## Red Wattlebird Anthochaera carunculata Species No.: 638 Band size: 07



## Morphometrics:

Three subspecies – morphometrics for *A.c. clellandi* of Kangaroo Island are not provided below.

	A.c. carunculata (s	-e. Qld, NSW, Vic	A.c. woodwardi (w. of Mt Lofty Ra. SA	
	SA e. of Mt Lofty Ra.)		& s-w WA)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	62.1 – 65.1 mm	57.7 – 60.7		
Wing:	142 – 171 mm	140 – 161 mm	143 – 160 mm	139 – 152 mm
Tail:	150 – 182 mm	136-160 mm	132 – 171 mm	140 – 162 mm
Weight:	90 – 140 g	82 - 133 g	99 – 131 g	84 – 106 g

## Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (2-)	Juvenile (J)
Bill:	black;	black with brown tip;	grey-black with dirty pink tinge and yellow-brown tip;
Gape:	dark grey;	yellow to pinky-grey;	puffy yellow-orange;
Palate:	orange;	orange;	yellow-orange;
Eye:	red;	tan or orange-brown;	dark brown, brown or grey-brown
Frons/crown:	black;	brown;	dull brown;
Wattle:	prominent > 4mm;	obvious but < 4mm;	absent;
Abdomen:	lemon yellow;	lemon;	washed-out lemon;
Alula:	pointed;	rounded;	rounded.

Adult plumage is attained early in the second year. Adults first captured in Autumn would be aged (2+). But those first caught in Spring would be (3+).

## Sexing:

Sexes alike in plumage and soft parts, though adult females tend to be less boldly streaked on hindneck, sides of neck and foreneck;

Suggestions that wattle length is a sex indicator has been shown to be unreliable;

Males are considerably larger than females. Using THL – Males > 62mm; Females < 61mm; Both sexes may incubate, but mainly by female.