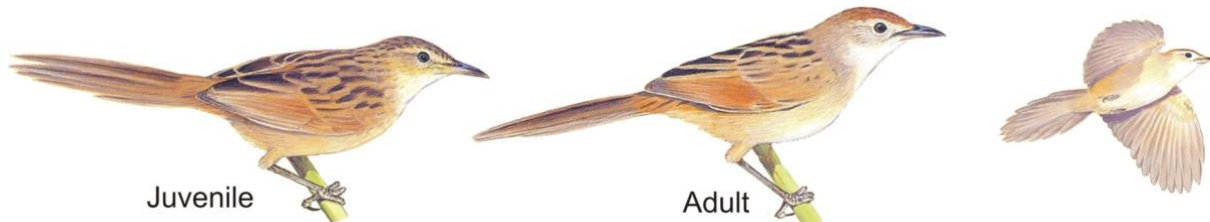


Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis* Species No.: 523 Band size: 03 AY



Morphometrics:

Ten subspecies are recognised, but only *M.t. alisteri* occurs in Australia with measurements as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	55 – 70 mm	56 – 63 mm
Tail:	66 – 98 mm	65 – 88 mm
Bill:	14.0 – 17.0 mm	14.1 – 17.2 mm
Tarsus:	21.2 – 25.4 mm	20.5 – 24.2 mm
Weight:	15.6 – 25.5 g	13.5 – 20 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Top of head:	dull rufous brown with diffuse black-brown or dark brown streaking formed by dark feather shafts;	warm brown with short black-brown streaks;
Supercilium:	off-white or light grey-brown;	faint, narrow and diffuse cream-buff;
Ear coverts:	upper rufous-brown, light grey below;	dark cream-buff;
Lore, chin, throat & malar area:	white or off-white usually with pale buff wash on malar area & sides of throat;	cream & some have pale yellow wash on malar area & sides of chin & throat;
Breast ad belly:	off-white;	off-white with pale faint yellow tinge;

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;
incubation thought to be by female only;