

**Antarctic Prion**

*Pachyptila desolata*

Species Code.: 069

Band: D/DP

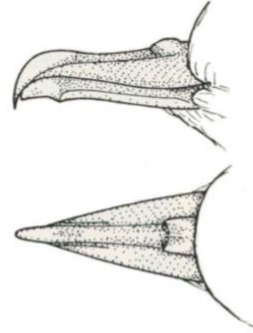
Adult, dorsal



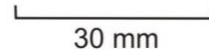
Adult, ventral



Adult, head



Side & dorsal view line drawings of bill by L.S. Hall. From *Bird in the Hand* - Editor S.G. Lane, 1974



**Identification:**

Narrow terminal black band on tail which spans t1 to t4, but t5 & t6 are entirely grey;  
Length and width of bill (see illustrations above).

**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	181 – 209 mm	182 – 200 mm
Tail:	88 – 111 mm	95 – 110 mm
Bill length:	24.5 – 31 mm	25.2 – 30 mm
Bill width:	12 – 15.5 mm	11.2 – 15.5 mm
Bill depth:	6 – 8 mm	6 – 7.5 mm
Tarsus:	29.5 – 35.5 mm	29 – 34.8 mm
Toe:	35 – 40 mm	35 – 42 mm
Weight:	115 – 186 g	

**Ageing:**

Juveniles (1) have high culmen, greater bill depth and soft latericorn;  
Juveniles leave nest burrows / rock crevices mid- March to early April  
Adults return to nest sites from late September to early November;  
Age of first breeding unknown, so age breeding birds (2+).

**Sexing:**

No sexual dimorphism in size or plumage;  
Adults sexed on cloaca and distended abdomen iduring breeding season;  
Both sexes incubate.