White-throated Honeyeater Melithreptus albogularis Species No.: 579 Band size: 02



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies – nominate M.a. albogularis across the top and M.a. inopinatus along the coast and sub-coastal region of e. Qld. The measurements below are for the slightly larger latter ssp.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	68 – 80 mm	69 – 76 mm
Tail:	53 – 58 mm	46 – 55 mm
Weight:	12 – 15 g	10 – 15 g

Ageing:

Adult (2+) Juvenile

Bill: black; black with extensive pale orange-pink

base to lower mandible;

Gape: puffy pale orange-pink;

Iris: usually red-brown to red, also dark brown;

described as light to dark brown;

Crown: black; mid-brown;

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. Not known whether female does all incubation.