

**Black-headed Honeyeater** *Melithreptus affinis* Species No.: 584 Band size: 02 AY



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	75 – 82 mm	73 – 79 mm
Tail:	59 – 64 mm	57 – 63 mm
THL:	29.3 – 33.1 mm	
Bill:	13.1 – 15.7 mm	13.2 – 14.7 mm
Tarsus:	18.0 – 21.1 mm	17.7 – 20.6 mm
Weight:	14 – 17.5 g	12 – 19 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	grey- black to black;	dark brown with pale base and tip;
Gape:	grey-black to black;	dull orange or orange-pink;
Iris:	black-brown, chestnut or reddish-brown;	as for adult but may have grey-brown tinge;
Crown & side of head:	black;	pale olive-brown;
Throat:	black;	yellowish-white;
Breast & belly:	greyish-white;	yellowish white;

Juvenile attains first immature plumage at about 6 months, but retains grey-brown juvenile remiges and rectrices, alula and primary coverts;  
 Adult plumage is achieved early in second year coinciding with adult post-breeding moult in second summer. Thus immatures (2-) or (1) and adults (2+).

Sexing :

Not sexually dimorphic in measurements or plumage, though males average larger than females;  
 It is thought that female does all incubation.