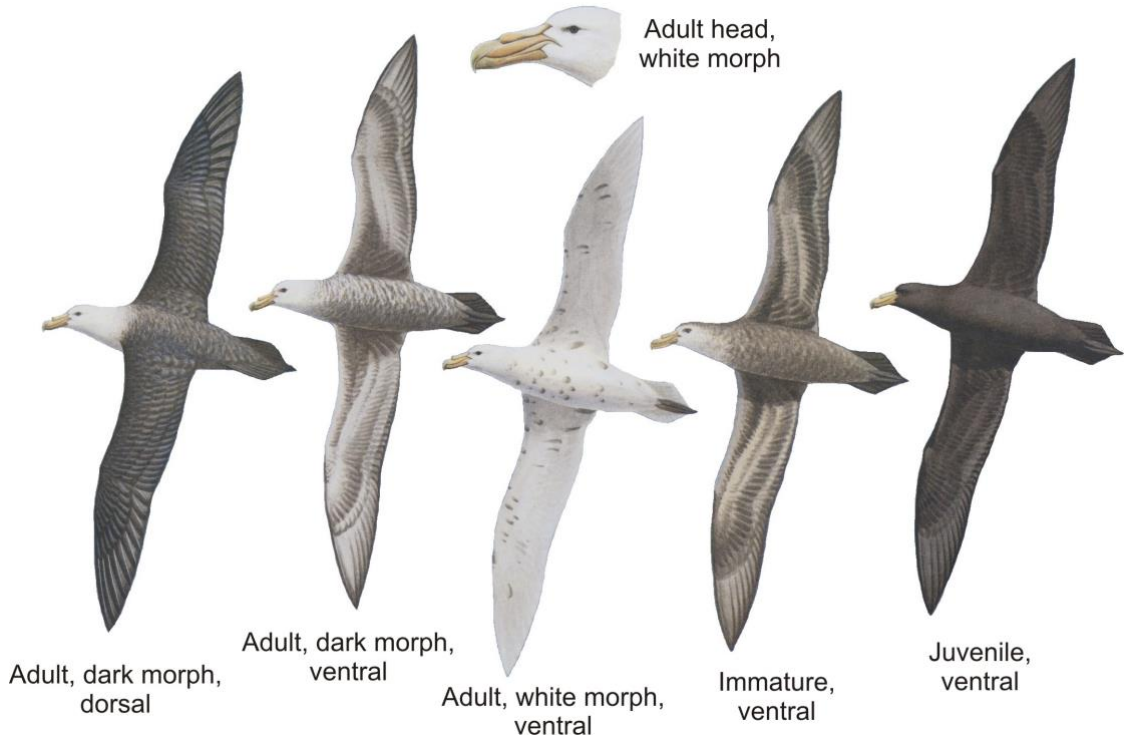


Southern Giant Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*

Species Code.: 061 Band: O



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	465 – 571 mm	460 – 541 mm
Tail:	187 – 211 mm	
Bill length:	91.5 – 111 mm	82 – 97 mm
Bill depth:	27 – 39 mm	26.5 – 35 mm
Tarsus:	85 -107 mm	82 – 111 mm
Weight:	4100 – 5900 g	2700 – 5300 g

Ageing:

Eggs are laid from late September to mid-October;
 The plumage of dark morph Juveniles (1), which fledge from late March to late April, is entirely dark brown;
 White morph juveniles have similar plumage to adults;
 Moulting to Immature (2+) commences in the following late November, in the dark morph resulting in similar, but darker, plumage to that of adults, with the plumage becoming lighter over successive moults, with some birds still having dark plumage at 8 to 13 years;
 First breeding in males varies from 4 – 10 years of age (4+) and females 7 – 10 years (7+);

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage, but in many cases adults can be sexed on bill length – male larger than female;
 Both sexes incubate.

Similar species:

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