

**Red-eared Firetail** *Stagonopleura oculata* Species No.: 651 Band size: (01) 02 AY



Adult Male



Adult Female



Juvenile

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	53 – 60 mm	54 – 57 mm
Tail:	42 – 56 mm	43 – 51 mm
Bill:	11.8 – 14.5 mm	12.0 – 13.4 mm
THL:	25 – 27 mm	25.7 mm (1)
Tarsus:	15.8 – 17.8 mm	16.1 – 17.9 mm
Weight:	11.4 – 15 g	12.5 – 17 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	red or dark pink;	blackish with dull red tomia and base to lower mandible;
Head;	see illustrations above;	lacks red ear coverts;
Lower breast, flanks, belly & undertail coverts:	black with large sub-terminal white spots;	light grey-brown with irregular dark brown barring.

Immatures acquire full adult plumage at about 5 – 6 months after fledging; Thus Immatures are aged (1) and adults are (1+).

Sexing :

Field studies have not identified any sexual dimorphism, but aviculturists claim that adults differ subtly in plumage – females are said to differ from males in breeding season by narrower black eye-ring and frontal band on lower forehead; slightly paler and smaller red ear patch; slightly smaller white spots on lower breast; and less prominent black feathering on lower underbody; it is also claimed by aviculturists that bare parts differ during the breeding season with the female bill becoming paler coral red, especially at tip; Incubation by both sexes.