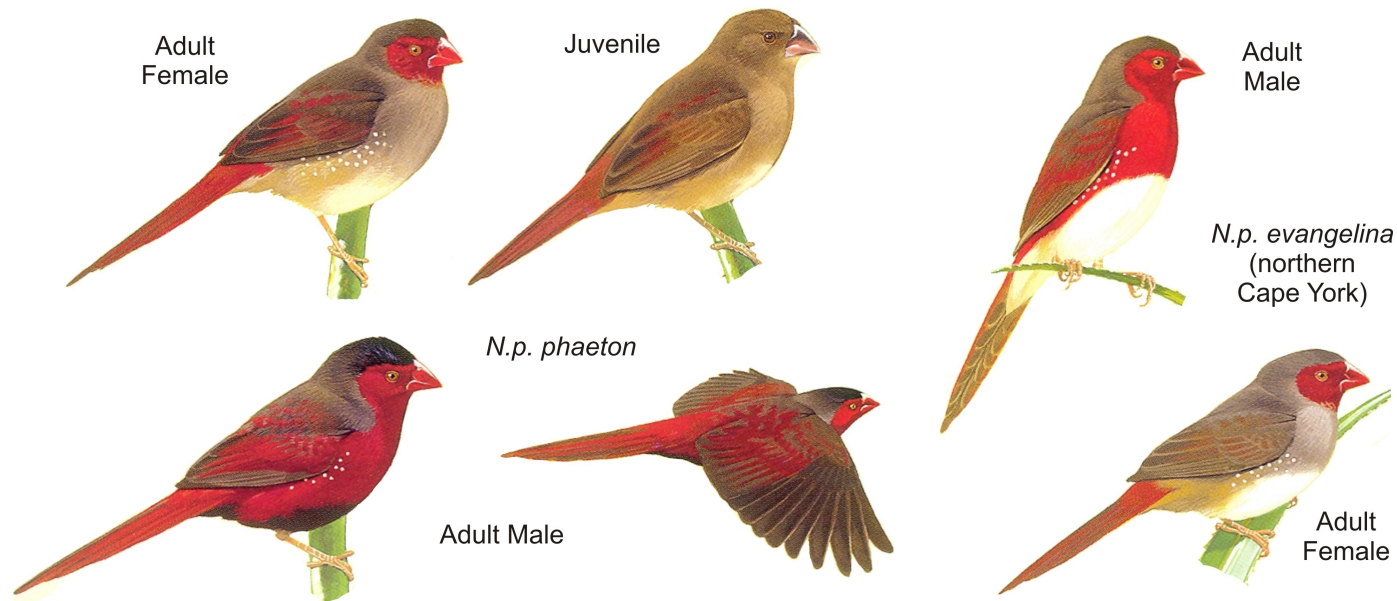


Crimson Finch *Neochmia phaeton*

Species No.: 664

Band size: 02



Morphometrics:

Measurements provided here are for the nominate *N.p. phaeton*. *N.p. evangelina* is slightly smaller:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	24.7 – 25.3 (2 specimens)	
Wing:	49 – 55 mm	47 – 54 mm
Tail:	58 – 74 mm	59 – 64 mm
Weight:	8.0 – 11.0 mm	7.5 – 11.5 mm

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 the next post-breeding moult period when the bird has entered its second year¹. 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 patch¹.