

**Eastern Spinebill** *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris* Species No. 591: Band size: 01



**Morphometrics:**

	<i>A.t. tenuirostris</i> (e.mainland)		<i>A.t. dubius</i> (Tas & Bass Str. Islands)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	41.0 – 46.6 mm	38.3 -43.4 mm	39.0 – 44.9 mm	30.6 – 39.9 mm
Wing Length:	62 – 72 mm	59 – 70 mm	61 – 67 mm	56 – 61 mm
Wing Span:	220 – 225 mm	184 – 208 mm		
Tail:	53 – 67 mm	50 – 61 mm	53 – 64 mm	50 – 56 mm
Weight:	10.0 – 13.5 g	9.0 – 11.5 g	8.3 – 11.2 g	9.3 – 12.0 g

  

	<i>A.t. Halmaturinus</i> (Kangaroo Is.)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing Length:	61 – 70 mm	57 – 61 mm
Tail:	52 – 61 mm	42 – 59 mm
Weight:	9.8 – 11.15 g	10.0 – 12.0 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (1+)	Immature
Bill:	black;	black with yellow base;
Iris:	red to bright red;	grey through light brown, red-brown to red;
Crown:	male – black;	dark brown;
	female – greyish olive;	
Alula tip:	pointed;	rounded;

Juvenile has distinctive plumage that differs from immatures and adults (see illustration);  
 Immatures of both sexes have similar plumage to adults, but can be aged on retained juvenile brown feathers in wings & tail and by iris and bill colour;  
 Timing of moult to full adult plumage is not known. Adults should therefore be recorded as (1+)

**Sexing :**

By measurements and plumage – the most obvious plumage difference is the colour of the crown which is glossy black in males and greyish olive in females. There is no contrast between the crown and eye-stripe colour in males, whereas there is a strong contrast in females;  
 Only the female broods.