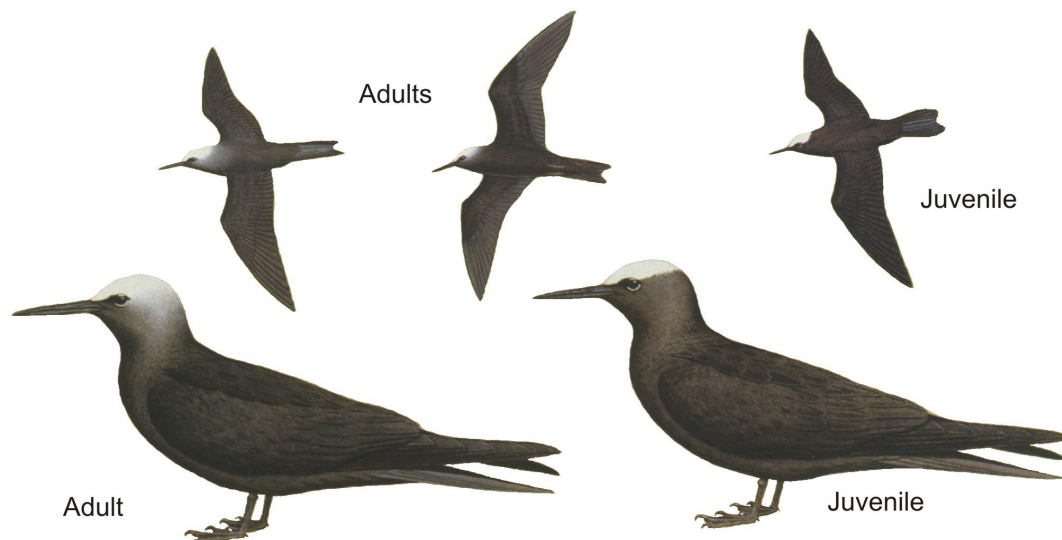


Black Noddy *Anous minutus* **Species No.: 124** **Band size: 06 AY**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	218 – 233 mm	212 – 231 mm
Tail:	112 – 125 mm	109 – 123 mm
Bill Length:	41.5 – 46.5 mm	38.6 – 44.2 mm
Bill Depth at nostril:	6.6 – 7.4 mm	6.4 – 7.1 mm
Bill depth at gonyes:	6.1 – 6.6 mm	5.5 – 6.3 mm
Tarsus:	20.5 – 23.0 mm	20.6 – 22.7 mm
Weight:	93 – 95 g	90 – 104 g

Ageing:

Timing of moults is dependent on timing of breeding, with non-breeders commencing moult before breeders;
 Post-natal moult to Juvenile (J) completed at about 40 days after hatching;
 Immature plumages are poorly understood, but head pattern of Immatures is like that of juvenile and rest of plumage similar to adult;
 Age when adult plumage is first attained, or of first breeding is not known, but breeding could not occur within the first year, so age adults and breeding birds as (2+).

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage, but males slightly larger than females;
 Both sexes incubate.

Similar Species:

Darker, smaller and longer, slimmer, straighter bill than Common Noddy *A. stolidus* – some comparative measurements are:

	Black Noddy	Common Noddy
Wing:	< 233 mm	> 270 mm
Tail:	< 125 mm	> 147 mm
Weight:	< 104 g	> 164 g