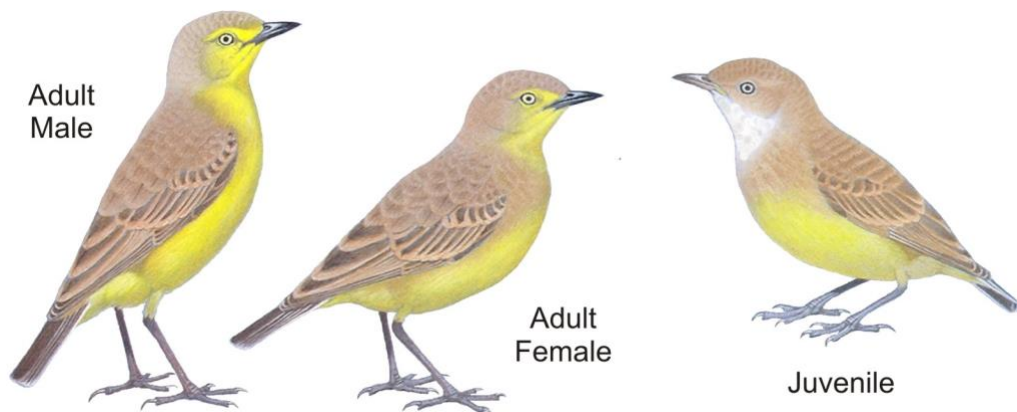


Gibberbird *Ashbyia lovensis*

Species No.: 452

Band size: 02 AY



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	68 – 78 mm	69 – 75 mm
Tail:	35 – 45 mm	36 – 42 mm
Bill:	12.3 – 15.0 mm	12.8 – 15.0 mm
Tarsus:	18.1 – 22.1 mm	18.4 – 20.9 mm
Weight:	13.5 – 20.5 g	13.5 – 19.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult Male (1+)	Adult Female (1+)	Immature (1)	Juvenile (J)
Bill:	grey-black or black with grey base;	same as AM;	same as adult;	light olive-brown, or brownish with grey base;
Gape:	grey;	same as AM;	pale yellow to grey;	pale yellow, or flesh colour;
Palate:	black or violet;	same as AM;	pale yellow turning to adult colour;	orange or dull orange-yellow with grey tinge;
Iris:	pale yellow, cream or white;	same as AM;	cream or brownish-cream;	pale olive brown
Forehead & crown:	light grey-brown with faint yellow suffusion;	no yellow suffusion;	similar to AF;	light brown;
Supercilium & lores:	bright yellow;	pale yellow;	male slightly brighter than adult female;	light brown;
Chin & throat:	bright yellow;	pale yellow;	ditto;	white with pale yellow tinge;
Breast	yellow;	dull yellow with faint paler buff or light brown tinge;	yellow than AF;	light brown with yellow tinge;
Alula tip:	pointed;	pointed;	rounded;	rounded;

Immatures probably attain full adult plumage at about 1 year old, but probably breed toward the end of their first year. Therefore Immatures should be aged (1) and Adults (1+).

Sexing :

Some males are larger than the largest females, but there is considerable overlap in measurements;
 Adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage, but the differences are subtle;
 Both sexes incubate.