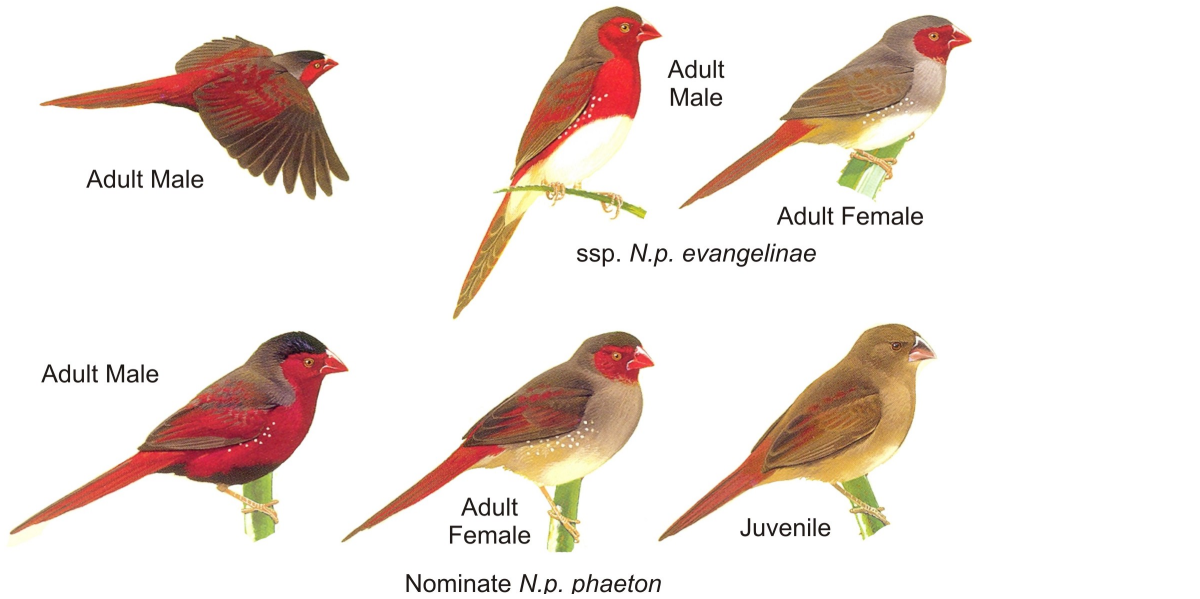


Crimson Finch *Neochmia phaeton*

Species No.: 664

Band size: 02 AY



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies recognised with measurements as follows:

	Nominate <i>N.p. phaeton</i> (WA, NT, n-w Qld & n-e Qld coast s. of Princess Charlotte Bay)		ssp. <i>N.p. evangelinae</i> (Cape York n. of Princess Charlotte Bay)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	49 – 55 mm	47 – 54 mm	46 – 50 mm	46 – 50 mm
Tail:	58 – 74 mm	55 – 69 mm	44 – 60 mm	46 – 61 mm
Bill:	11.4 – 13.3 mm	10.6 – 13.2 mm	10.9 – 12.5 mm	11.6 – 12.3 mm
THL:	24.7 – 25.3 (2)	No data		
Tarsus:	13.4 – 16.4 mm	13.5 – 15.7 mm	13.8 – 16.9 mm	14.3 – 16.0 mm
Weight:	8.0 – 11.0 g	7.5 – 11.5 g	8.2, 8.5 g (2)	7.5, 8.0, 10.0 g (3)

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	mostly red or pink-red;	dark brown or greyish-black with dirty pink tinge, gradually changing to red;
Iris:	light brown, brown, yellow-brown, orange-brown or pale scarlet;	dark brown, light olive, light brown, buff light olive-brown or cream-brown;
Head:	crimson and brown;	lacks crimson colouration though some may have a faint crimson suffusion;

Near complete post-juvenile moult to adult-like plumage and bare parts within a few months of fledging, but some primary coverts may be retained until next post-breeding moult period when the bird has entered its second year ¹. Thus adults with no juvenile primary coverts are aged (2+); Forehead and crown of males may become darker with age.

Sexing :

Sexes are plumage dimorphic – see illustrations above;
Incubation by both sexes, but male only incubates for a short period at a time and does not develop a brood patch ¹.