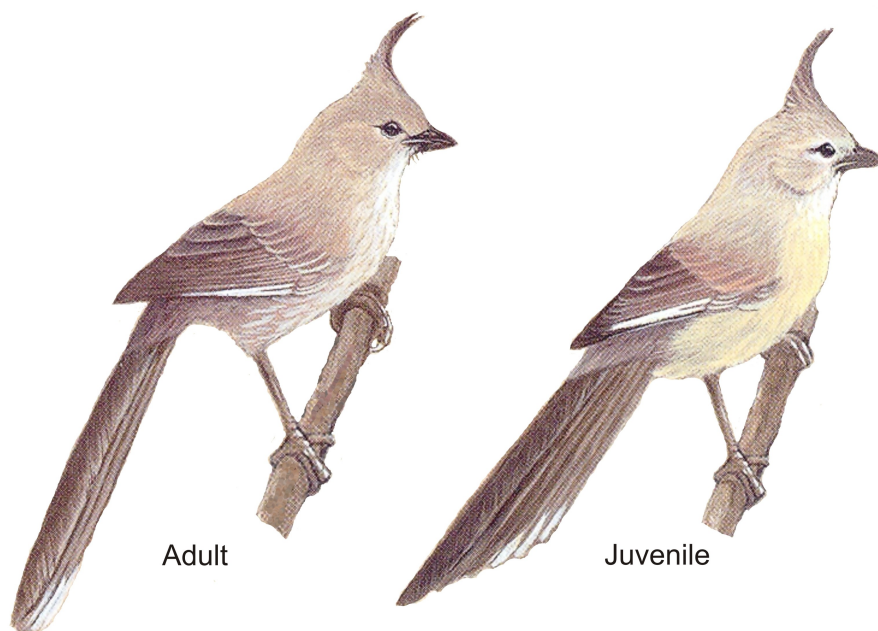


Chirruping Wedgebill *Psophodes cristatus* Species No.: 866 Band size: 05 (04) AY



Adult

Juvenile

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Crest:	31.2 – 37.0 mm	28.6 – 37.5 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	15.0 – 18.7 mm	13.8 – 16.5 mm
Wing:	78 – 87 mm	73 – 84 mm
Tail:	88 – 103 mm	90 – 100 mm
Tarsus:	21.8 – 24.9 mm	22.0 – 26.2 mm
Weight:	27.4 – 47.5 g	36 – 44.5 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	black;	dark brown, or grey-brown, with distal half dark brown;
Forehead, crown & nape:	light brownish-grey with fine dark brown shaft streaks;	light brown, unstreaked;
Mantle, scapulars & back:	grey-brown;	light brownish;
Breast, flanks & belly:	off-white or pale cream, some birds have diffuse greyish streaking;	off-white with buff tinge, lacking diffuse streaking of adults;

Bill of immature is initially brownish-pink, progressively turning black from the tip and completely black at about 1 year of age;

Immatures retain juvenile primaries, secondaries greater coverts and rectrices. Primaries and rectrices often have growth-bars.

Sexing :

There is no sexual dimorphism in plumage, though the crest of males is said to be longer than those of females, but measurements from museum skins (see above) do not support this contention; Adult males are slightly larger than females but only the largest males can be separated on measurements;

All males have a bill measurement tip to skull greater than 15 mm, but only about half of females are less than 15.0 mm. THL measurements may be useful;

Both sexes incubate.