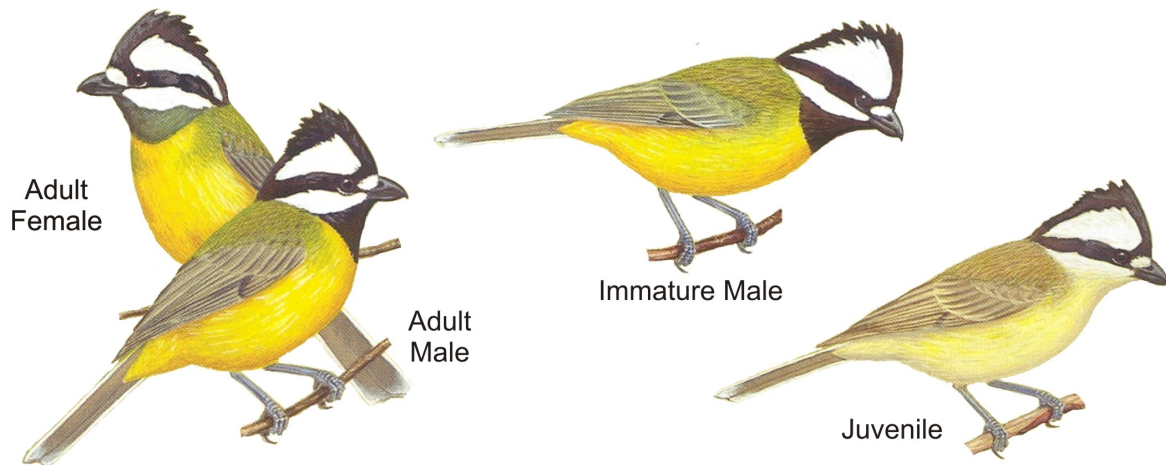


**Eastern Shrike-tit** *Falcunculus frontatus*      **Species No.: 416**      **Band size: 03 AY**



**Status:**

In 2019 the Crested Shrike-tit was split into three species by the Birdlife Australia Working List v3. Separate field data sheets have therefore been compiled for the three species – Eastern Shrike-tit *F. frontatus*, Western Shrike-tit *F. leucogaster* and Northern Shrike-tit *F. whitei*.

**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	37.1 – 43.8 mm	35.3 – 38.4 mm
Bill:	17.7 – 21.0 mm	16.1 – 19.6 mm
Wing:	87 – 99 mm	82 – 92 mm
Tail:	68 – 84 mm	69 – 83 mm
Tarsus:	19.3 – 21.7 mm	18.8 – 21.4 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.