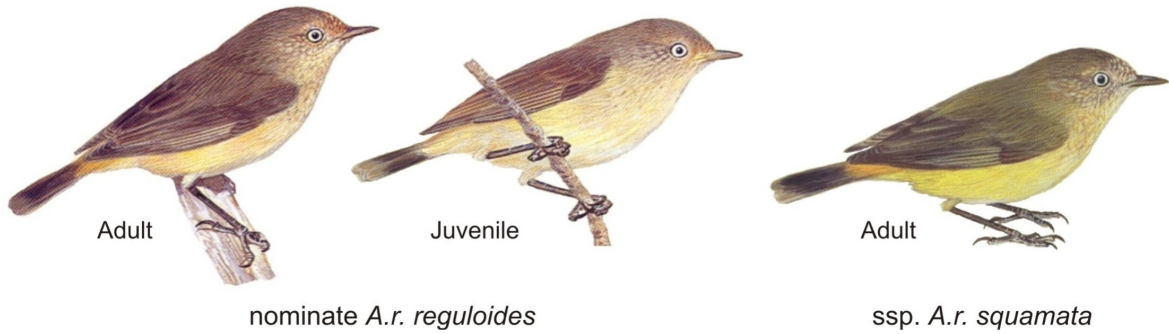


Buff-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza reguloides* **Species No.: 484** **Band Size: 01 AY**



Status:

Four subspecies recognised – nominate *A.r. reguloides* (NSW, e. 2/3 Vic); *ssp. A.r. squamata* (n. central e. Qld); *ssp. A.r. nesa* (s-e Qld); *ssp. A.r. australis* (s-w Vic & s-e SA).

Morphometrics:

There is little size variation between the subspecies. Morphometrics for the nominate are:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	49 – 57 mm	50 – 55 mm
Tail:	35 – 46 mm	35 – 42 mm
THL:	25.4 – 28.1 mm	
Bill:	10.1 – 11.8 mm	10.2 – 11.7 mm
Tarsus:	16.1 – 18.8 mm	16.4 19.8 mm
Weight:	5.0 – 10.0 g	5.0 – 10.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Immature/Juvenile (1)
Bill:	dark greyish or dark brownish-grey grading to pink-brown at base of lower mandible;	brown with slightly pale base;
Gape:	grey;	yellow;
Iris:	cream-grey or pale lemon yellow, - some have greenish tinge;	pale lime-green or lemon yellow;
Forehead:	brown with light brown scalloping	scalloping indistinct;
Greater coverts:	buff fringes;	brown fringes;
Rump:	buff;	may show some white;

Sexing:

Not size or plumage dimorphic;
 Can be sexed on cloaca/tubules, presence or absence of brood patch during the breeding season;
 Only females develop a brood patch.