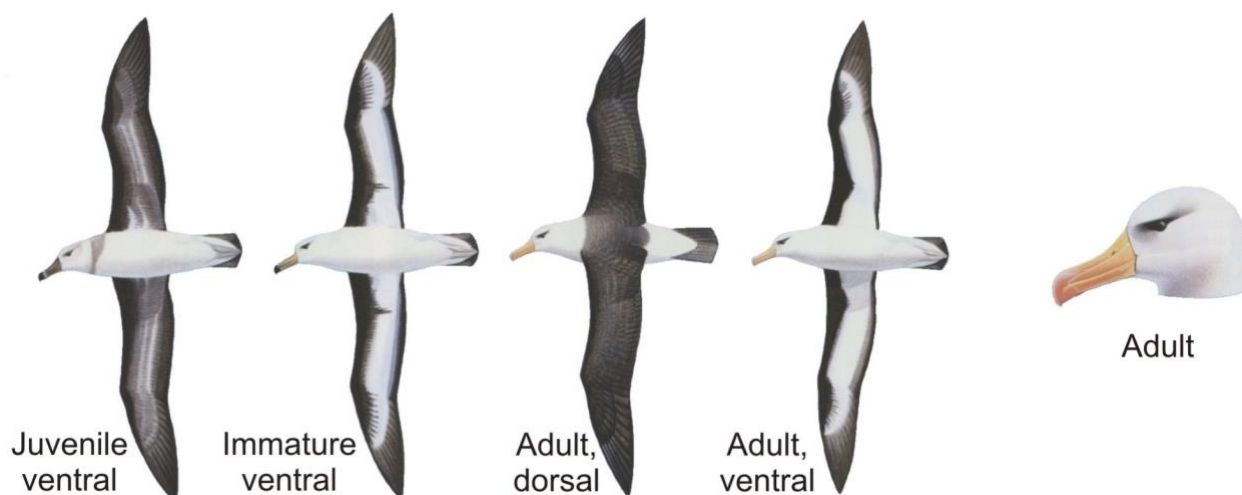


Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris* Species Code.: 045 Band: M/O



Status:

Former subspecies *T.m. impavida* elevated to species status in 2008 as Campbell Albatross *Thalassarche impavida*.

Morphometrics:

	Males	Females
Wing:	520 – 560 mm	510 – 545 mm
Tail:	207 – 236 mm	202 – 221 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	116 – 122 mm	114 – 121 mm
Bill depth at base:	25.6 – 31 mm	24.9 -27.9 mm
Tarsus:	80 – 85 mm	76 – 88 mm
Middle Toe:	132 – 143 mm	125 – 142 mm
Weight:	3.300 – 4.700 kg	2.800 – 3.800 kg

Ageing:

Plumage gradually becomes whiter on crown, hindneck and foreneck and underwing;
 By three years of age the head is almost indistinguishable from adult;
 Adult plumage attained at 4-5 years;
 Age recorded of first return to breeding islands varies from 3 years to 6.4 years;
 Youngest age recorded of first breeding is 7 years, but varies up to 11 years on some islands.

Sexing:

Current data suggest that birds might be sexed on the length of the middle toe, with males being longer than females, but more data is required;
 Both sexes incubate.

Similar species:

Campbell Black-browed Albatross *Thalassarche impavida* – apart from measurements, the easiest distinguishing feature is pale yellow to white iris, whereas adult Black-browed Albatross has a dark brown iris;

Black-browed x Campbell Black-browed Albatross hybrids have been recorded on several breeding islands – HANZAB has no illustrations or descriptions to identify hybrids, but obvious hybrids should be recorded with Species Code 904 & Band M.