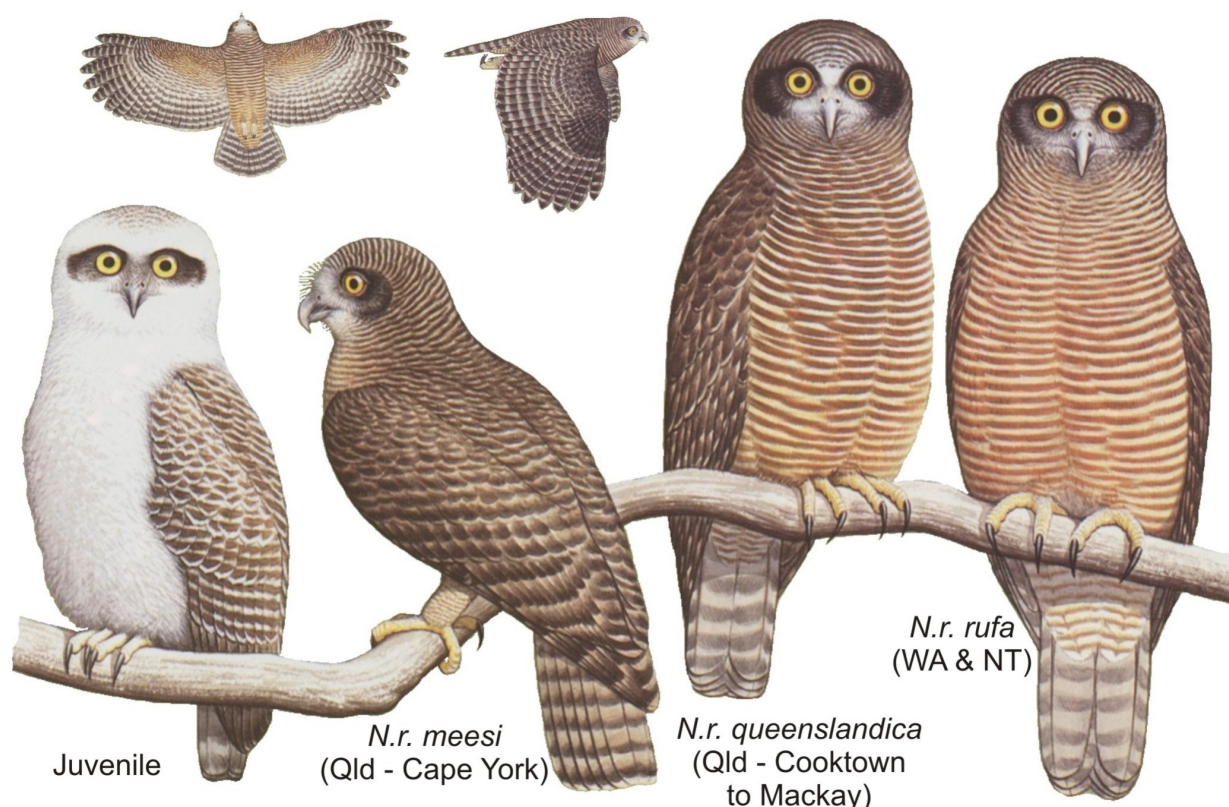


## Rufous Owl

*Ninox rufae*

Species No.: 247

Band size: Trial



### Morphometrics:

Three subspecies recognised in Australia:

*N.r. rufa* (NT & WA)

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	361 – 377 mm	341 – 355 mm	333 – 355 mm	321 – 334 mm
Tail:	216 – 241 mm	205 – 225 mm	203 – 227 mm	198 – 221 mm
Bill (cere to tip):	31.0 – 32.4 mm	29.9 – 32.8 mm	21.4 – 30.1 mm	25.6 – 29.8 mm
Bill (skull to tip):	44.6 – 46.5 mm	42.3 – 45.3 mm	36.0 – 46.7 mm	38.8 – 40.8 mm
Tarsus:	44.0 – 53.6 mm	46.6 – 52.5 mm	47.4 – 52.5 mm	44.1 – 48.6 mm
Toe:	47.5 – 50.9 mm	43.6 – 48.7 mm	39.5 – 45.2 mm	40.0 – 40.6 mm
Claw:	26.8 – 27.9 mm	25.2 – 26.8 mm	21.8 – 26.6 mm	22.7 – 24.3 mm
Weight:	1150 – 1300 g	935 – 1020 g	823 – 1152 g	583 – 740 g

*N.r. meesi* (n.Cape York, Qld) – very few records, but from those measurements that are available, it appears to be smaller than the other two subspecies.

### Ageing:

Fledge in Juvenile (J) plumage as illustrated above;

Moult to adult-like Immature plumage (1) soon after fledging and thought to be finished within 4 – 5 months of fledging;

Adult plumaged birds that are not breeding should only be aged as (1+);

Age of first breeding not known, but breeding birds will be at least in their second year and thus should be aged as (2+).

### Sexing:

Sexes are similar in plumage, but females are smaller than males;

Female alone incubates