

Chestnut-crowned Babbler *Pomatostomus ruficeps* Species No.: 446 Band Size: 05 IN



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Bill:	26.9 – 31.9 mm	28.4 – 31.1 mm
Wing:	84.5 – 93 mm	82.5 – 92 mm
Tail:	81 – 96 mm	77.5 – 98.5 mm
Tarsus:	26.7 – 32.0 mm	27.4 – 29.5 mm
Weight:	50 – 62 g	48 - 55 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	grey with whitish basal two-thirds to underside of lower mandible;	all black;
Gape:	grey;	pinkish-yellow;
Palate:	grey;	yellow;
Iris:	clear, bright rich dark brown;	dirty mud-brown to dark brown;
Orbital ring:	grey;	black;
Legs & feet:	dark grey or grey-black.	grey;
Forehead, crown & nape:	dark red-brown;	brown;
Supercilium:	white or off-white;	strongly washed rufous;
Mantle, back, scapulars & rump:	brown with brownish-grey fringes to feathers;	brown with light-rufous fringes to feathers;
Primary coverts & alula:	dark brown with narrow white fringes;	dark brown with narrow off-white to pink-buff fringes;
Upper tail coverts:	dark brown with buff fringes;	dark brown with rufous-brown fringes
Rectrices:	black-brown with distinct white fringes;	dark brown with diffuse and poorly defined off-white fringes;
Chin & throat:	white;	off-white to cream;

Fledge in juvenile plumage but immediately undergo a partial post-juvenile moult to an adult-like first immature plumage, but retain juvenile greater primary coverts, alula, primaries and secondaries and some retain juvenile rectrices;

Complete moult to adult plumage is thought to commence at about one year of age and in parallel with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults should be aged (2+).

Sexing:

There appears to be no sexual dimorphism in size or plumage;
Only the female has a brood patch.