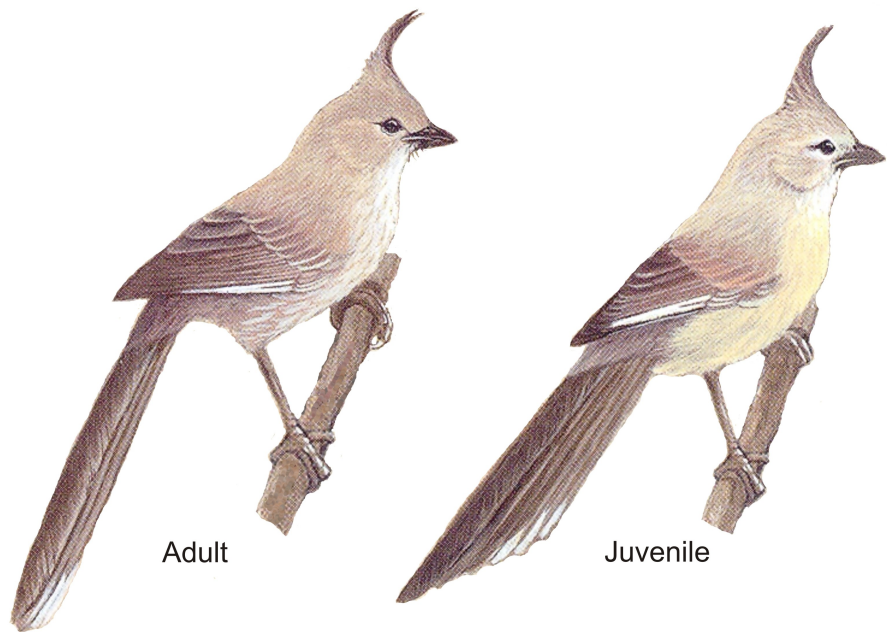


Chirruping Wedgebill *Psophodes cristatus* **Species No.: 866** **Band size: 05 (04)**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:		
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
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 that of females;
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.