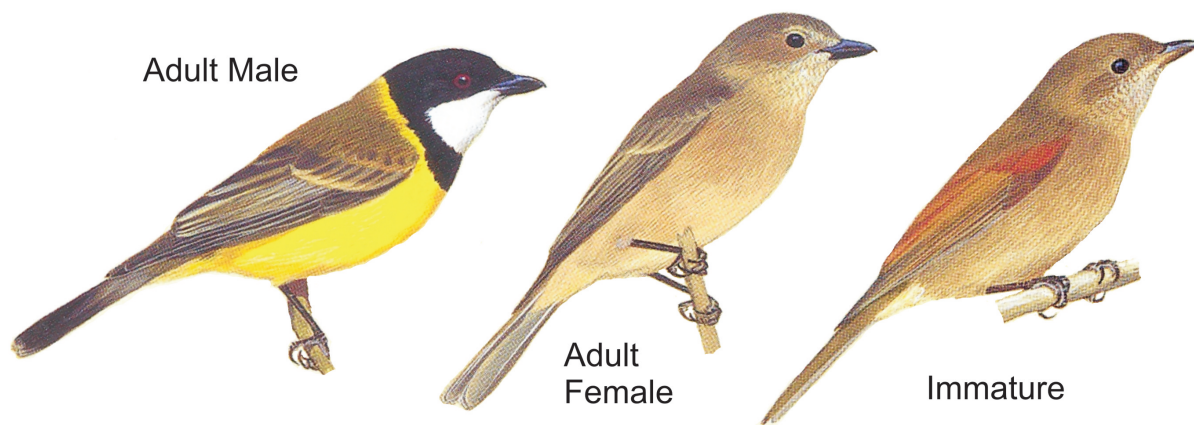


**Western Whistler** *Pachycephala occidentalis* Species No.: 9974 Band size: 03



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	36.8 – 40.0 mm	32.6 -39.9 mm
Wing:	94 – 104 mm	90 – 102 mm
Tail:	70 – 89 mm	71 – 89 mm
Weight:	21.3 – 28.5 g	23.0 – 32.5 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.