

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



Morphometrics:

The measurements below are for the nominate *P.p. personata* which is slightly larger, particularly in tail length, than the Cape York subspecies *P.p. leucotis*:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	54 – 62 mm	54 – 62 mm
Tail:	46 – 60 mm	42 – 57 mm
Weight:	9.2 – 16.0 mm	11.3 – 15.0 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.		

Sexing:

Sexes are similar and can probably only be separated when comparing members of a breeding pair:
 The male is said to have a slightly darker and larger mask, bib and flank patch (male – black; female – greyish-black) and an orange-yellow bill that is darker than the yellow bill of the female.
 Both sexes incubate.