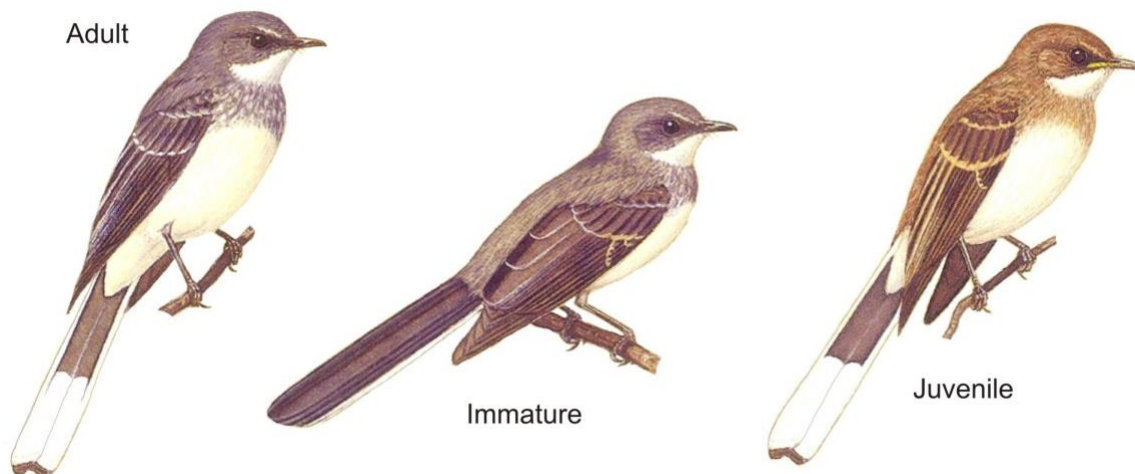


Northern Fantail *Rhipidura rufiventris* **Species No.: 363** **Band size: 01 AY**



Morphometrics:

About twenty subspecies but only *R.f. isura* occurs in Australia with measurements as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	78.5 – 91.5 mm	73.0 – 85.5 mm
Tail:	79.5 – 96.5 mm	78.0 -88.0 mm
Bill:	15.3 – 18.6 mm	15.4 – 18.1 mm
Tarsus:	11.2 – 16.2 mm	12.0 – 15.0 mm
Weight:	10.5 – 14.5 g	8.5 – 11.5 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	black with pinkish underside to base of lower mandible;	blackish with paler flesh-yellow base to lower mandible;
Forehead, crown, nape and hindneck:	grey becoming browner with wear;	dark brown;
Upperparts:	grey, slightly paler than top of crown;	dark brown;
Breast:	brownish or dark brownish-grey with off-white shaft streaks forming a distinctly white streaked dark breast band;	dark brown with buff tinge or mottling and less distinct off-white streaks than adults;
Coverts and secondary coverts:	brown with narrow white tips - combine to form two narrow white wing bars;	brown with broad with buff, or cream-buff tips – combine to form distinct buff or cream-buff wing bars;
Alula:	dark brown;	brown with narrow buff or cream-buff tips or fringe at tips;

Immatures are very similar to adults but retain juvenile remiges, alula, greater primary coverts and outer one to a few greater secondary coverts.

Sexing:

No difference in plumage, but males are generally larger than females – but considerable overlap in all measurements;
 Females are said to have a wider bill than males;
 Both sexes are thought to incubate.

Similar Species:

Grey Fantail *Rhipidura albiscapa* and Mangrove Grey Fantail *Rhipidura phasiana* – see separate field data sheets