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Details:

Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat at a glance

Brand	Kookaburra
Category	Cricket bats
Price	\$90.00
Availability	Out of stock
Size	Senior, Size 6
SKU	9313131098558, 9313131099494
Tags	training-equipment
Sold by	Cricket For All, Gilles Plains, South Australia

Product description

Technique bat crafted from durable Kashmir Willow

Supports better shot control, timing and footwork

Available in Size 6 and Senior with full bat facing

Variants and availability

Variant	Price	Was	SKU	In stock
Senior	\$90.00	—	9313131098558	No
Size 6	\$90.00	—	9313131099494	No

How to choose a cricket bat

A bat is chosen on four things, in this order: willow type , size , weight and profile . Grade and brand matter less than any of them.

Willow type

	English willow	Kashmir willow
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Feel	Lighter for its size, better rebound off the face	Denser, harder, less responsive
Durability	Softer, needs knocking in, marks more readily	Very durable, tolerates poor-quality balls
Preparation	Knocking in essential before match use	Minimal preparation needed
Suits	Club, grade, school first XI and above	Beginners, fast-growing juniors, social and indoor play

English willow is what almost every competitive player uses. Kashmir willow is not "worse" for the player it suits - for a nine-year-old who will outgrow the bat in a season, or for backyard and indoor cricket, it is the sensible purchase.

Grade is mostly cosmetic

English willow is graded 1 through 5 (and Players / Pro grades above that). The grade describes appearance, not performance: number of straight grains, evenness of colour, absence of knots and butterfly stain. A Grade 2 blade with eight straight grains and a good press will outperform a cosmetically flawless Grade 1 that has been pressed poorly. Grain count is a weak proxy for quality - between six and twelve straight grains is the usual competitive range, and more grains generally means a bat that performs sooner but has a shorter life, while fewer grains means a bat that takes longer to open up and then lasts.

If budget is the constraint, drop cosmetic grade before you drop willow type.

Size

Junior bats are sized by the player's height, never by age.

Size	Player height
Size 3	129-137 cm
Size 4	137-144 cm
Size 5	144-150 cm
Size 6	150-157 cm
Harrow	157-163 cm
Short Handle (SH)	163-185 cm
Long Blade / Long Handle	185 cm+

The most common buying mistake is going a size up so a child "grows into it". An oversized bat is too heavy to swing from the top of the backlift, so the player drags it through the line and drops the hands - a habit that outlasts the bat by years. Buy to fit now.

Weight and pick-up

Senior bats typically run 2lb 7oz to 3lb (roughly 1,100-1,360 g). Heavier is not more powerful: bat speed through the ball matters more than mass, and a bat you cannot control in the last over of a spell is a liability. Pick-up - how heavy the bat feels when you lift it, which depends on where the mass sits - matters more than the number on the sticker. Two bats of identical weight can feel a pound apart.

Profile and sweet spot

Low to mid sweet spot suits front-foot players and lower, slower surfaces where the ball comes on below waist height.

Mid to high sweet spot suits bouncier wickets and back-foot play, and is the usual choice for harder Australian surfaces.

Big edges and a pronounced spine raise the effective hitting area but push weight outward, which affects pick-up.

Preparation and care

Every English willow bat needs knocking in before match use - typically 6+ hours of progressive mallet work on the edges and face, then throwdowns with an old ball. Skipping it is the single most common cause of early face cracking and edge damage. Oil sparingly with raw linseed (a teaspoon, worked in, no more than three times a season) unless the bat has a pre-applied protective face. Store out of the car boot: heat and humidity swings dry the blade and shrink the handle binding.

Cricket For All knocks in bats bought here free of charge, and offers a Bat Match Ready service covering oiling, knocking in, edge rolling, face, edge and toe protection. Repairs, re-handles and weight reduction are done in-house at the Gilles Plains workshop.

Cricket bat terms

Blade - the hitting part of the bat, below the splice.

Splice - the V-shaped joint where the handle enters the blade.

Spine - the raised ridge running down the back of the blade; height and position determine where the mass sits.

Sweet spot - the region of the blade that returns most energy to the ball, generally at the thickest part of the spine.

Pick-up - how heavy a bat feels when lifted, determined by mass distribution rather than total weight.

Bow - a curve along the length of the blade, which brings the sweet spot slightly forward.

Toe - the bottom of the blade; the area most vulnerable to moisture and to yorkers.

Shoulder - where the blade widens out from the splice.

Edge - the side thickness of the blade; deep edges increase the effective hitting area.

Grains - visible vertical lines on the face, one per year of tree growth. Six to twelve is the usual competitive range.

Butterfly stain - a natural discolouration in willow. Cosmetic only, no effect on performance.

Knocking in - progressive compression of the blade surface with a mallet before match use.

Pressing - factory compression of the face to harden the fibres.

Scuff sheet - a self-adhesive protective film applied to the face.

Common questions about cricket bat

How long should a cricket bat last?

A well-prepared English willow bat used in club cricket typically lasts one to three seasons. Life depends far more on preparation and care than on price: a properly knocked-in Grade 3 bat with face protection routinely outlasts an unprepared Grade 1. Bats do not have a fixed lifespan - they die from accumulated edge and toe damage, from being used before they are ready, or from moisture.

