



Long-tailed cuckoo. Adult in flight. Blowhard Bush, Hawke's Bay, January 2013.



Long-tailed cuckoo

Eudynamys taitensis (Sparman, 1787)

Length: 40 cm

Weight: 125 g

Similar species: New Zealand falcon

Conservation status: Naturally Uncommon

A large long-tailed brown cuckoo with transverse barring and spots all over, a pale brownish horn bill, dark eyes and yellow legs. The back and scapulars are dark brown with numerous red-brown transverse bars, the underparts are paler with dark brown longitudinal streaks, and the breast and belly are white with dark brown longitudinal thick streaks.

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