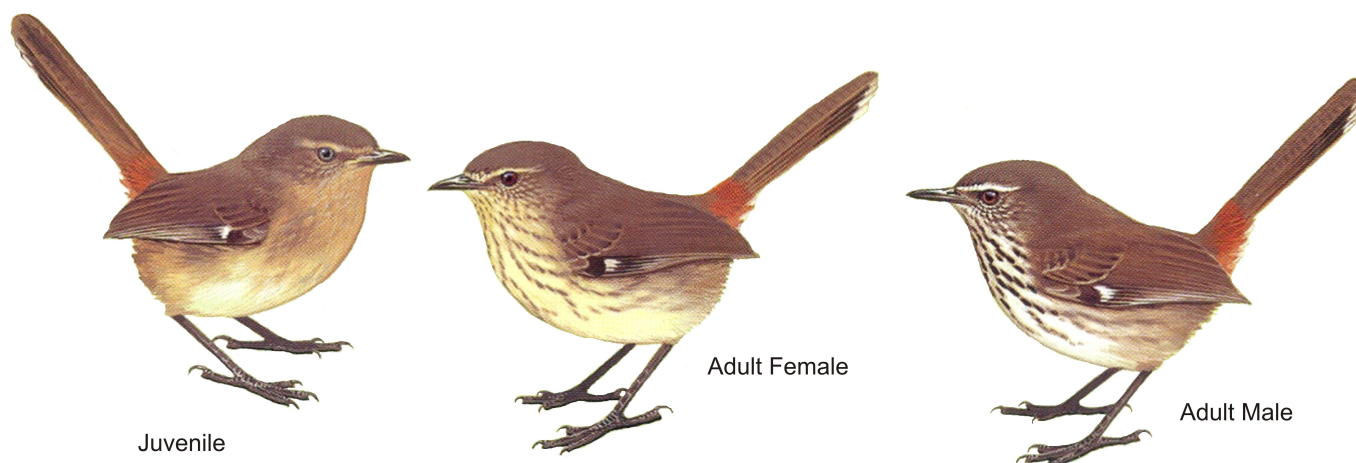


Shy Heathwren *Calamanthus cauta* Species No.: 499 Band size: 02



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	35.2 – 38.2 mm	34.4 – 36.6 mm
Wing:	52 – 62 mm	50 – 56 mm
Tail:	52 – 61 mm	50 – 58 mm
Weight:	13 – 16.2 g	13 – 14.5 g

Ageing:

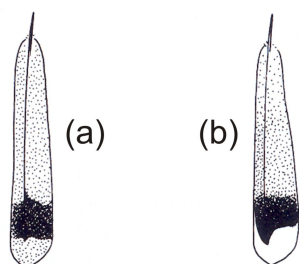
	Adult (1+)	Immature/Juvenile (1) or (J)
Bill:	dull grey-black;	upper mandible dark grey and lower mandible pale grey;
Gape:	grey;	grey;
Palate:	grey;	pink-grey;
Iris:	usually red-brown;	dark-brown, greyish-white, grey, or blue-grey;

Sexing :

Some males are slightly 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 white with dark brown streaking whereas female throat and breast has a buff wash and is not as heavily streaked. Eyebrow of male is also generally whiter than that of females. Only female incubates.

Similar Species:

Chestnut-rumped Heathwren *C. pyrrhopygia* does not have the prominent white “shoulder” patch of *C. cauta*. Also shape of sub-terminal band on outer tail feather t6 is diagnostic (see drawing).



Variation in shape of sub-terminal band of t6 -

(a) *C. pyrrhopygia*

(b) *C. cauta*