Australian Bird Study Association Inc. - Bird in the Hand (Second Edition), published on www.absa.asn.au **Green-backed Gerygone** Gerygone chloronotus Species No.: 458 Band size: 01 16 Adult ssp. G.c. darwini Green-backed Gerygone (Kimberley Div. WA) Uppertail pattern nominate G.c. chloronotus (NT) Juvenile Fairy Gerygone Uppertail pattern Morphometrics: G.c. darwini (WA)

	G.c. chloronotus (NT)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	49 – 54 mm	47 – 53 mm
Tail:	34 – 40 mm	33 – 40 mm
Weight:	5.0 – 8.0 g	5.3 – 7.5 g

Ageing:

Bill & tomia:	Adult (1+) usually black, also described as dark grey, some with paler base to lower mandible;	Juvenile (J) black, dark grey-brown or dark grey with buff or paler base to lower mandible;
Iris:	crimson, red or red-brown;	brown, grey-brown or cinnamon;
Eye ring:	grey-brown or brown;	off-white;
Lores:	brown or grey-brown;	off-white or pale grey;
Back:	greenish-olive;	olive;

Adult Male

49 – 56 mm

33 – 41 mm

5.0 – 6.6 g

Adult Female

47 – 52 mm

30 – 37 mm

5.0 - 9.5 g

Fledge in juvenile plumage and quickly moult to an adult-like immature plumage and then to adult plumage coinciding with adult post-breeding moult;

Some, possibly all immatures retain juvenile remiges and rectrices which might be distinguished by synchronous growth-bars or fault-bars in wing and tail feathers; Hence all birds can only be aged (J), (1) or (1+)

Sexing :

Not sexually dimorphic on plumage or reliably on size; It is thought that only the female incubates, but needs confirmation.