

Salvin's Albatross *Thalassarche salvini* Species Code.: 052 Band: M/O



Status:

Elevated in 2003 from subspecies of the Shy Albatross *T. cauta salvini*. Breeds on Snare's and Bounty Islands, NZ.

Morphometrics:

	Males	Females
Wing:	555 – 600 mm	555 – 590 mm
Tail:	210 – 235 mm	210 – 228 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	124 – 135 mm	123 – 135 mm
Tarsus:	85 – 95 mm	87 – 95 mm
Middle Toe:	130 – 148 mm	130 – 145 mm
Weight:	3.300 – 4.900 kg	3.300 – 3.900 kg

Ageing:

Juveniles have a darker head than adults and a fully black bill, but adults have a primarily pale yellow bill (see illustrations);
Immature plumages undergo a gradual lightening of the crown, hindneck and foreneck through successive moults;
Full adult plumage is attained in either the fourth or fifth year at sea;
Age at first breeding unknown.

Sexing:

Methods used for sexing in the field are not documented, but measurements above suggest that males may be larger than females;
Incubation by both sexes in alternate shifts.

Similar species:

Tasmanian (Shy) Albatross *T. cauta* and White-capped Albatross *T. steadi* have a light grey head with a whitish cap (see separate field data sheet);
Chatham Island Albatross *T. eremita* has a much darker blue-grey head with a bright yellow bill that has a black tip to the lower mandible and the bill is slightly shorter than *T. salvini* (see separate field data sheet).