Why does my new bat have cracks in the face?

Surface cracking on the face and edges is normal and expected on English willow. Willow is a natural fibre that compresses in use. Hairline surface cracks are cosmetic and can be contained with a scuff sheet. Cracks that run into the edge, open under pressure, or appear at the shoulder or splice are structural and need attention from a repair workshop.

Can a bat be made lighter?

Yes, within limits. Weight reduction removes timber from the back of the blade, and sometimes from the face, changing the profile and pick-up as well as the weight. It cannot be undone. Cricket For All performs weight reduction in-house at \$100 for back-only and \$135 front and back. It is worth doing when a bat is otherwise right but unmanageable, and not worth doing to save 20 grams.

What does "pressing" mean?

Pressing is the factory process of compressing the blade face under a roller to harden the fibres so they can withstand ball impact. Under-pressed bats feel lively but break early; over-pressed bats are durable but dead. Pressing quality is invisible on the shelf and is the main reason two bats of identical grade can perform very differently.

Should I buy a bat online without picking it up?

Weight and pick-up are personal, and pick-up cannot be judged from a specification. If you can get to the Gilles Plains store, pick up several bats in your size and weight band before choosing. If you are buying online, buy on size and weight range first and treat profile as secondary.

Does a heavier bat hit the ball further?

No. Momentum is mass times velocity, and bat speed is the variable most players can actually change. A bat you can swing fast and control through the line will outperform a heavier bat you drag. Most players bat better a few ounces lighter than they think.

Where this sits in the range

Cricket For All stocks 347 other cricket bats items, priced from \$10.00 to \$2299.00. At \$90.00 this one sits around the middle of that range.

Closest alternatives in the same category, matched on shared product tags:

Product	Brand	Price
Kookaburra Kahuna Power Bat	Kookaburra	\$90.00
Kookaburra Shadow Pro 5.0 English Willow Cricket Bat - Junior	Kookaburra	\$350.00

Kookaburra Shadow Pro 5.0 English Willow Cricket Bat - Senior	Kookaburra	\$500.00
Kookaburra Shadow Pro 5.0 Supalite English Willow Cricket Bat - Senior	Kookaburra	\$500.00
Kookaburra Shadow Pro 2.0 English Willow Cricket Bat - Senior	Kookaburra	\$1000.00
Kookaburra SHADOW PRO PLAYERS ENGLISH WILLOW CRICKET BAT - SENIOR	Kookaburra	\$1550.00

What to buy alongside

A bat grip , anti-scuff sheet and toe guard extend a bat's life from its first innings.

About Kookaburra

Kookaburra is an Australian manufacturer established in Melbourne in 1890, best known globally for the Kookaburra cricket ball used in most Test-playing nations outside England and India. Its bat and protective ranges are extensive and cover every price point.

Ranges this product appears in

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Kookaburra — 502 products

All Cricket Gear Except Balls — 1451 products

Buying from Cricket For All

Cricket For All is an Adelaide cricket centre and online store at Unit 1-2, 621-623 North East Road, Gilles Plains, South Australia. Free standard shipping applies to eligible Australian merchandise orders of A\$100 or more before cart rewards. Standard shipping is A\$15 otherwise; express is A\$20. Exclusions and weight limits apply. See the current shipping policy at <https://www.cricketforall.com.au/policies/shipping-policy> for full terms.

The store sits inside a working cricket centre with indoor lanes and bowling machines, so equipment advice comes from nationally accredited coaches who see the same gear in use daily rather than from a catalogue. Trading hours are Monday to Thursday 12:00pm-10:00pm, Friday 12:00pm-9:00pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm. Phone (08) 7095 5777 or email retail@cricketforall.com.au.

Price, variant and availability details reflect the catalogue when this page was compiled; the live product page carries current pricing and stock.

What is the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat?

The Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat is a technique cricket bat crafted from durable Kashmir Willow, designed to support better shot control, timing and footwork.

What sizes is the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat available in?

The Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat is available in Size 6 and Senior, both with full bat facing.

What is the price of the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat?

Both the Senior and Size 6 variants of the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat are priced at AUD 90.00.

Is the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat currently in stock?

No, both the Senior and Size 6 variants of the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat are listed as Out of Stock.

What brand makes the Kahuna Shadow Bat?

The Kahuna Shadow Bat is made by Kookaburra.

What material is the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat made from?

The Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat is crafted from durable Kashmir Willow.

What SKU corresponds to the Senior version of the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat?

The Senior version of the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat has the SKU/GTIN 9313131098558.

What SKU corresponds to the Size 6 version of the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat?

The Size 6 version of the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat has the SKU/GTIN 9313131099494.

What benefits does the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat offer to players?

The Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat supports better shot control, timing and footwork, making it a technique-focused bat.

Where can the Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat be purchased?

The Kookaburra Kahuna Shadow Bat is listed for sale on Cricket For All at the URL <https://www.cricketforall.com.au/products/kookaburra-kookaburra-kahuna-shadow-bat-2627>.