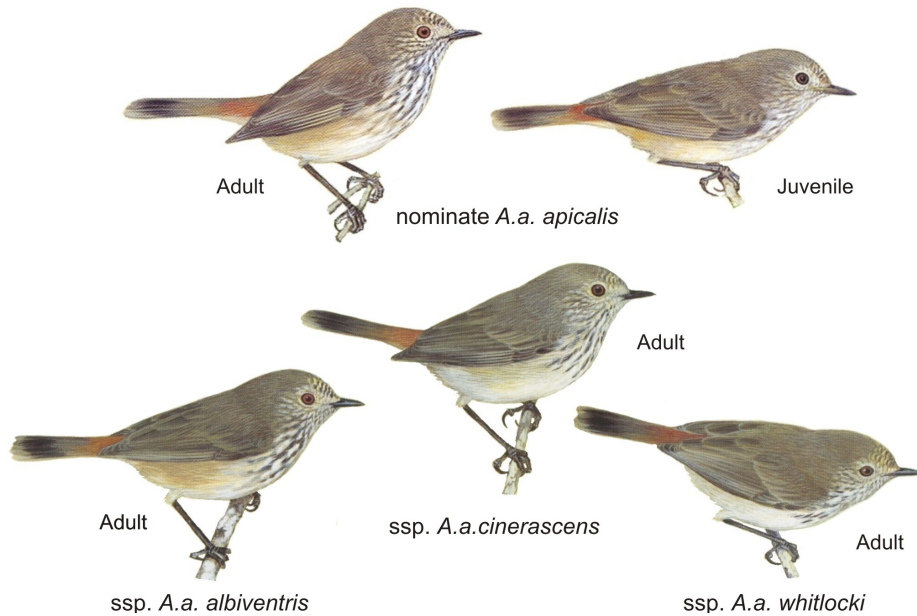


**Inland Thornbill** *Acanthiza apicalis* Species No.: 476 Band size: 01 AY

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**Status:**

Four subspecies recognised – nominate *A.a. apicalis* (s. coastal & subcoastal Aust. from Vic & s. Murray-Mallee across SA & s. Nullabor Plain to s. WA); *ssp. A.a. albiventris* (inland s-e Aust); *ssp. A.a. cinerascens* (s-w Qld & n-e SA); *ssp. A.a. whitlocki* (central Aust, n. Nullabor Plain, s-w & central WA to WA coast).

**Morphometrics:**

Size difference between subspecies is insignificant. The measurements below are for the nominate:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	48 – 57 mm	46 – 51 mm
Tail:	43 – 50 mm	40 – 50 mm
THL:	21.3 – 33.1 mm	
Bill:	8.3 – 12.9 mm	9.2 – 11.6 mm
Tarsus:	18.0 – 22.8 mm	18.4 – 20.7 mm
Weight:	7.3 – 8.0 g	6.5 – 7.9 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (1+)	Immature (1)
Iris:	red-brown to deep red;	brown, perhaps red-brown inner ring, or grey to ochre;
Forehead:	grey-brown with whitish scalloping;	buff scalloping;
Upperparts:	pale olive-brown;	brown-grey;
Throat & breast:	buffish, streaked;	grey-brown, striated;

**Sexing :**

Males larger than females but only largest males and smallest females can be separated by measurements;  
Only females develop brood patch;

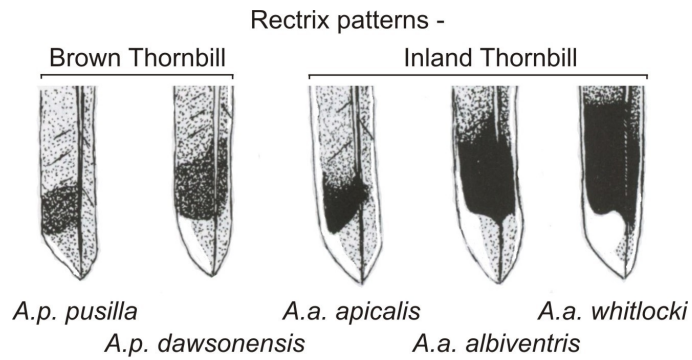
**Similar species:**

Very similar to Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla* and their ranges overlap in s-e SA, n-w Victoria west of the divide in NSW and s-e Qld.

The differences between these species are illustrated below:

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Feathers from lower forehead

