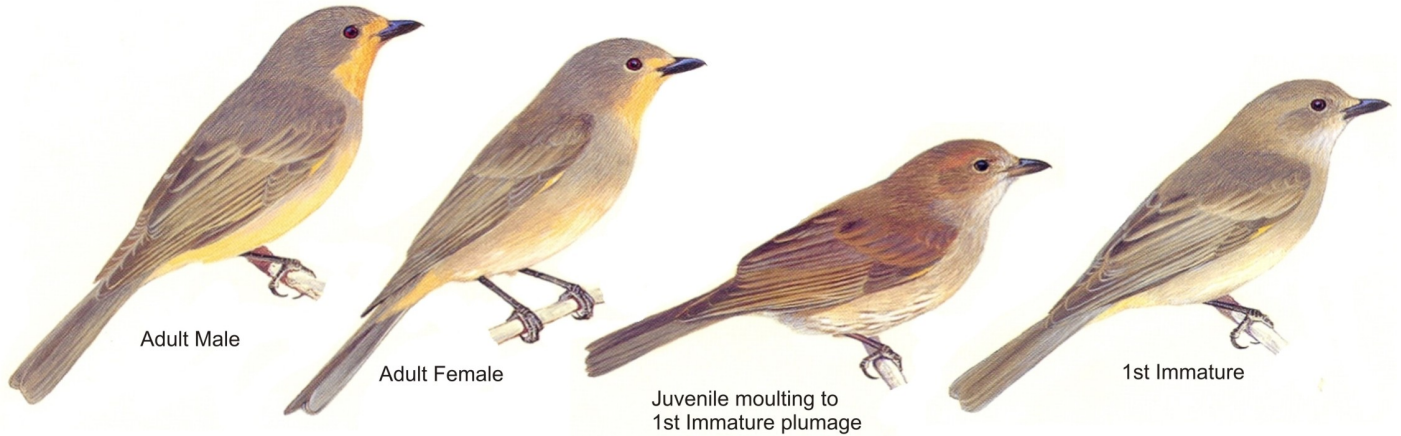


**Red-lored Whistler *Pachycephala rufogularis* Species No.: 402 Band size: 03 AY**



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Bill (tip to skull):	17.3 – 20.9 mm	17.9 – 20.3 mm
Bill Depth:	5.4 – 5.9 mm	5.8 – 6.1 mm
Wing:	109 – 117 mm;	108 – 111 mm;
Tail:	80 – 91 mm;	84 – 93 mm;
Weight:	34 – 40 g;	34 – 389 g;

**Ageing:**

	Adult (3+)	Immature (2-)
Bill:	black;	Upper mandible - black or dull brown-black; lower mandible - dark grey at tip to brown-yellow at base;
Gape:	black;	pale yellow
Inside mouth:	black;	orange yellow;
Iris:	red-brown;	dark-brown;
Lores:	light orange-rufous;	grey to dark-grey;

**Sexing :**

See illustrations for differences between juvenile (J) and immature (2-)

Adult plumage is first attained in the third year;

Not sexually dimorphic in measurements, and adult plumage of both sexes is very similar and can be difficult to separate, but most can be sexed as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult female
Lores, chin & throat:	light orange-rufous to light orange-brown forming distinct facial patch;	light orange-rufous to pink-buff, smaller facial patch than male with dark grey to sides and lower throat;
Breast:	most of breast brownish-grey forming distinct breast band;	often paler than male and breast band generally broader than male;
Belly, vent, undertail coverts & centre of lower breast:	light orange-rufous to light brown;	light orange-rufous to pink-buff;
Flanks & thighs:	brownish-grey slightly browner than breast;	brownish-grey to slightly paler brownish-grey

Both sexes develop brood patches.

**Similar species:**

In some mallee habitats Red-lored, Gilbert’s and Golden Whistlers may all occur, but any confusion as to the species of “brown” birds can be eliminated on comparison of a combination of measurements – particularly wing and bill lengths and weight (see separate profile sheets). Also, Golden Whistlers have a yellow vent.