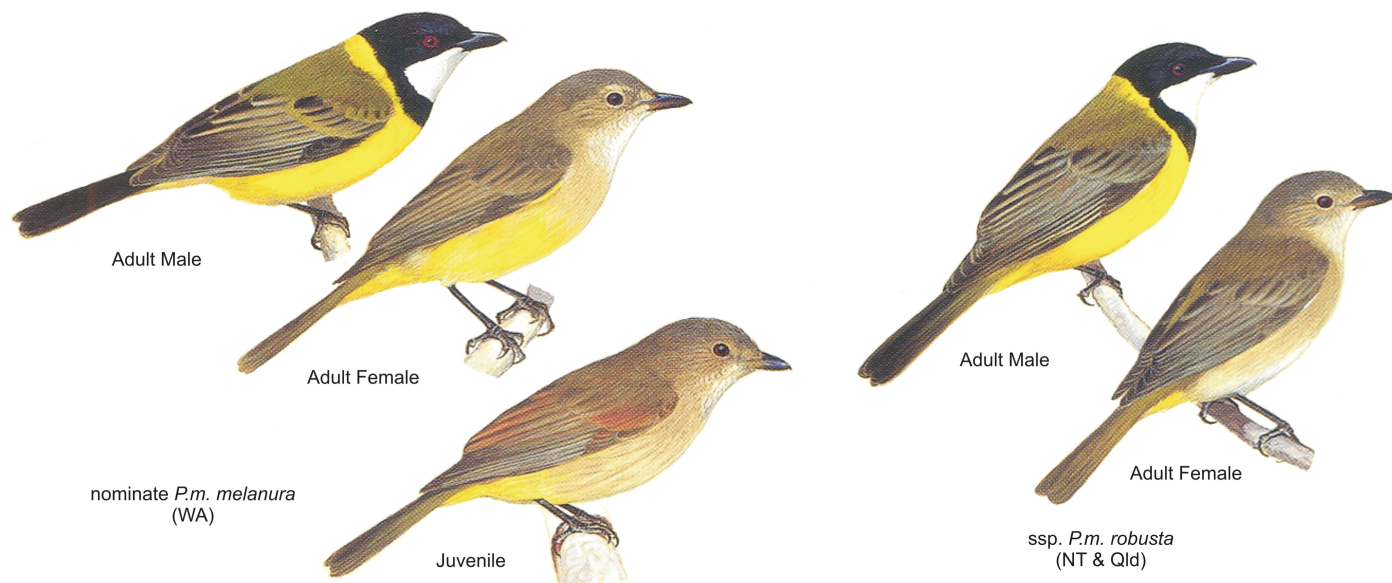


Mangrove Golden Whistler *Pachycephala melanura* **Species No.: 400** **Band size: 03**



Morphometrics:

Two Australian subspecies measurements below;

| | Nominate <i>P.m. melanura</i> | |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| | Adult Male | Adult Female |
| Wing: | 81 – 85 mm | 78 – 83 mm |
| Tail: | 60 – 68 mm | 63 – 69 mm |
| Weight: | 18.5 – 20.7 g | 18 – 20.5 g |

| | <i>ssp. P.m. robusta</i> | |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | Adult Male | Adult Female |
| Wing: | 83 – 93 mm | 81 – 85 mm |
| Tail: | 61 – 70 mm | 60 – 68 mm |
| Weight: | 20.5 – 27.5 g | 21.0 – 27.7 g |

Ageing:

| | Adult | Immature |
|-------|---|---|
| Bill: | black; | grey-black with grey base, or mostly dark grey grading to light-brown; brown; |
| Iris: | dark red-brown, or red to reddish, purplish or yellowish brown; | |

Juveniles have rufous wing coverts and secondaries;

Immatures – retain rufous edges to wing coverts and outer edges of secondaries into their second year – so age them either (1) or (2-);

“Brown”-plumaged birds with no traces of rufous in their wings, back, crown or throat will be late into their second year or older – so should be aged (2+);

Adult male (3+) – achieves adult plumage in 3rd year - post breeding season moult.

Sexing :

Adult male (3+) by plumage;

Adult female (2+) by plumage;

Both sexes brood.