Shining Flycatcher Myiagra alecto

Species No.: 372 Band size: 02 (03) AY



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies in Australia with morphometrics as follows:

	ssp. M.a melvillensis		ssp. <i>M.a. wardelli</i>	
	(WA & NT)		(QId & NSW)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	80 – 94 mm	75 – 87 mm	80.0 – 91.5 mm	78.0 – 89.0 mm
Tail:	68 – 82 mm	66 – 80 mm	71.0 – 85.0 mm	69.0 – 80.5 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	21 – 23.2 mm	20.5 – 24.1 mm	18.4 – 21.6 mm	17.8 – 21.2 mm
Bill width:	4.6 – 5.8 mm	4.4 – 5.8 mm	5.1 – 6.3 mm	5.1 – 6.2 mm
Tarsus:	20.3 – 23.0 mm	20.0 – 22.2 mm	19.7 – 22.2 mm	19.1 – 21.8 mm
Weight:	18.5 – 25.0 g	20.0 – 24.0 g	19.0 – 25.0 g	20.0 – 24.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	
Bill:	mostly blue-grey with black tip;	

Juvenile greyish-black;

Immatures are difficult to distinguish from adult females, but have little, or no, gloss to feathers of forehead, crown and nape. Immatures also retain juvenile alula (broader and rounder tip than adult), greater secondary coverts, remiges and rectrices;

Moult from immature to adult plumage commences at the end of the first year, but at least some males do not attain full adult plumage until the post-breeding moult early in their third year. Thus all adults are aged (2+) and immatures (1) or (2-) depending on time of year.

Sexing :

Adults sexually dimorphic on plumage; Both sexes share incubation.