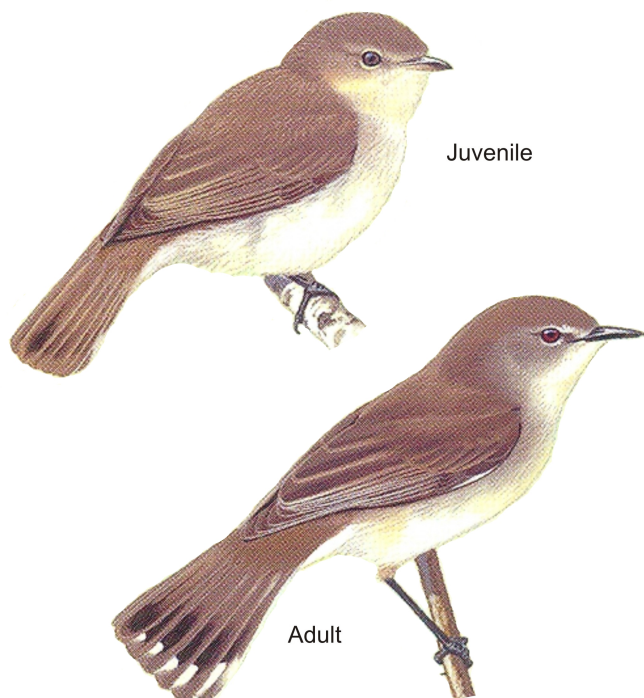


Mangrove Gerygone *Gerygone levigaster*

Species No.: 460

Band size: 01



Juvenile

Adult

Variation in upper tail pattern between subspecies:



G.I. laevigaster
(northern Aust from
Kimberley to Cape York)



G.I. cantator
(east coast s. from
Cleveland Bay n-e Qld
to Sydney region NSW)

Morphometrics:

The nominate *G.I. levigaster* is slightly smaller than subspecies *G.I. cantator*. Measurements given below are for *G.I. cantator*.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	53 – 59 mm	55 – 56 mm
Tail:	38 – 47 mm	40 – 42 mm
Weight:	6.0 – 9.0 g	6.0 – 9.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	usually black or black with grey or brown base to lower mandible;	brownish, becoming black with age
Gape:	grey-black;	yellow;
Palate:	black;	grey with yellow or pink tinge;
Iris:	red-brown or dark red;	pale grey-brown, brown or light grey;
Supercilium:	distinct broad off-white;	pale yellow;
Sides of neck:	light brown;	tinged pale yellow

Juveniles are distinguished by plumage and bare parts;

Immatures are very difficult to separate from adults but might be distinguished by synchronous growth or fault bars in retained juvenile wing and tail feathers;

Immatures attain complete adult plumage when approximately one year old.

Sexing :

There are no obvious sexual differences in plumage or measurements;

Role of sexes in incubation is not known.