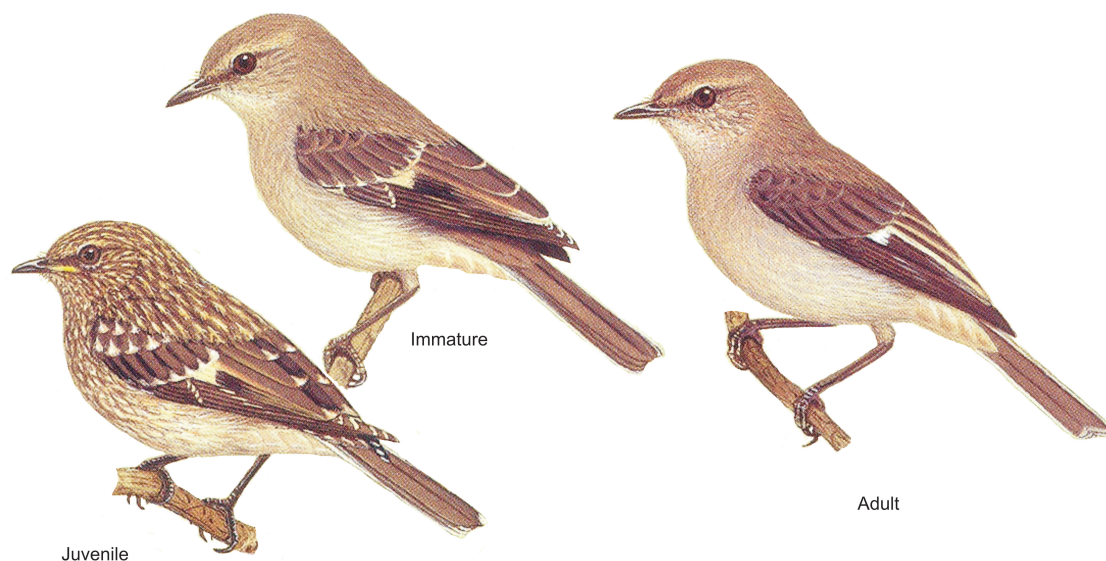


Dusky Robin *Melanodryas vittata* Species No.: 386 Band size: 03



Morphometrics:

The Dusky Robin is restricted to Tasmania and its islands. The measurements presented here are for the nominate *M.v. vittata*, but the subspecies *M.v. kingi* of King Island is virtually identical.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	83 – 91 mm	82 – 93 mm
Tail:	59 – 68 mm	57 – 66 mm
Weight:	26 – 28 g	22 – 29 g

Ageing:

See illustrations above;
Juveniles moult to adult-like immature plumage within a few months of fledging;
Immatures can be separated from adults by retained juvenile greater and secondary coverts, alula, remiges and rectrices;
Retained juvenile secondary coverts have diffuse off-white to white rosethorns at tips, whereas adults have a narrow white fringe to the tips of secondary coverts;
Moult to complete adult plumage commences late in the first year, thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing :

There is no sexual dimorphism in size or plumage;
Incubation is by the female only.