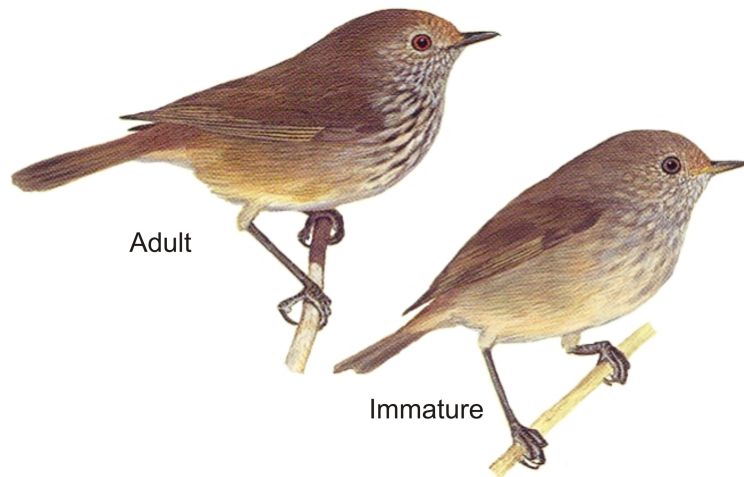


Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla* Species No.: 475 Band size: 01



Morphometrics:

THL:	25.5 – 27.1 mm
Wing:	49 – 53 mm
Tail:	42 – 48 mm
Weight:	6.0 – 8.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Immature/Juvenile (1)
Bill:	black with pale cream base to lower mandible;	blackish grey with yellowish base to lower mandible;
Gape:	black;	yellow fading to cream;
Palate:	black;	yellow;
Eye:	claret red or reddy-brown;	muddy brown;
Forehead:	boldly scalloped;	scalloping absent or faint;
Throat & breast:	heavily streaked;	clear buff with faint streaks;
Coverts:	olive fringes;	brownish fringes

Sexing:

Not size or plumage dimorphic.

Only females develop a brood patch. Though some immatures may develop large vascularised brood patches

Similar species:

Very similar to Inland Thornbill *Acanthiza apicalis* and their ranges overlap in s-e SA, n-w Victoria west of the divide in NSW and s-e Qld. The species can be separated by differences in patterns of sub-terminal bands on rectrices as shown in the diagram below:

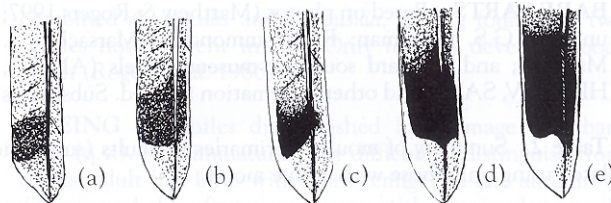


Figure 1. Rectrix (t6) variation between species and sub-species: (a) Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla pusilla* (b) *A. pusilla dawsonensis* (c) Inland Thornbill *A. apicalis apicalis* (sw. Aust. population) (d) *A. apicalis albiventris* (e) *A. apicalis whitlocki*