

Chestnut-rumped Heathwren *Calamanthus pyrrhopygia* Species No.: 498 Band size: 02



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:		
Wing:	52 – 56 mm	51 – 55 mm
Tail:	52 – 66 mm	46 – 60 mm
Weight:	14.5 – 20.0 g	13.0 – 20.0 g

Ageing:

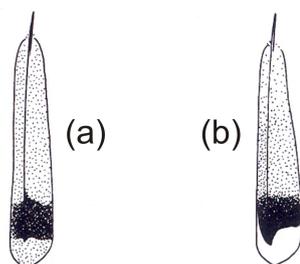
	Adult (1+)	Immature/Juvenile (1) or (J)
Gape:	pale pinkish-brown;	yellow;
Palate:	pale flesh or pale grey;	yellow or white;
Iris:	orange-buff or cream;	greyish-brown, dull white or light grey;

Sexing:

Adult males are generally larger than females, but there is overlap in the range of all measurements, so morphometrics can only separate the largest males. Adult plumage is dimorphic – male throat and breast is boldly streaked off-white whereas female throat, breast and flanks are buff and not as boldly streaked as male. Eyebrow of male is also generally whiter than that of females. Only female incubates.

Similar species:

Shy Heathwren *C. cauta* has a very prominent white “shoulder” patch. The shape of the sub-terminal black band of outer tail feathers (t6) is also diagnostic (see drawing).



Variation in shape of sub-terminal band of t6 -

(a) *C. pyrrhopygia*

(b) *C. cauta*