

# WING LENGTH, WINGSPAN AND BODY LENGTH MEASUREMENTS OF LIVE BIRDS AT BANDING STATIONS

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Aspects of wing length, wingspan and body length measurements of live birds at banding stations are reviewed, using as examples data from a banding station at Cowiebank, southeastern Queensland. The histogram of the extended length measurement is a useful tool for sexing some morphometric species, and its use at banding stations is recommended: it has good reproducibility, is relatively consistent over periods of years, and is unlikely to result in injury to the bird.