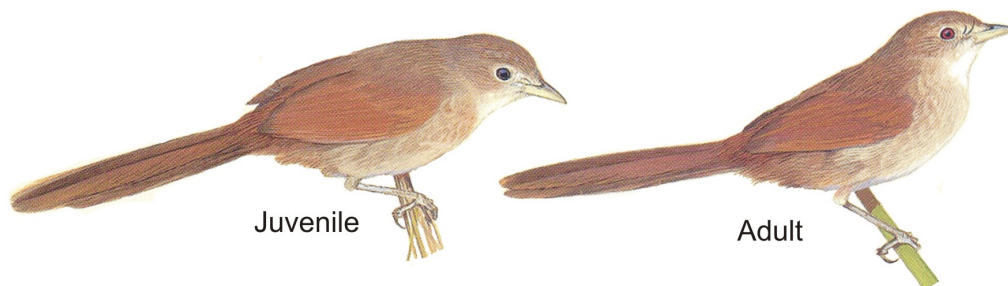


Eastern Bristlebird *Dasyornis brachypterus* **Species No.: 519** **Band size: 05 AY**



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies with measurements as follows:

	Nominate <i>D.b. brachypterus</i> (coastal s-e NSW & e. Vic)		<i>ssp. D.b. monoides</i> (coastal & sub-coastal n-e NSW & s-e Qld)
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Unsexed Adults
Wing:	71 – 80 mm	69 – 78 mm	73 – 77 mm
Tail:	96 – 114 mm	81 – 110 mm	101 – 110 mm
Bill:	16.2 – 19.2 mm	16.6 – 18.9 mm	17.4, 18.5 mm (2)
Tarsus A*:	24.5 – 27.3 mm	24.3 – 27.3 mm	24.8 – 27.0 mm
Weight:	40 – 41 g	34.5 – 44.0 g	48.5 g (1)

*Tarsus - measured from tibiotarsal joint to last smooth scute on front of tarsus, above level where hindtoe merges

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Gape:	off-white or light pinkish;	pale yellow;
Iris:	red or red-brown;	dark brown or pale brown;
Ear coverts:	light brown with brownish-grey tips grading to white toward base and white feather shafts forming fine white striations;	brownish-grey;
Hindneck:	dark brown with light cinnamon-brown suffusion;	warm brown;
Breast:	light grey-brown grading to darker grey brown with buff tinge on sides of breast;	sides of breast warm brown, extending as wash across upper breast;

Fledge in juvenile plumage, but timing of partial post-juvenile moult to adult-like plumage is not known but probably within a few months of fledging;
 Immatures are difficult to separate from adults, but may have synchronous growth bars or fault-bars in tail and/or remiges;
 Attain full adult plumage in moult commencing when about one year of age, hence adults are aged (2+);

Sexing :

There appears to be no sexual dimorphism in plumage;
 Some adult males have a longer wing and tail than adult females, but more study is required to determine whether these measurements can be reliably used to sex birds;
 It is thought that only females incubate, but this also needs confirmation.