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



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	71 – 80 mm	69 – 75 mm
Tail:	98 – 113 mm	81 – 110 mm
Weight:	40 – 41 g	34.5 – 44.0 g

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 brownish-grey;

tips grading to white toward base and white feather shafts forming

fine white striations;

Hindneck: dark brown with light cinnamon- warm brown;

brown suffusion;

Breast: light grey-brown grading to darker sides of breast warm brown, extending

grey brown with buff tinge on as wash across upper breast;

sides of 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.