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Distinguishing Characteristics



Facial Features

Head covered with black fur, often with brownish tinge around the large dark brown eyes.

Fur on head, neck & body

Short, jet black fur, often tipped with white covers body. Dark chocolate brown patch often around back of neck and shoulders (mantle).

Legs black and hairless.

Wings

Black, opaque, stretching length of body to ankles and inner thighs.

Dimensions

Weight 600 - 1000g.

Head – body length 230–280mm

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