

**Beautiful Firetail** *Stagonopleura bella*      **Species No.:** 650      **Band Size:** 02 AY



Adult Male



Adult Female



Juvenile

**Morphometrics:**

Three subspecies are recognised with very slight variation in plumage and measurements as follows:

	Nominate <i>S.b. bella</i> (NSW, e. Vic & Tas)		ssp. <i>S.b. interposita</i> (coastal far s-w Vic & s-e SA)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	55 – 62 mm	54 – 61 mm	55 – 59 mm	55 – 59 mm
Tail:	44 – 51 mm	42 – 51 mm	44 – 49 mm	44 – 51 mm
Bill:	11.0 – 13.7 mm	11.3 – 14.7 mm	11.2 – 15.0 mm	10.7 – 13.9 mm
Bill width:	5.8 – 6.2 mm	6.0 – 6.5 mm	5.9 mm (1)	5.4 mm (1)
THL:	24.5 – 27.1 mm		No data	No data
Tarsus:	15.9 – 18.9 mm	14.4 – 18.0 mm	15.7 – 18.6 mm	14.5 – 17.2 mm
Weight:	12.5 -16.0 g	11.0 – 16.0 g	No data	12.9 & 15 g (2)

  

	ssp. <i>S.b. samueli</i> (Mt. Lofty Ranges & Kangaroo Island, SA)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	55 – 60 mm	55 – 58 mm
Tail:	46 – 47 mm	44 – 50 mm
Bill:	10.6 – 12.0 mm	10.8 – 12.6 mm
Bill width:	No data	5.5 mm (1)
THL:	No data	No data
Tarsus:	15.7 – 17.0 mm	15.2 – 16.8 mm
Weight:	11.5 g (1)	No data

**Ageing:**

Adult plumage is acquired in the first year;  
 Apart from obvious juveniles (J) (see illustration), age all others as (1+).

**Sexing:**

Not size dimorphic, but adults can be separated on plumage;  
 Males – black belly;  
 Females – stripes continue across belly – no black patch on belly;  
 Both sexes brood.