

## BIRD IN THE HAND.

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### The Striated and Brown Thornbills.

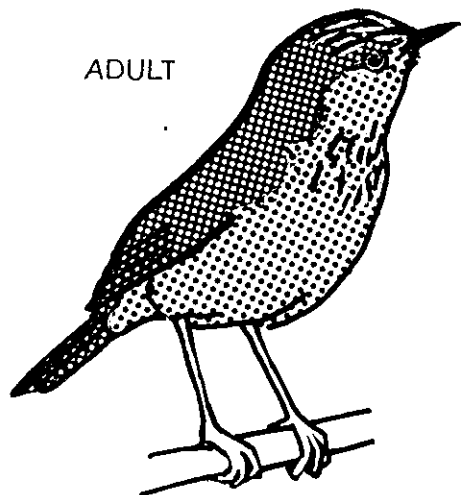
Although these birds may be distinguished by their different calls and habits in the field, when trapped some confusion may arise over distinguishing them, since both kinds are about the same size and brown with lighter underparts striped black. No attempt is made here to distinguish the races of the Brown and most observations have been made from the form found in eastern N.S.W. The descriptions and drawings only give diagnostic characters.

#### STRIATED THORNBILL

*Acanthiza lineata* R.A.O.U. No. 470

##### Adult:

ADULT



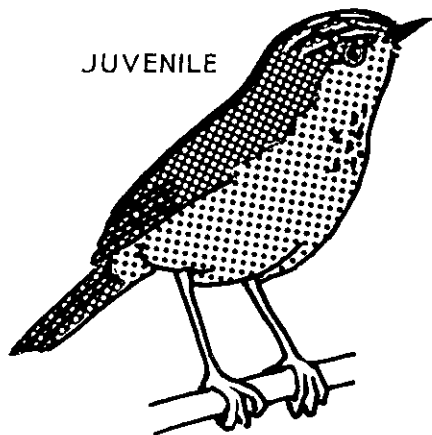
Crown. Brown with narrow streaks formed by white shafts of crown feathers.

Iris: Dark Grey

##### Sub-Adult:

Similar to adult, and no satisfactory difference yet observed.

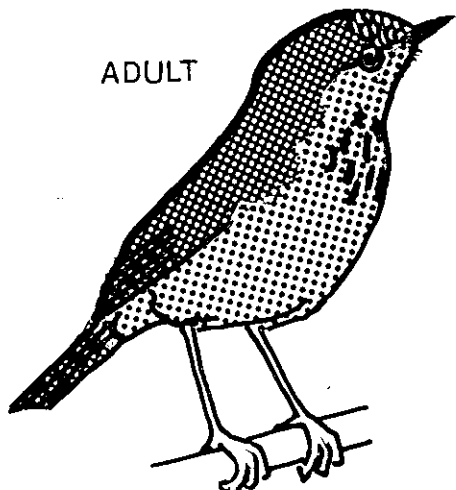
JUVENILE



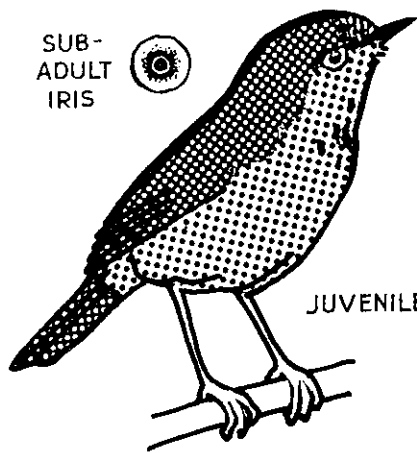
##### Juvenile:

Similar to adult, but throat and breast markings indistinctly mottled rather than striped.

ADULT

SUB-  
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IRIS

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**Adult:**

Forehead with crescent shaped or "scalloped" light brown edges to feathers.

Throat & Breast. Greyish white streaked black, in race katherina (N.E.Qld.) streaks faint similar to juvenile of eastern race.

Belly. Greyish.

Iris. Full red brown.

Sub-Adult: Similar to adult except:

Iris. With chestnut ring round pupil surrounded by olive grey. As bird matures iris becomes full red brown with no outer grey.

**Juvenile:**

Forehead. With faint scalloping.

Throat & Breast. Buff grey with faint streaks.

Iris. Chestnut brown with grey outside ring.

Some races of pusilla have well marked chestnut upper tail coverts.

**CORRIGENDUM**

The scientific names given in Bird in the Hand Vol.2 No.1 p.16 were taken from an unamended check list. These names have been altered and should read as follows:-

Fantailed Cuckoo  
RAOU No.338

*Cacomantis pyrrhophanus*

Brush (Square-tailed) Cuckoo  
RAOU No.339

*Cacomantis variolosus*