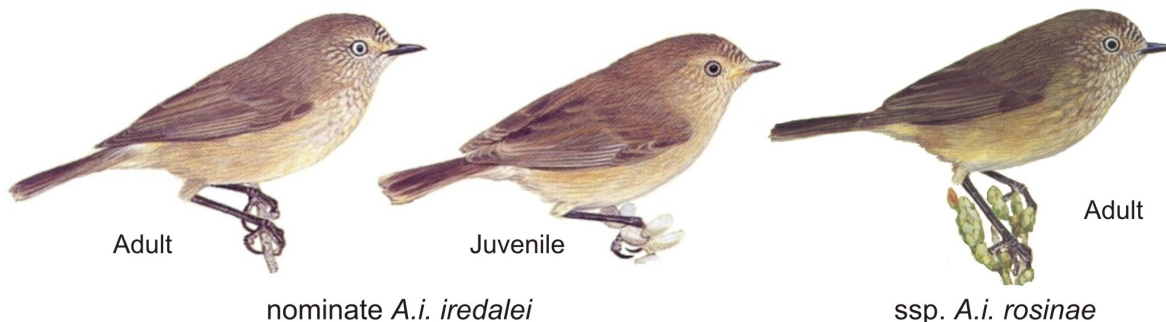


Slender-billed Thornbill *Acanthiza iredalei* **Species No.: 482** **Band size: 01 AY**



Status:

Three subspecies recognised – nominate *A.i. iredalei* (WA & s-w SA); ssp. *A.i. hedleyi* (w. Vic & s-e SA) and ssp. *A.i. rosinae* (n. Gulf St Vincent, central east Spencer Gulf).

Morphometrics:

Insignificant variability in measurements of the three subspecies – measurements below are for the nominate:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	46 – 52 mm	45 – 50 mm
Tail:	39 – 44 mm	36 – 42 mm
Bill:	8.2 – 10.8 mm	8.9 – 10.8 mm
Tarsus:	16.0 – 21.5 mm	16.1 – 19.0 mm
Weight:	4.6 – 6.8 g	5.2 – 6.3 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile (J)
Forehead:	coarsely scalloped cream or off-white;	cream-buff;
Ear coverts, below eye & throat:	cream with narrow dark-brown fringes;	tinged buff;
Bill:	usually black;	grey;
Gape:	black or grey-black;	pale yellow;
Iris:	cream-yellow, cream or off-white;	bluish-grey or brown;

Within 3 months post juvenile moult results in immature being virtually indistinguishable from adults.

Sexing :

Sexes are not dimorphic in either plumage or measurements;
Not known if both sexes incubate;