

Masked Finch *Poephila personata* Species No.: 669 Band size: 02 AY



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies with measurements as follows:

	Nominate <i>P.p. personata</i> (top end WA, NT & Qld to s-e Gulf of Carpentaria)		ssp. <i>P.p. leucotis</i> (Cape York, Qld)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	54 – 62 mm	54 – 62 mm	56 – 60 mm	53 – 59 mm
Tail:	46 – 60 mm	42 – 57 mm	40 – 47 mm	41 – 51 mm
Bill:	10.9 – 13.8 mm	11.5 – 12.9 mm	10.7 – 12.5 mm	10.5 – 12.0 mm
Tarsus:	13.5 – 17.2 mm	14.1 – 16.9 mm	14.4 – 16.9 mm	14.7 – 15.6 mm
Weight:	9.2 – 16.0 g	11.3 – 15.0 g	10.0 – 14.3 g	12.0 – 13.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	orange-yellow, yellow or buff-yellow;	dark grey, gradually changing to yellow within 6 weeks of fledging;
Head and body:	see illustrations above	

Juveniles undergo a complete post-juvenile moult within 2 months of fledging, resulting in adult plumage; thus apart from obvious Juveniles (J), age all birds (1+).

Sexing:

Sexes are similar and can probably only be separated when comparing members of a breeding pair – males are said to have:

- a slightly darker and larger mask, bib and flank patch than female (male – black; female – greyish-black);
- an orange-yellow bill that is darker than the yellow bill of the female;

Both sexes incubate.