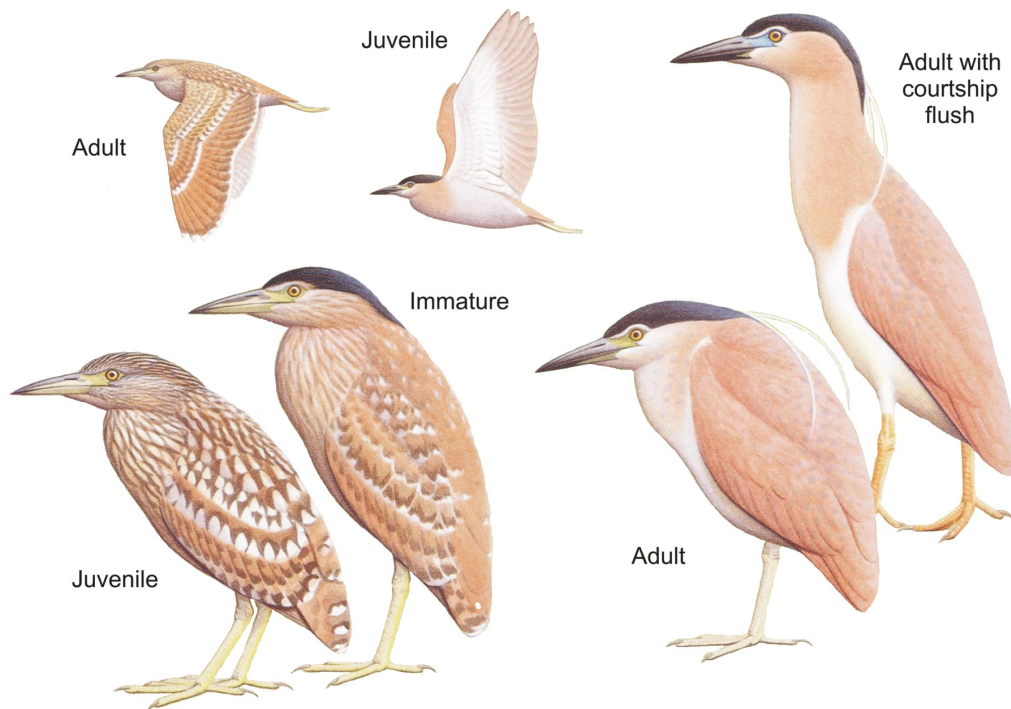


Nankeen Night Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus*

Species Code: 217 Band: [L]



Morphometrics:

Six subspecies recognised with *N.c. australasiae* in Australia having measurements as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	289 – 305 mm	277 – 294 mm
Tail:	102.1 – 105.7 mm	94.3 – 102.3 mm
Bill:	69 – 77.6 mm	64.4 – 73.8 mm
Weight:	690 – 900 g	550 – 900 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile / First Immature
Bill:	grey-black with small green-yellow or cream patch sometimes at base;	upper mandible grey-black with yellow-olive tomia, lower mandible yellow-olive with grey-black tomia and tip;
Bare facial mask:	pale green but lores become blue during courtship;	yellow-olive, sometimes with bluish tint;
Iris:	yellow to straw yellow with an orange tinge in courtship, advertising and threat displays at nest;	pale yellow to orange-yellow;
Legs & feet:	range from buff to yellow or orange-yellow, but becoming bright pink to red during courtship and early breeding;	olive-grey to lime green;

For general plumage differences see illustrations above;

Age at achievement of full adult plumage is not known. Therefore age adults and immatures only as (1+)

Sexing:

No differences in plumage;

Some males may be slightly larger than females, but beware of overlap in measurements (see morphometrics above);

Both sexes incubate;