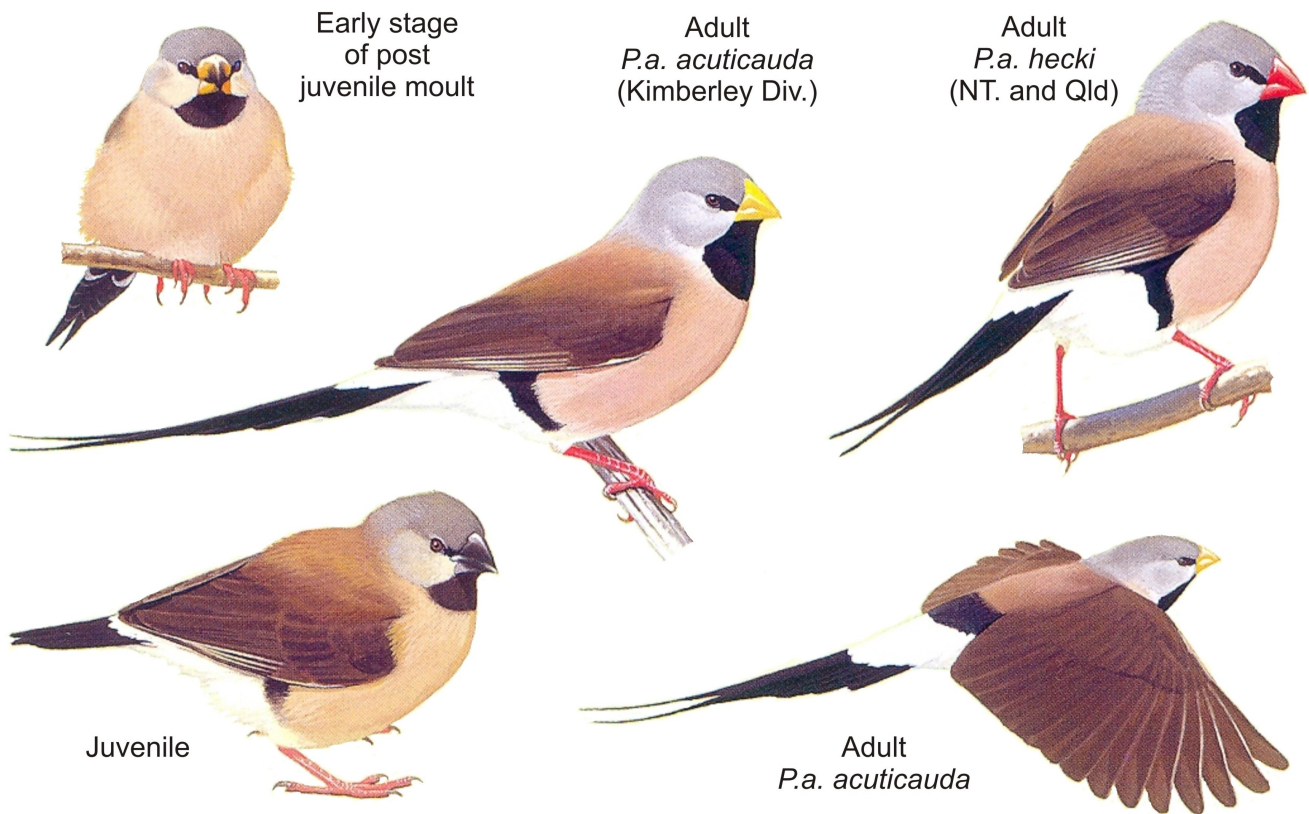


**Long-tailed Finch** *Poephila acuticauda*    **Species No.: 666**    **Band size: 02 (01)**



**Morphometrics:**

Measurements below are for *P.a. acuticauda*. *P.a. hecki* appears to have slightly shorter wings than the nominate:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL	24.4 – 28.3 (3 specimens)	24.1 mm (1 specimen)
Wing:	58 – 65 mm	56 – 63 mm
Tail:	60 – 96 mm	52 – 87 mm
Weight:	12.0 – 16.2 g	13.0 – 17.6 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;

Plumage – juvenile is much duller than adults and lacks long tail - refer to illustrations above;  
Post-juvenile moult at approximately 5-6 months results in full adult plumage;

**Sexing :**

There is apparently no consistently reliable sexual dimorphism in plumage or bare parts. However, some claim that females have slightly smaller and narrower blackish bib with more rounded lower edge;

Old (3+ ?) males are said to have a more silver-grey head than younger males and females;  
Adult males tend to have a longer tail than females, but there is considerable overlap in ranges.

Data suggest that birds with a tail length greater than 87 mm are male;  
Both sexes incubate.