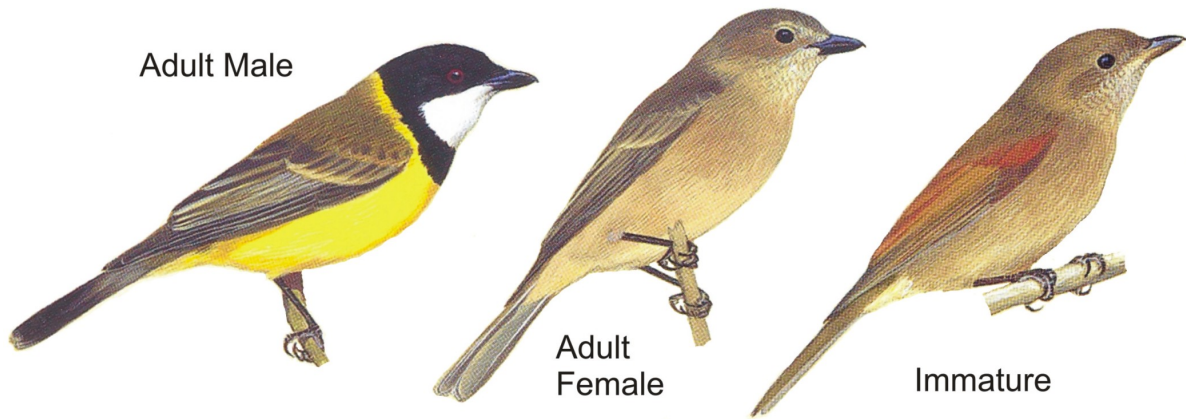


**Western Whistler *Pachycephala occidentalis* Species No.: 9974 Band size: 03 AY**



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	35.7 – 39.4 mm	26.6 – 41.7 mm
Wing:	78 – 105 mm	88 – 102 mm
Tail:	65 - 95 mm	71 - 99 mm
Weight:	21.5 – 27.4 g	21.6 – 27.0 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult	Immature	Juvenile
Bill:	black	dull black whitish base	grey with pink base
Gape:	black	yellow becoming whitish	yellow
Eye:	brick red	brown	dark brown
Wing coverts and secondaries:	no rufous	rufous fringes	rufous

**General plumage:**

Immatures – retain rufous edges to wing coverts and outer edges of secondaries into their second year – so age them either 1 or 2-

Adult females cannot be reliably separated from immature males.

Brown female-plumaged birds with no traces of rufous in their wings, back, crown or throat will be late into their second year or older – so should be aged 2+

Adult male (3+) – achieves adult plumage in 3<sup>rd</sup> year - post breeding season moult.

**Sexing :**

Adult male (3+) by plumage.

Adult female (3+) only by presence of brood patch in breeding season.

Both sexes brood.

Juveniles and Immatures cannot be sexed on plumage or morphometrics.