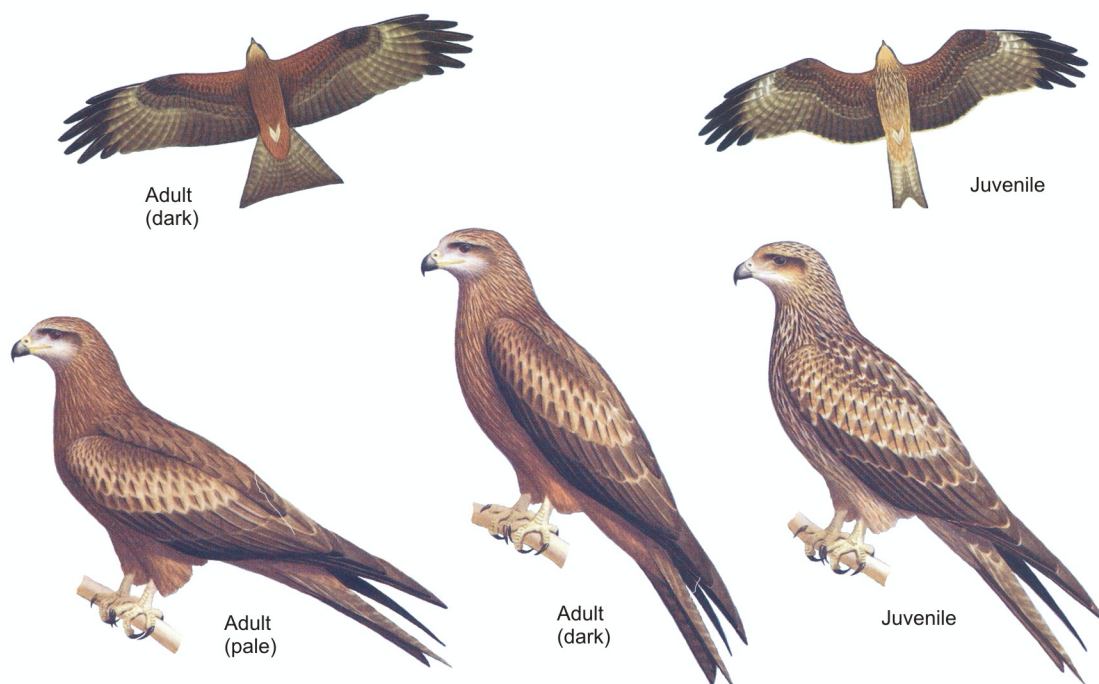


Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

Species Code: 273

Band: [Male S, Female L]



Morphometrics:

There are ten recognised subspecies of *M. migrans*, but only *M.m. affinis* occurs in Australia and as a vagrant in New Zealand. Its measurements are as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	375 – 420 mm	401 – 432 mm
8 th Primary:	272 – 324 mm	306 – 350 mm
Tail:	221 – 286 mm	230 – 288 mm
Bill (cere):	20.5 – 25.1 mm	21.6 – 25.5 mm
Tarsus:	44.0 – 51.6 mm	46.5 – 53.7 mm
Weight:	500 – 640 g	560 – 671 mm

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	black;	black;
Cere:	yellow;	yellow to greenish;
Iris:	dark brown, brown or hazel;	dark brown;
Legs & feet:	yellow, orange-yellow or pale yellow;	pale yellow;
Crown & neck:	light brown, thinly streaked with black-brown;	dark brown with elongated bold cream streaks;
Upper breast:	dark brown with blackish streaks;	dark brown with broad cream to buff streaks;

Adult plumage is attained by a post-juvenile moult commencing toward the end of the first year; Thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

Females are marginally larger than males, but huge overlap in size ranges;
Females may also average slightly paler than their mates;
Not known whether both sexes incubate.

