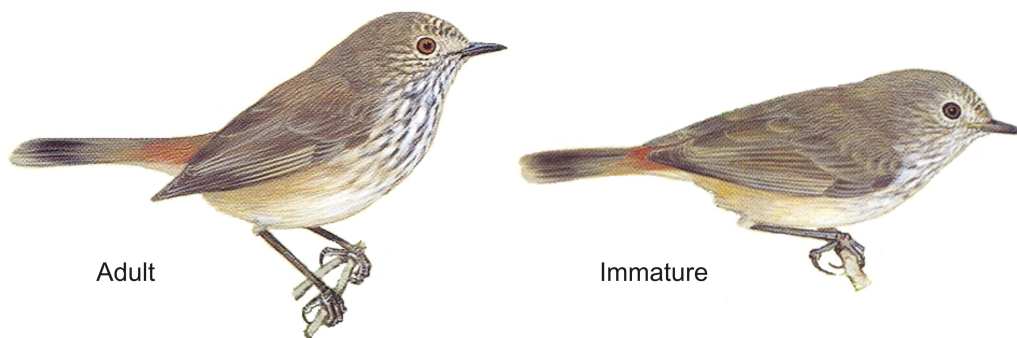


**Inland Thornbill** *Acanthiza apicalis* Species No.: 476 Band size: 01



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:		
Wing:	48 – 57 mm	46 – 51 mm
Tail:	43 – 50 mm	40 – 50 mm
Weight:	7.3 – 8.0 g	6.5 – 7.9 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Immature (1)
Eye:	red-brown;	brown, perhaps red-brown inner ring;
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 species can be separated by differences in patterns of sub-terminal bands on rectrices as shown in the diagram below:

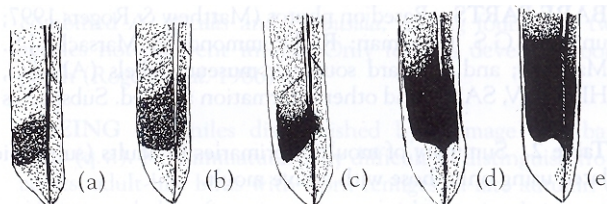


Figure 1. Rectrix (t6) variation between species and sub-species: (a) Brown Thornbill *Acanthiza pusilla pusilla* (b) *A. pusilla dawsonensis* (c) Inland Thornbill *A. apicalis apicalis* (sw. Aust. population) (d) *A. apicalis albiventris* (e) *A. apicalis whitlocki*