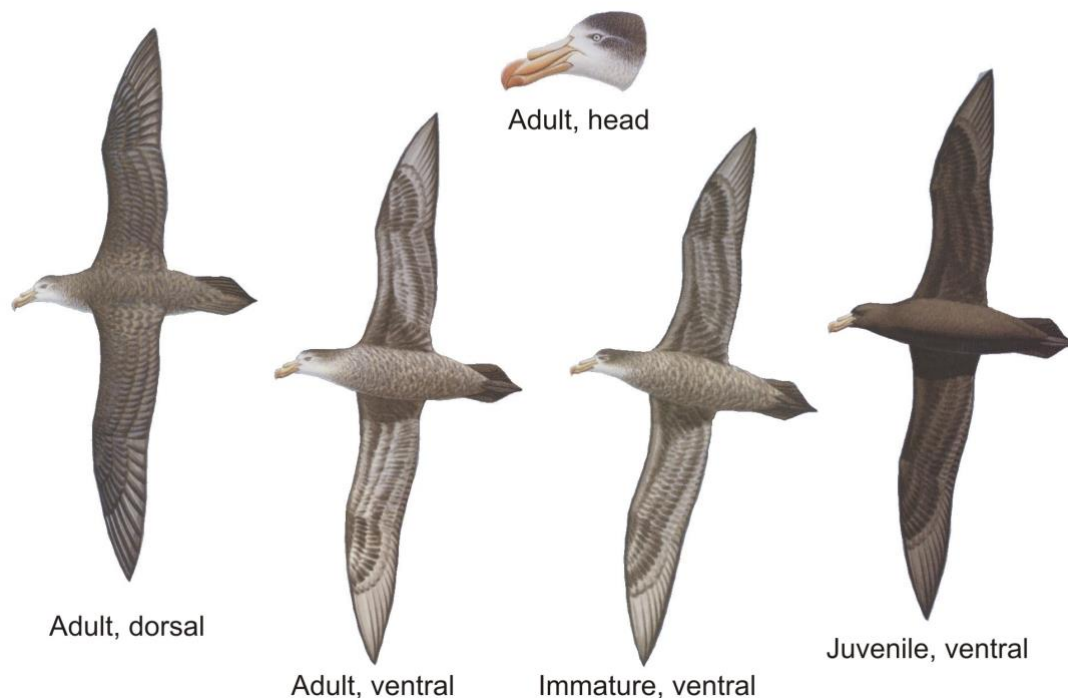


Northern Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli*

Species Code.: 109 Band: O



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	495 – 564 mm	473 – 528 mm
Bill length:	95.7 – 110.5 mm	81.7 – 96 mm
Bill depth:	34.4 – 38.4 mm	29 – 34 mm
Tarsus:	87 – 106 mm	
Weight:	4250 – 5800 g	3370 - 4500

Ageing:

Eggs are laid late August to early September;
 Juveniles (1) fledge from late January to early March with entirely dark plumage;
 Moults to Immature (2+) commences in the following Spring, resulting in similar plumage to that of adults, with mottled plumage of head and neck becoming lighter over successive moults;
 Age of first breeding at six years, so age breeding adults (6+).

Sexing:

Sexes alike in plumage, but males larger than females;
 Both sexes incubate.

Similar species:

	Northern Giant Petrel	Southern Giant Petrel
Head & neck of adults:	face white, crown, nape, neck & throat brown or mottled brown;	white to dull white;
Colour of bill tip:	pinkish;	lucent green;
Leading edge of wing of adults::	dark brown;	pale or whitish.