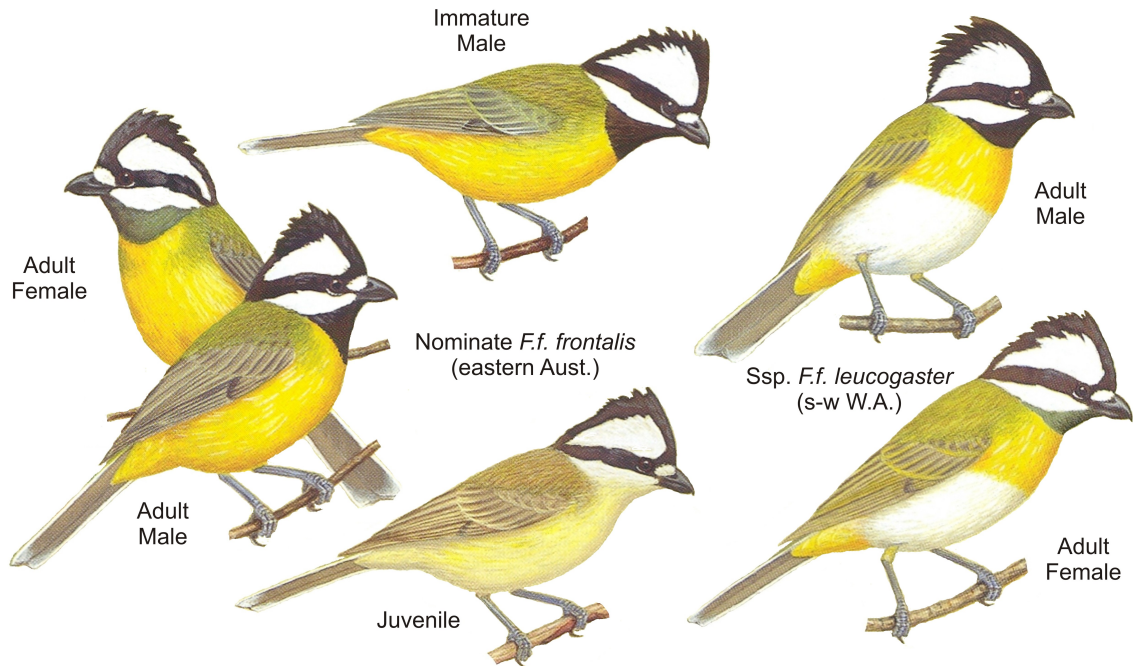


**Crested Shrike-tit** *Falcunculus frontatus* Species No.: 416 Band size: 03



**Morphometrics:**

Measurements below are for nominate *F.f. frontatus*. Ssp. *F.f. leucogaster* of s-w WA is marginally smaller. There is little information available on the third ssp. *F.f. whitei* of northern WA and NT, but it is much smaller than *F.f. frontatus*:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	37.1 – 43.8 mm	35.3 – 38.4 mm
Wing:	87 – 99 mm	82 – 92 mm
Tail:	68 – 84 mm	69 – 83 mm
Weight:	26.5 – 40.0 g	23 – 33.2 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (2+)	Immature (2-) or (1)	Juvenile (J)
Bill:	black;	black with white tip and grey upper edge;	mostly grey with pale-grey cutting edge;
Gape:	black;	changes from yellow to cream;	orange-buff;
Iris:	dark red-brown, or reddish-brown;	brown, developing red-brown inner ring;	black-brown;
Legs & feet:	grey or blue-grey	blue;	grey;

Upperparts of juveniles are much browner and underparts paler than adults; Juvenile remiges, rectrices and usually the dark greyish-brown alula, are retained in immature plumage; Immatures can also be separated from adults by moult contrast in wings; Immatures commence moult to full adult plumage when approximately one year old; Thus immatures are aged (2-) or (1) depending on time of year and wear of feathers and adults will be aged (2+).

**Sexing :**

Adults and first immatures are easily sexed by plumage (see above); Males have a black chin and throat whereas females have a grey chin and olive throat.