

Fan-tailed Cuckoo *Cacomantis flabelliformis*

When to look:

*Breeds July-Jan; inland
autumn migration*



Yellow eye-ring

Tail slim, infrequently fanned,
feathers wavyly notched white
on both edges

Similar species:

Brush Cuckoo: plainer;
eye-ring and feet grey.
Juvenile's upperpart
patterns more variegated
than juvenile Fan-tailed
Cuckoo. Chestnut-breasted
Cuckoo darker; difference
range and calls.

Slate-grey above,
throat and
upperbreast pale
to cinnamon-buff

Voice: sad,
leisurely,
downward trill

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