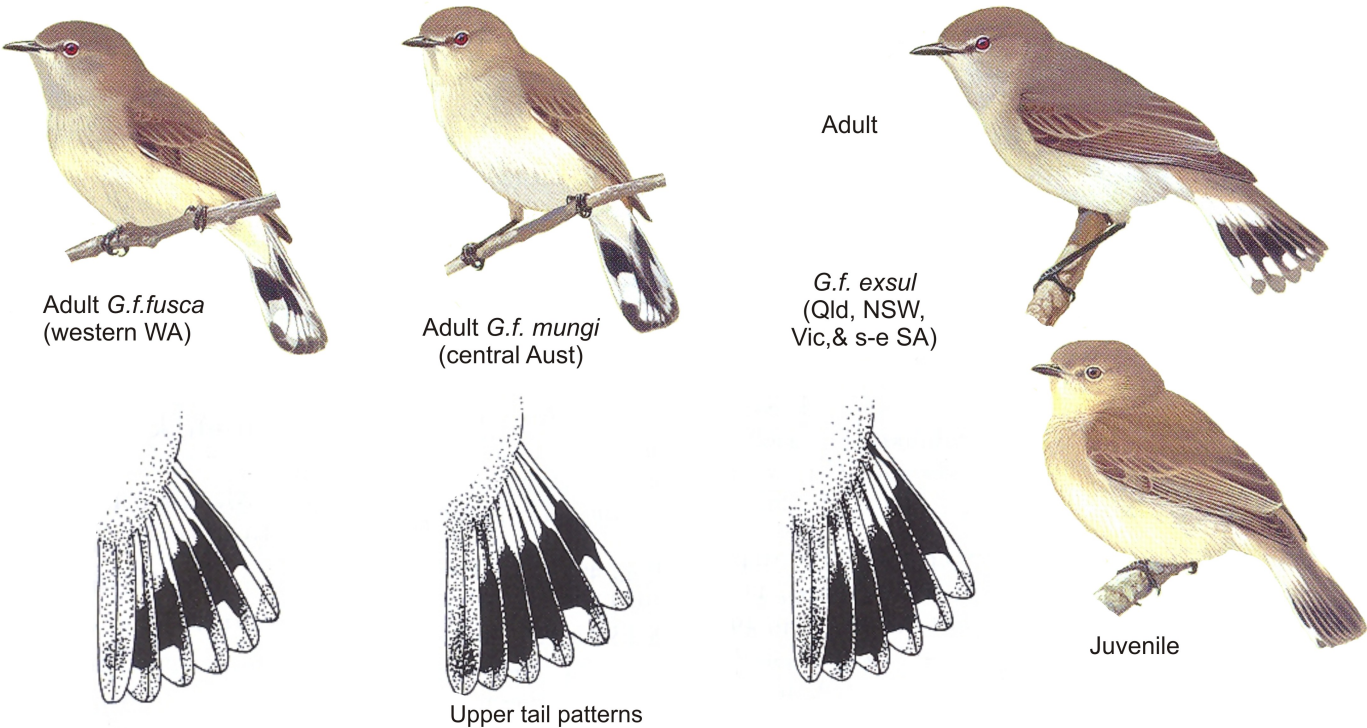


Western Gerygone *Gerygone fusca* Species No.: 463 Band size: 01



Morphometrics:

There are 3 subspecies, but little difference in measurements. In all three subspecies adult males tend to be marginally larger than females, but there is a substantial overlap in measurements. The morphometrics below are for ssp. *G.f. exsul*:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	55 – 62 mm	52 – 59 mm
Tail:	40 – 50 mm	39 – 48 mm
Weight:	5.2 – 7.6 mm	5.8 – 7.1 mm

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill & tomia:	black or grey-black with grey base;	grey-black with dull pink or pinkish-brown basal half of tomia and base of lower mandible;
Gape:	black;	cream, yellow or white;
Iris:	red, crimson, orange-red or red-brown;	dark brown or redish-brown;
Fore-supercilium:	white;	off-white grading to straw yellow;
Crown & hindneck:	brownish-grey, grey brown or olive-brown;	brownish or dull yellowish-brown

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 :

Sexes do not differ significantly in plumage, but males may be marginally greyer on lower throat and breast than females in *fusca* and *exsul*.
The largest of adult males of subspecies *exsul* and *mungi* are slightly larger than adult females (see measurements above);
Female is thought to undertake all incubation.