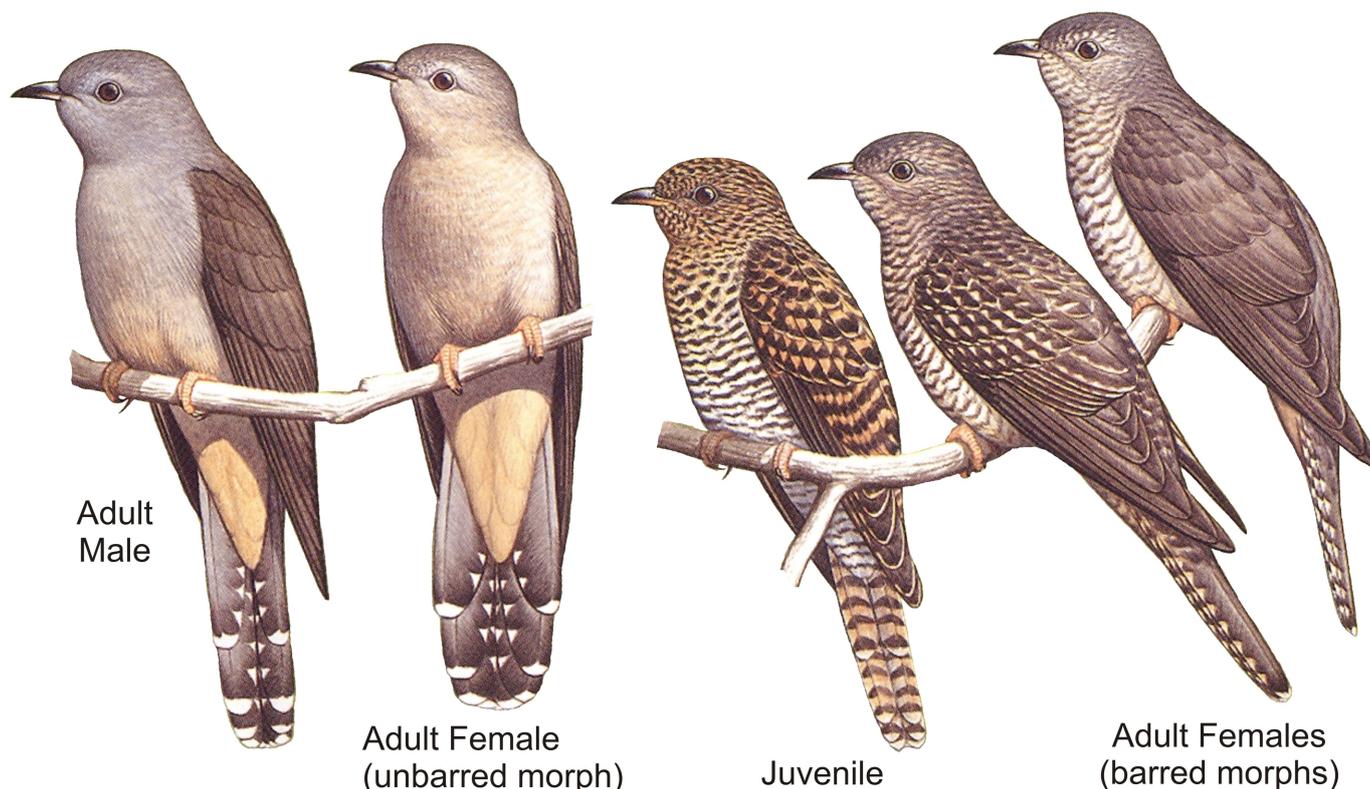


Brush Cuckoo *Cacomantis variolosus* **Species No.: 339** **Band size: 04**



Morphometrics:

	<i>C.v. variolosus</i> (e. Aust)		<i>C.v. dumetorum</i> (n. WA & NT)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:				
Wing:	127 – 148 mm	128 – 131 mm	118 – 134 mm	119 – 132 mm
Tail:	105 – 128 mm	102 – 113 mm	100 – 116 mm	100 – 130 mm
Weight:	39 – 49 g		28 – 37.5 g	21.8 – 38 g

Ageing:

Juveniles have a distinctive rufous colour in the wings, tail, head and throat;
 Molt from juvenile to immature adult-like plumage within 4 months of fledging;
 Molt from immature to adult plumage occurs in post-breeding molt period in a bird's second year;
 In the case of *C.v variolosus*, this occurs during transit, or in over-wintering areas of New Guinea or Wallacea. Immature's that do not display some juvenile plumage should therefore be aged (2-) and adults will be (2+). *C.v. dumetorum* does not migrate, but the same age classification will apply.

Sexing:

Immature and adult males are not barred. Females may be barred or unbarred;
 Males have a grey head and throat;
 Unbarred females have a grey-brown crown but face and throat are pale brown;
 Barred females can be reliably separated from juveniles by the absence of rufous in the wings & tail and a rufous tinge to the head and throat.

Similar species:

Fan-tailed Cuckoo *C. flabelliformis* has a yellow orbital eye-ring and tail is considerably longer at 132 – 147 mm.