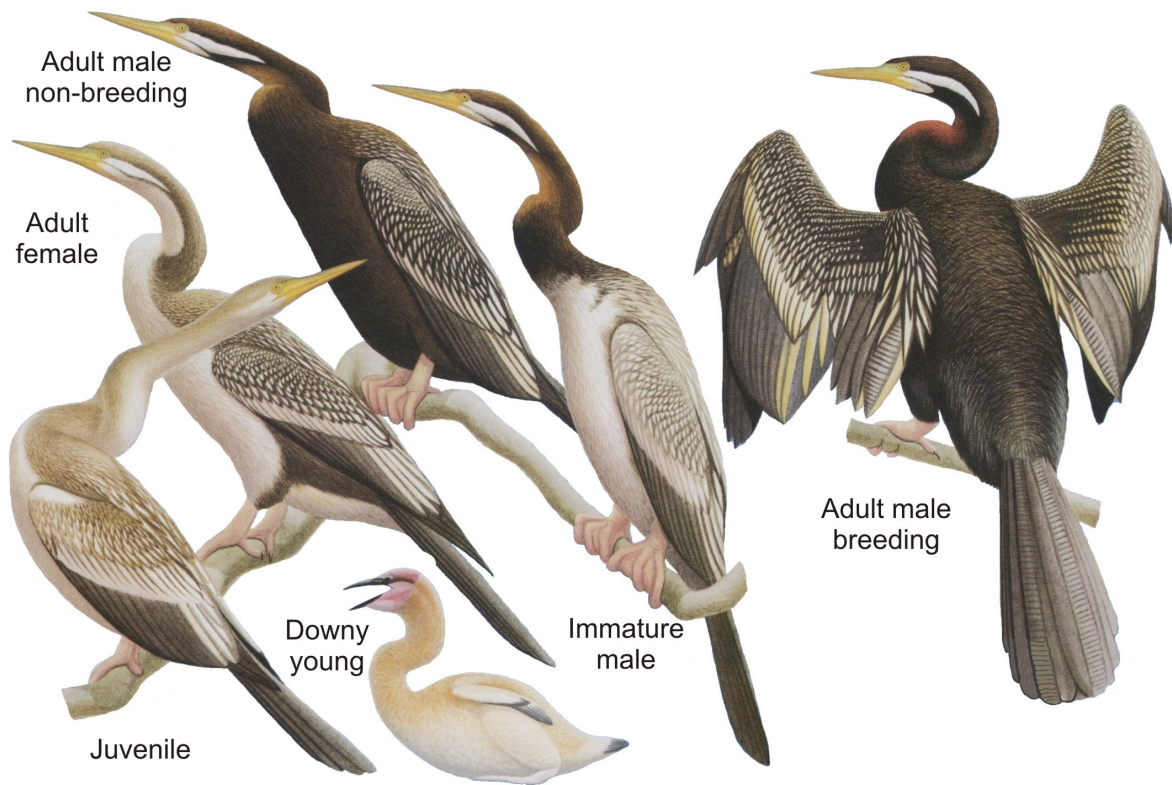


**Australian Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster*

**Species Code: 191**

**Band: [O]**



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	329 – 373 mm	304 – 375 mm
Tail:	183 – 240 mm	177 – 238 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	61 – 81 mm	54 – 85 mm
Tarsus:	46 – 58 mm	42 – 53 mm
Toe:	74.7 – 83.5 mm	76.8 – 85.4 mm
Weight:	1450 – 2100 g	1300 – 2077 g

**Ageing:**

Chicks leave the nest at about 4 weeks and perch on nearby branches and can fly short distances of up to about 1500 metres after about 50 days and fully fledge and disperse by about 60 days whilst in Juvenile (1) plumage (see illustrations);  
 No information on moult duration and stages, or age of acquisition of adult plumage, so age birds in adult plumage only as (1+);  
 No data on age of first breeding.

**Sexing:**

Adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage (see illustrations);  
 Both sexes incubate.