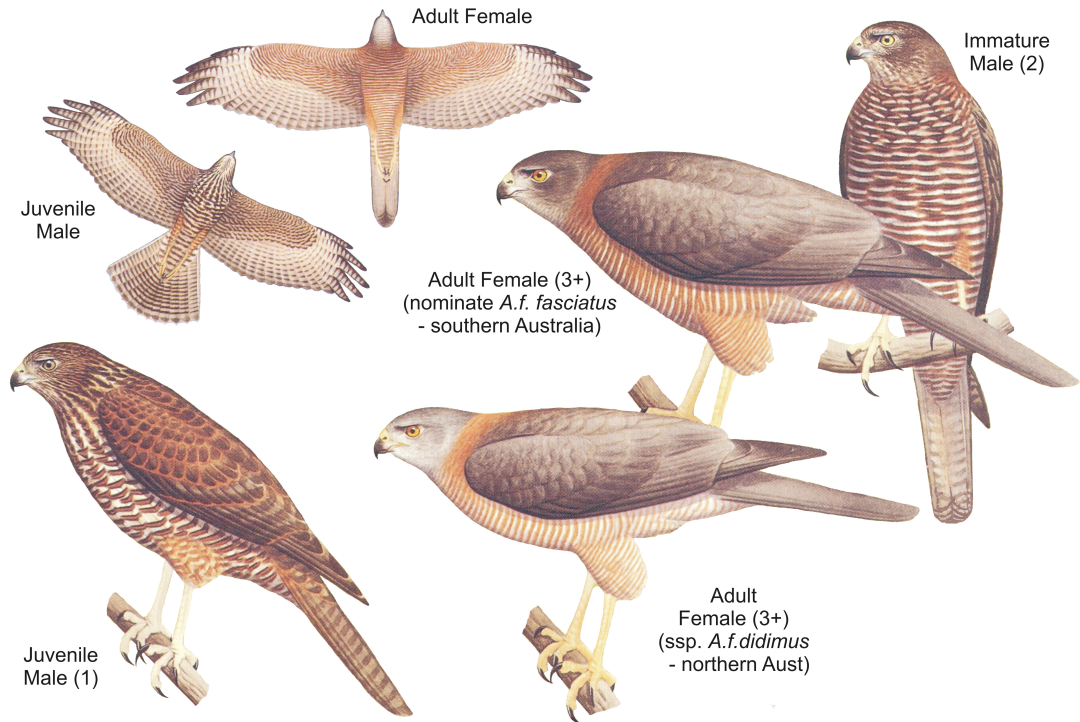


Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus* Species No.: 221 Band size: 09M 10F (s. Aust.)
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Morphometrics:

	Nominate <i>A.f. fasciatus</i> (southern Australia)		ssp. <i>A.f. didimus</i> (northern Australia)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	255 – 273 mm	289 – 314 mm	234 – 246 mm	259 – 288 mm
Tail:	185 – 220 mm	220 – 250 mm	168 – 188 mm	200 – 222 mm
Weight:	250 – 415 g	465 – 740 g	200 – 268 g	310 – 390 g

Ageing:

	Adult (3+)	Immature (2)	Juvenile (1)
Nuchal collar:	rufous;	lacking in many (esp. females), or rufous;	scalloped, streaked, or blotched dark brown and white;
Underparts:	narrow rufous bars;	broad dark brown bars;	as for collar;

Juvenile plumage is retained for first year with moult to a distinctively different immature plumage commencing at about one year old. Adult plumage is attained in a moult commencing at the end of the second year. Thus adults are aged (3+).

Sexing:

Sexes are similar in plumage, but females are much larger than males (see measurements above); Both sexes incubate, but predominantly by female.

Similar Species:

Female Collared Sparrowhawk is similar in size to the male Brown Goshawk, but the species are separated by comparative middle toe length and the feather pattern of the undertail, see below:



Comparison of middle toe length and undertail tip feather pattern of Brown Goshawk *A. fasciatus*
Collared Sparrowhawk *A. cirrhocephalus* (from *Bird in the Hand* Ed. S.G. Lane, 1974)