

## SPOTTED PARDALOTE



- *Spotted Pardalote (male) at entrance to nesting burrow.*

Photo: J. D. Waterhouse

## Spotted Pardalote *Pardalotus punctatus*

### Adult Male

*Crown:* Black with white spots.

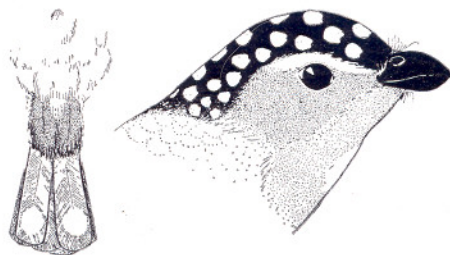
*Eyestripe:* Well marked, white.

*Sides of neck:* Grey with strong black bars.

*Chin, throat and upper breast:* Bright yellow.

*Rest of upperparts:* Fawn, becoming pale buff-white with wear.

*Upper tail coverts:* Crimson.



Adult Male

### Adult Female

*Crown:* Black with bright yellow spots.

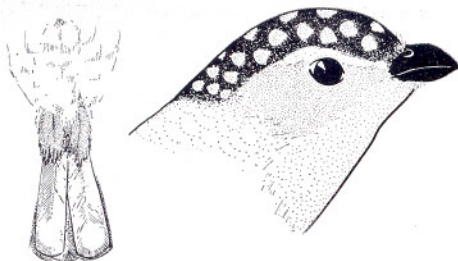
*Eyestripe:* Ill defined, buff.

*Sides of neck:* Buff-grey faintly barred.

*Chin, throat and upper breast:* Whitish buff.

*Rest of underparts:* Buff-white.

*Upper tail coverts:* Red.



Adult Female

### Immature

Separated from adults only by the extent of skull pneumatisation.

### Juvenile

*Crown:* Grey to ashy-grey with indistinct pale dull yellow to yellow-olive spots.

*Eyestripe:* Faint stripe forming a buff-white patch above and behind eye.

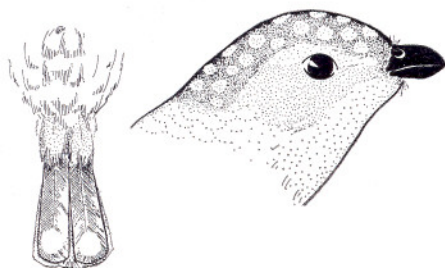
*Sides of neck:* Olive-grey.

*Chin, throat and upper breast:* Whitish-buff.

*Rest of underparts:* Buff-white.

*Upper tail coverts:* Rufous-brown, not red.

Juvenile birds may sometimes be sexed, males having occasional white-spotted crown feathers or yellow throat feathers and females having occasional spotted crown feathers.



Juvenile

**WARNING:** After breeding and before moulting adult females with very old and worn feathers may be confused with juveniles. More especially, females with very worn crown feathers may have the tips of the remaining yellow spots faded white and so resemble juvenile males. However, adult females have very worn wing feathers, with some or all of the white spots missing, whereas juveniles have fresh unworn wing feathers with all the white spots present.

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