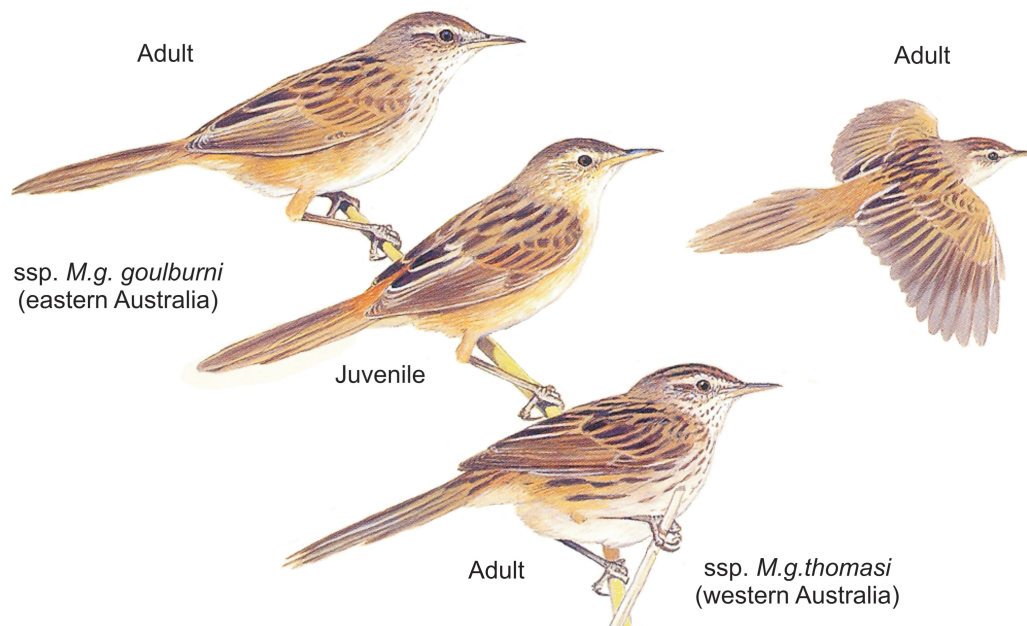


Little Grassbird *Megalurus gramineus* **Species No.: 522** **Band size: 01 (02)**



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	54 – 60 mm	53 – 56 mm
Tail:	55 – 68mm	54 – 64 mm
Weight:	12.5 – 15.0 g	11.0 – 13.1 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Forehead:	warm brown or dull rufous-brown;	brown with diffuse streaking - no rufous;
Crown & nape:	warm brown with bold black-brown streaking formed by feather shafts;	brown with diffuse black-brown streaking;
Underparts:	breast, belly and vent off-white or creamy-white with varying, but usually faint buff tinge with fine short dark-brown or blackish-brown streaks to breast;	extensively straw-yellow or creamy-yellow;

Juveniles moult to adult-like plumage within a few months of fledging, but immatures retain juvenile remiges and rectrices which often have growth or fault bars;
Moult to full adult plumage commences at approximately one year of age, thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

No difference in plumage, but adult males average larger than adult females, but there is considerable overlap – see morphometrics above;
Both sexes incubate.