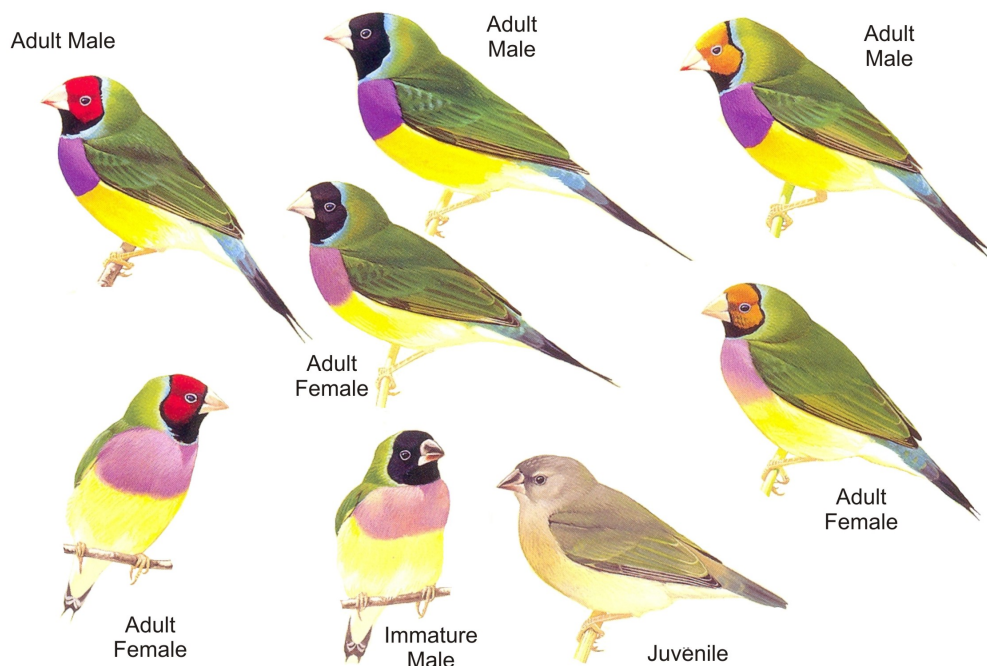


Gouldian Finch *Erythrura gouldiae* Species No.: 670 Band size: 02 AY



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	62 – 69 mm	60 – 67 mm
Tail:	33 – 66 mm	29 – 49 mm
Bill:	10.5 – 12.2 mm	10.3 – 13.2 mm
Tarsus:	13.0 – 15.3 mm	13.1 – 15.3 mm
Weight:	10.0 – 16.3 g	14.3 – 16.5 g

General:

There are three plumage morphs with distinct head colours being controlled by a sex-linked gene – black-headedness is dominant, outnumbering red-headed morphs 3:1 with yellow headedness being much rarer with only 1 in 1000-5000 birds.

Ageing:

Juveniles moult to adult-like immature plumage, but don't attain full adult plumage until complete first immature post-breeding moult when approximately 1 year old; First immatures are as adults of respective morphs and sexes, but duller in colour and some retain up to four inner juvenile primaries and some retain a few juvenile body feathers; Thus adults are aged (2+) and immatures (2-) or (1) depending on time of year.

Sexing:

Immatures and adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage as follows:

	Male	Female
Face:	black, red or yellow-orange morph;	dull black, red morph is duller than male and may vary from red to dull reddish-orange to crimson;
Chin:	black;	dull black;
Mask border:	blue;	duller blue and narrower than male;
Breast:	purple;	mauve;
Belly & flanks:	bright yellow;	straw yellow, paler than male;

Only females incubate at night and relieved by male for a short period in the morning.