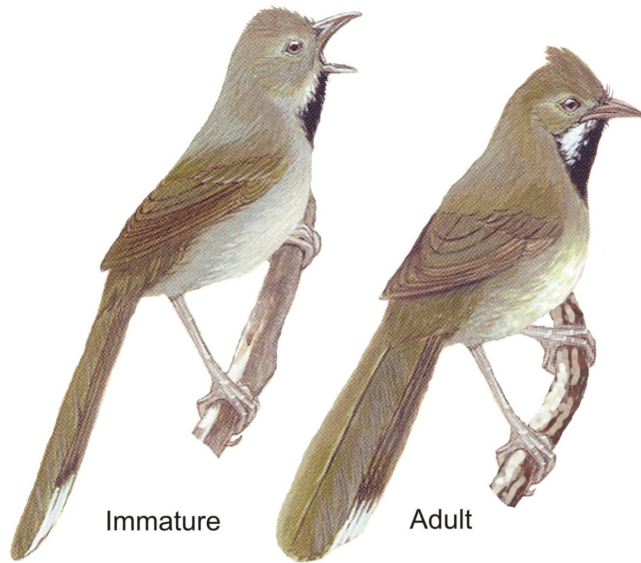


**Western Whipbird *Psophodes nigrogularis* Species No.: 422 Band size: 05 IN**



**Status:**

Two subspecies recognised in WA as below, but two other subspecies from SA and Vic were elevated to species status in 2017 as the White-bellied Whipbird *P. leucogaster* by mitochondrial DNA comparison (see separate profile sheet).

**Morphometrics:**

Two subspecies: nominate *P.n nigrogularis* (Two Peoples Bay, WA & sw. WA) and *P.n. oberon* (mallee heaths in se. of sw. WA). Both appear to have similar measurements, but there are few specimens, so all are lumped together below for interest sake alone.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Bill:	22.0 – 24.6 mm	21.5 – 25.5 mm
Wing:	80 – 89 mm	79 – 85 mm
Tail:	109 – 130 mm	109 – 116 mm
Tarsus:	27.2 – 28.4 mm	27.2 – 28.0 mm
Weight:	46 – 47.5 g	43 – 43.1 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (2+)	Nestling/Juvenile
Bill & gape:	variable – pinkish-brown with grey-black edge to upper mandible, black to grey black with paler lower mandible;	dark-greyish with pale yellow tomia;
Plumage:	little information;	no information;

Immatures said to closely resemble adults within 3 months of fledging but retain juvenile remiges, greater primary coverts and rectrices often with synchronous growth-bars/fault-bars.

Adult plumage probably attained simultaneously with adult post-breeding moult in their second year.

**Sexing :**

There is no confirmed sexual dimorphism in plumage or size, but some authors suggest:

- females have a plainer belly than males which have black margins to an otherwise dull white belly;
- adult males have blackish mottling on the centre of the upper breast, whereas females lack these markings;

Both sexes incubate.