

Scarlet Honeyeater

Myzomela sanguinolenta

Species No: 586

Band Size: 01 AY

Adult Male

Adult Female



Immature Male



Juvenile



Morphometrics:

	Male		Female	
THL:	26.0 - 29.0			
Bill:	12.8 – 15.7 mm		13.0 – 15.6 mm	
Wing:	AM 55 – 68 mm	IM 54 – 58 mm	AF 52 – 59 mm	AF 52 – 55 mm
Tail:	AM 35 – 40 mm	IM 32 – 38 mm	AF 30 – 37 mm	IF 30 – 37 mm
Tarsus:	13.1 – 15.5 mm		13.1 – 15.1 mm	
Weight:	6 – 11 g		6 – 10 g	

Ageing & Sexing:

Sexually dimorphic on plumage and males are slightly larger than females;
Immature males have a mottled appearance and rump is red brown.

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Juvenile
Forehead:	bright red;	brown, sometimes with faint reddish tinge & some feathers may be bright red tipped;	as for adult female;
Crown, nape & neck:	bright red;	brown or grey-brown;	as for adult female;
Ear coverts:	bright red;	light brown, some with faint pink-red tinge;	as for female;
Lores:	black;	brown;	brown;
Eye-ring:	black;	cream;	cream;
Chin & throat:	red;	off-white to light-brown with pink-red wash;	light brown;
Rump:	red;	warm brown;	light brown & brighter than adult female;
Upper wing:	black;	dark brown with light-brown fringes;	rich light-brown & broader fringes to coverts & tertials than adult female

Timing of moult to full adult plumage is not fully documented, but immatures are thought to acquire full adult plumage in first year coinciding with post-breeding moult of breeding adults;
Fully plumaged adult birds in Spring and Summer will be aged (2+) otherwise all except juveniles should be aged (1+);
Incubation probably by female only.