Flame Robin Petroica phoenicea Species No.: 382 Band size: 01



Morphometrics:

Morphometric data from across the range shows very little variation and measurements are not definitive for ageing or sexing birds. The measurements below combine data from throughout the range and are provided for interest only:

	Adult Male (2+)	Immature Male (2-)	Adult Female (3+)
THL:	29.4 – 31.9 mm	29.2 – 31.9 mm	
Wing:	76 – 84 mm	74 – 82 mm	71 – 80 mm
Tail:	51 – 63 mm	51 – 59 mm	48 – 58 mm
Weight:	11 – 15 g		12 -17 g

Ageing:

- Moult from juvenile to first immature (in which both male and female appear similar) occurs
 within a few months of fledging coinciding with the post-breeding season moult of adults.
 Immatures retain juvenile greater primary coverts (so wing bars appear buff), remiges and
 rectrices. Males have an orge wash to breast;
- Moult to second immature, or adult plumage for some males, is completed early in the second year, after the next breeding season, when adults moult. Most males appear to attain the distinctive adult male plumage in this moult (age 2), but some appear to retain female-like plumage until the second post-breeding moult (third year – age 3) when females also attain adult plumage;
- Females do not attain adult plumage until their third year.

Sexing:

Distinctive by plumage. Only the female broods.