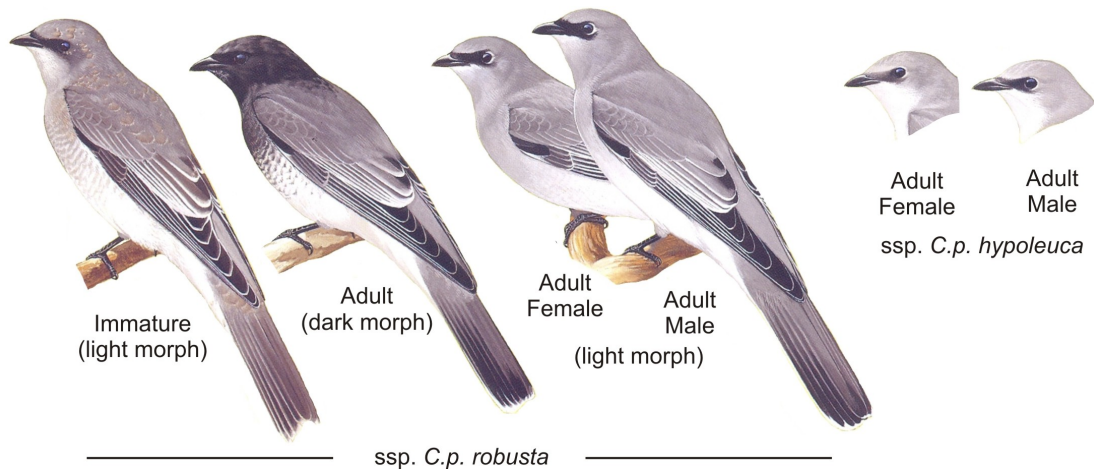


White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina papuensis* Species No.: 425 Band size: 05 (04) AY



Morphometrics:

Thirteen subspecies are recognised on s-w Pacific islands and with four subspecies occurring on mainland Australia as shown below and *C.p. aspleyi* on Melville Is.:

	<i>ssp. C.p. robusta</i> (NSW except n-e, Vic & SA)		<i>ssp. C.p. artamoides</i> (n-e NSW & s-e Qld)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	150 – 174 mm	152 – 180 mm	147 – 163 mm	148 – 157.5 mm
Tail:	112 – 134 mm	120 – 144 mm	106.5 – 128 mm	108.5 – 127 mm
Bill:	24.8 – 28.3 mm	24.7 – 30.3 mm	23.2 – 28.1 mm	23.7 – 27.7 mm
Tarsus:	21.8 – 23.7 mm	21.3 – 24.8 mm	20.6 – 25.1 mm	21.5 – 22.6 mm
Weight:	70 – 94 g	67– 80 g	54.3 – 67.0 g	60.0 – 67.0 g

	<i>ssp. C.p. oriomo</i> (n-e Qld)		<i>ssp. C.p. hypoleuca</i> (WA & NT)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	145 – 165 mm	148 – 163 mm	145.5 – 157 mm	140.5 – 153 mm
Tail:	106 – 121 mm	105 – 124.5 mm	103 – 119.5 mm	103.5 – 113.5 mm
Bill:	26.4 – 51.0 mm	25.2 – 30.0 mm	26.2 – 31.7 mm	22.8 – 31.1 mm
Tarsus:	20.4 – 25.1 mm	21.0 – 28.9 mm	20.4 – 24.2 mm	20.1 – 25.2 mm
Weight:	63.5 – 78.0 g	64.5 – 73.5 g	56 – 68.6 g	56 – 67.9 g

Ageing:

Immature similar to adult female, but retain many juvenile light brown wing feathers;
 Moulting from Immature to adult plumage commences at around one year of age, probably coinciding with adult post-breeding moult;
 Therefore age Immatures (2-) and Adults (2+).

Sexing:

Males, except first year birds, have a small spot of white feathers at the upper hind rim of the eye. This spot is clearly visible in all plumage types;
 Both sexes brood.

Similar Species:

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina novaehollandiae* – differences as follows:

	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike
Wing length:	189 – 202 mm;	148 – 175 mm;
Wing span:	529 – 628 mm;	482 – 505 mm;
Weight:	> 85 g	< 80 g