Diamond Firetail Stagonopleura guttata Band Size: 02 (01) Species No.: 652



Morphometrics:

Adult Male Adult Female

23.9 - 27.7 mm THL:

64 - 72 mm Wing:

Tail: 32.5 – 42.3 mm 33.3 – 38.9 mm 17 – 20 g Weight: 15 - 16.5g

Ageing:

Juveniles have a black bill and the chest band (if present) and flanks are light brown; Adult plumage is acquired in the first year so except for obvious juveniles (J) other birds should be aged (1+).

Sexing:

Male Female black with indistinct greyish-white Lores: brownish-black bordered above by more

> prominent white line than male; line above:

Bill red, tinged lilac at base and

red, tinged lilac, but does not darken in

becoming deep mauve-red during breeding season; breeding season;

Bare eye-ring: mauve-red; paler red and narrower than male;

Iris: darkest brown: dark brown;

rich crimson with black patches more scarlet than the darker crimson Rump and upper

tail coverts: on side of rump; of the male:

Chest band: black; black, but not as broad as male;

Males may be slightly larger than females - see weight and tail length. Both sexes brood.

References: (1) HANZAB 7; (2) Grassfinches in Australia, Foreshaw, J.M. & Shephard, Mark. CSIRO 2012

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