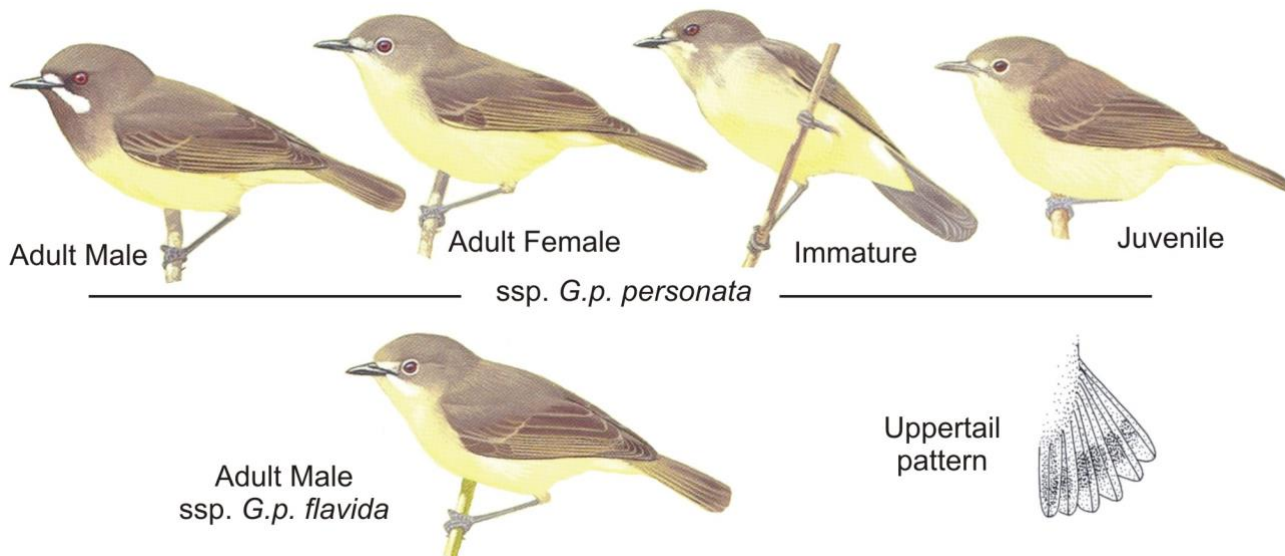


Fairy Gerygone *Gerygone palpebrosa* Species No.: 456 Band size: 01 AY



Morphometrics:

Seven subspecies recognised with the following two in Australia:

	ssp. <i>G.p. personata</i> (n-e Qld coast and Cape York)		ssp. <i>G.p. flavida</i> (coastal central Qld)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	50 – 61 mm	50 – 53 mm	51 – 57 mm	49 – 54 mm
Tail:	34 - 47 mm	33 - 41 mm	38 – 50 mm	39 – 49 mm
Bill:	11.4 – 13.5 mm	11.4 – 12.3 mm	11.1 – 12.9 mm	11.5 – 12.8 mm
Tarsus:	16.7 – 19.3 mm	16.5 – 18.2 mm	17.2 – 19.0 mm	16.3 – 18.4 mm
Weight:	7.0 – 8.5 g	6.6 – 8.0 g	6.5 – 9.5 g	6.0 – 8.1 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile (J)
Bill & tomia:	male – black; female – black with narrow pale tip and tomia light grey or flesh-grey;	brownish-grey with flesh-grey tomia and narrow pale tip;
Iris:	red, deep red-orange, dark brown or red-brown;	red-brown;

Little information on moults, but juveniles probably moult to adult female-like immature plumage soon after fledging;

Immature male *personata* can be identified by patchy olive-grey on the throat;

Some immatures may be identified by the presence of synchronous fault-bars and/or growth-bars in the wing and tail;

It is probable that moult to full adult plumage commences at about 1 year old. However because of the difficulty in separating adults from immatures, with the exception of adult male *personata* which can be aged (2+), all others (except obvious juveniles) should be aged (1+);

Sexing:

Adult male and female differ in plumage and size, with differences pronounced in *personata*, but less obvious in *flavida* (see illustrations and measurements);

Probably only female incubates, but lacking information.