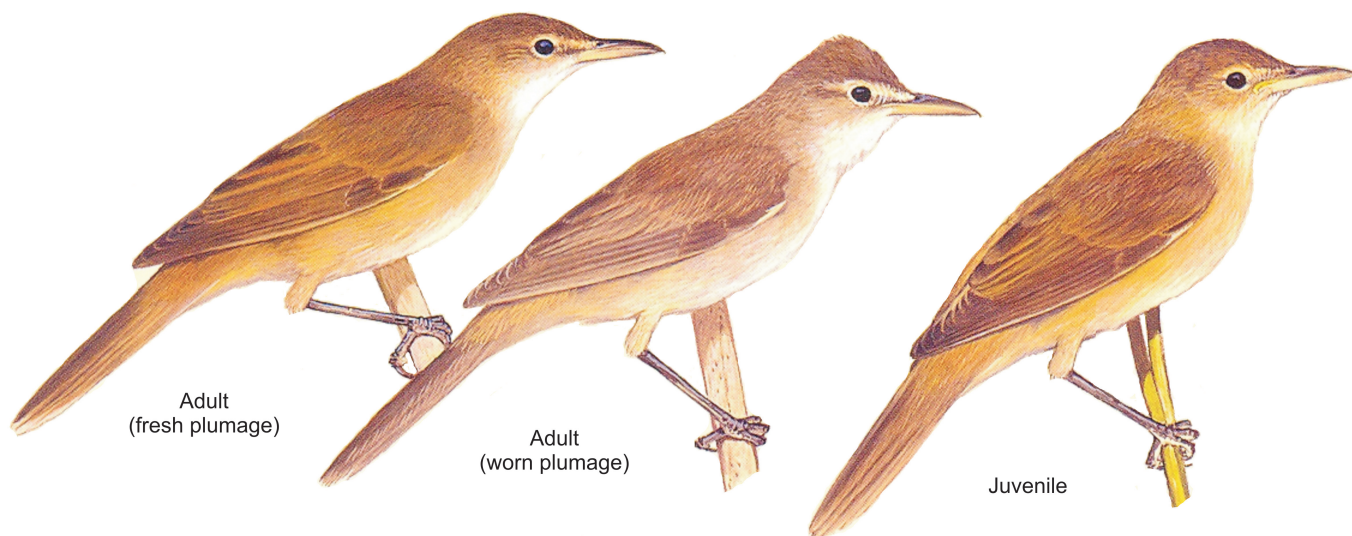


Australian Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus australis* Species No.: 524 Band size: 03 (02)



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	68 – 76 mm	64 – 73 mm
Tail:	59 – 69 mm	51 – 63 mm
Weight:	13.8 – 22.8 g	11.9 – 20.0 g

Ageing:

Juveniles are distinguished from adults by subtle differences in plumage and bare parts:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	upper mandible – grey-black; lower mandible & tomia – pinkish on basal half grading to greyish towards tip;	upper mandible – dark grey with yellowish tip; lower mandible – pink;
Gape:	pinkish brown, pale pink or orange;	cream;
Iris:	dark brown, black-brown, brownish olive, light brown or grey-brown;	dark grey;
Mantle, back & scapulars:	warm russet brown when fresh, but fading to colder olive-brown or greyish-brown with wear;	similar to fresh plumaged adults;
Rump & upper tail coverts:	slightly paler brown than back & longest upper tail coverts when fresh are deep russet brown, but fade to light brown or yellowish;	pale yellowish brown contrasting with rest of upperparts;

Juveniles moult to adult-like plumage within a few months of fledging, but immatures retain juvenile remiges and rectrices;

Moult to full adult plumage commences at approximately one year of age, thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing :

There are no plumage difference between the sexes, but males average larger than females;
Females alone incubate.