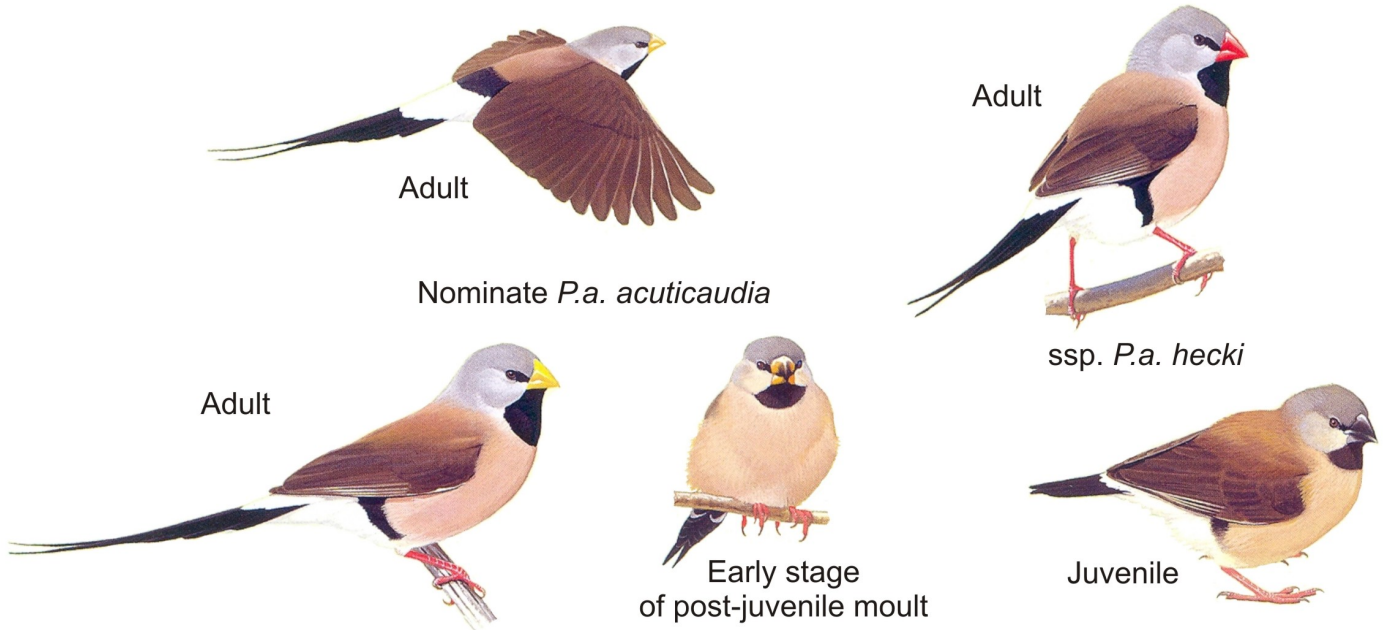


**Long-tailed Finch *Poephila acuticauda* Species No.: 666 Band size: 02 (01) AY**



**Morphometrics:**

Two subspecies with measurements as follows:

	Nominate <i>P.a. acuticauda</i> (Kimberley Div. WA to Ord & Fitzroy R. drainage basins)		ssp. <i>P.a. hecki</i> (top end NT and Qld)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	58 – 65 mm	56 – 63 mm	56 – 62 mm	55 – 60 mm
Tail:	60 – 96 mm	52 – 87 mm	66 – 95 mm	54 – 76 mm
Bill:	10.4 – 12.8 mm	11.2 – 12.7 mm	11.1 – 14.6 mm	11.1 – 14.0 mm
THL	24.4 – 28.3 mm	24.1 mm (1)	No data	No data
Tarsus:	14.0 – 16.1 mm	14.6 – 16.5 mm	14.0 – 16.7 mm	13.4 – 17.0 mm
Weight:	12.0 – 16.2 g	13.0 – 17.6 g	13.0 – 15.8 g	12.0 – 15.8 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	<i>P.a. acuticauda</i> – orange-yellow, orange-buff or buff-yellow; <i>hecki</i> – orange-red, or red, or rich orange;	both subspecies – black or dark grey, gradually changing to adult colour within 5–6 months with post-juvenile moult;
Iris:	brown or red-brown;	dark brown or brown;

Juvenile (J) plumage is much duller than adults and Juvenile lacks long tail - refer to illustrations above;

Post-juvenile moult is completed at approximately 5-6 months of age and results in full adult plumage. So apart from obvious Juveniles (J) age all other birds (1+).

**Sexing :**

There is no consistently reliable sexual dimorphism character in plumage, or bare parts;

However, females may have:

- a slightly smaller and narrower blackish bib with more rounded lower edge than males;
- a shorter tail than males, but there is considerable overlap in length range;
- data suggest that birds with a tail length greater than 87 mm are male;

Old (3+ ?) males may have a more silver-grey head than younger males and females;

Both sexes incubate.