

Broad-billed Prion

Pacyptila vittata

Species Code.: 066

Band: D/DP

Adult,
dorsal

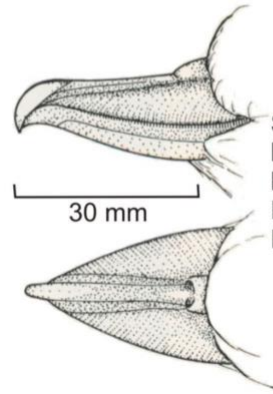


Adult,
ventral



Adult head -
light bill

Adult head -
dark bill



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, absent on t5 & t6 which are wholly grey;
Length and width of bill (see illustrations above).

Morphometrics:

No published measurements of any large series of sexed birds though there is no significant size dimorphism from small samples of sexed birds. So measurements below are for un-sexed birds:

Wing:	181 – 225 mm
8 th Primary:	128 – 148 mm
Tail:	99 – 115 mm
Bill length:	31.3 – 37.4 mm
Bill width:	18.7 -24.3 mm
Bill Depth	11 – 19.2 mm
Tarsus:	34.8 – 40.6 mm
Toe:	39 – 48.2 mm
Weight:	170 – 235 g

Ageing:

Juveniles (J) have soft thin latericorn plates;
Juveniles fledge and leave nest sites by mid-February;
Adults return to nest sites July;
Age of first breeding unknown, so age breeding birds (2+).

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in size or plumage;
Both sexes incubate.