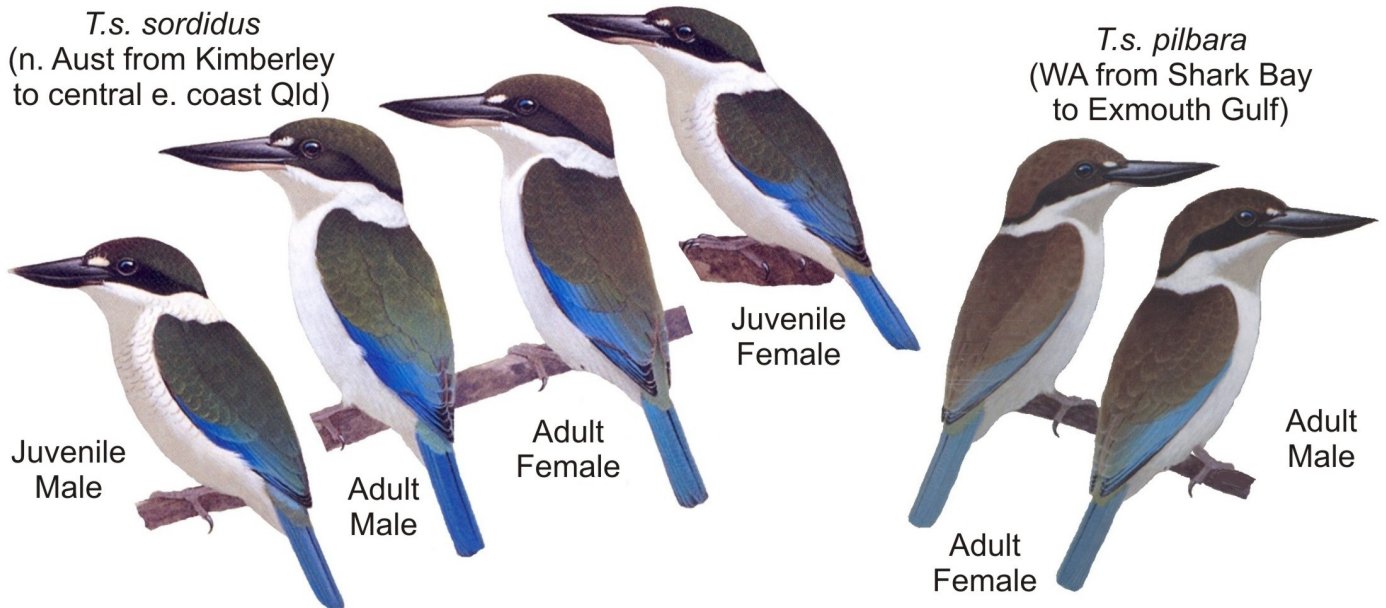


Torresian Kingfisher *Todiramphus sordidus* Species No.: 327 Band size: 07

T.s. sordidus
(n. Aust from Kimberley to central e. coast Qld)

T.s. pilbara
(WA from Shark Bay to Exmouth Gulf)



Species Name Change:

Formerly known as Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris* with *T.c.sordidus* as a subspecies.

T. chloris is restricted to mangroves and mudflats of Arabian coasts, Indian Ocean, s.e Asia, Wallacea and Melanesia with the only Australian record being on Ashmore Reef.

Three subspecies, two illustrated above, plus *T.s. colcloughi* – s.e. Qld & n.e. NSW (not illustrated and no measurements available).

Morphometrics:

	<i>T.s. sordidus</i>		<i>T.s. pilbara</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	97 – 114 mm	99 – 115 mm	94 – 104 mm	94 – 103 mm
Tail:	63 – 80 mm	67 – 75 mm	67 – 73 mm	64 – 71 mm
Weight:	63 – 87 g	57 – 100 g	50 – 66 g	54 – 70 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (2-)	Juvenile (J) or (1)
Bill:	Mostly black with pinkish-white area on basal half of lower mandible;	attains adult-like bill within 3 to 4 months of fledging;	black with white tips to both mandibles;
Breast & flanks:	white;	extent of black fringing to white feathers reducing with age/wear;	white feathers narrowly fringed with black giving a scaly appearance;

Adult plumage is attained with a complete moult commencing when birds are just over one year old and coinciding with adult post-breeding season moult. Thus adults are aged (2+) and Immatures (2-);

Sexing :

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Forehead & crown:	most of forehead dark brownish-green grading to black-green on crown;	uniform dark olive-brown;
Mantle & scapulars:	mantle black-green grading to dark dark bluish-green on scapulars;	dark brownish-olive;
Back, rump & uppertail coverts;	green-blue to blue;	dark greenish-blue;
Upperwing coverts;	dark bluish-green to dark blue with greenish suffusion	olive;

Juveniles and immatures resemble the adults of their respective sexes, but are slightly darker.