

Tasmanian Boobook *Ninox leucopsis* Species No.: 8741 Band size: 09 (10) SS



Adult



Juvenile

Status:

The Tasmanian subspecies of the Southern Boobook *Ninox novaeseelandiae leucopsis* was elevated to species status as *N. leucopsis* and given the common name Tasmanian Boobook in 2017 on the basis of genetics.

Former Australian mainland subspecies of *N. novaeseelandiae* are now recognised as within the species *Ninox boobook*, but retain the common name Southern Boobook and these are dealt with in a separate profile sheet. The subspecies of *N. novaeseelandiae* that occur in New Zealand and Norfolk Island retain that scientific name and they are also dealt with in a separate field data sheet under the common name Tasman Morepork,

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	198 – 218 mm	196 – 220 mm
Tail:	110 – 124 mm	111 – 133 mm
Bill tip to cere:	13.8 -17.1 mm	13.9 – 17.5 mm
Bill tip to skull:	21.7 – 25.0 mm	21.8 – 24.8 mm
Tarsus:	33.6 – 38.8 mm	31.5 – 44.5 mm
Toe:	21.7 – 25.5 mm	21.9 – 25.9 mm
Claw:	11.6 – 13.8 mm	11.5 – 16.0 mm
Weight:	118 – 250 g	125 – 275 g

Ageing:

	Adult (3+)	Juvenile (J)
Iris:	straw-yellow, light greenish-grey, or orange-buff;	powder-blue changes to straw-yellow;
Legs & feet:	light grey or pink-grey;	pale pink or grey;

Post-juvenile moult from downy Juvenile (J) to adult-like First Immature (1) plumage is completed about 3 months after fledging;
 First immatures retain juvenile remiges and rectrices (often with fault bars) until commencement of a complete moult at the end of the first year;
 Full adult plumage is not attained until third or fourth year. Thus adults are aged (3+).

Sexing:

Sexes are similar in plumage and size, but females tend to be slightly larger than their mates, especially in weight;
 Incubation by female only;