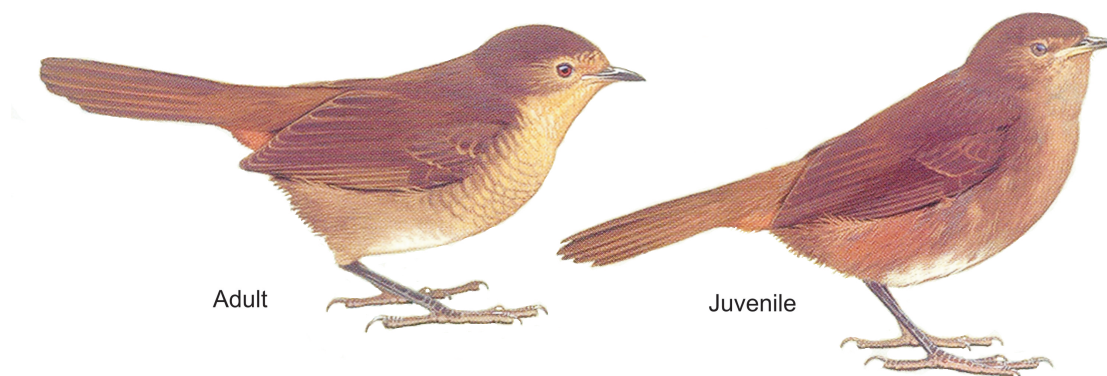


# **Pilotbird *Pycnoptilus floccosus***

**Species No.: 506 Band size: 04**



## **Morphometrics:**

Two subspecies recognised with noted size differences, so two sets of data are presented:

Nominate *P.f. floccosus* – Snowy Mountains and adjoining ranges higher than 600m asl:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	68 – 78 mm	67 – 71 mm
Tail:	70 – 85 mm	71 – 79 mm
Weight:	25.0 – 39.0 g	30.0 – 34.5 g

Ssp. *P.f. sandlandi* – s-e NSW Blue Mountains south to Vic below 600m asl:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	64 – 72 mm	63 – 71 mm
Tail:	69 – 78 mm	63 – 76 mm
Weight:	(unsexed) 19 – 32 g	

## **Ageing:**

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	grey-black to black with pink or light brown to lower mandible;	grey-black with dull yellowish basal half to lower mandible;
Tomia:	grey-black grading to dull pink toward base;	pale yellow grading to grey-black at tip;
Gape:	light grey or dull pinkish;	pale yellow or whitish;
Lower forehead;	rich buff-brown or rufous-brown with irregular dark-brown barring;	uniform russet-brown or dark brown;
Upper forehead, crown, nape & hindneck;	dark brown with cinnamon-brown tinge and indistinct black-brown scalloping;	fairly uniform dark brown or russet brown with obvious cinnamon brown tinge;
Malar area chin & Throat:	cinnamon-brown with fine dark brown scalloping;	greyish-brown with dull cinnamon-brown tinge;
Breast, sides of belly & flanks:	rich cinnamon-brown with bold dark brown or blackish- brown scalloping;	rather uniform russet-brown;

Immatures attain complete adult plumage at about one year of age - thus adults should only be aged (1+).

## **Sexing :**

No differences in plumage, but males are larger than females – see data above;  
Incubation by female only.