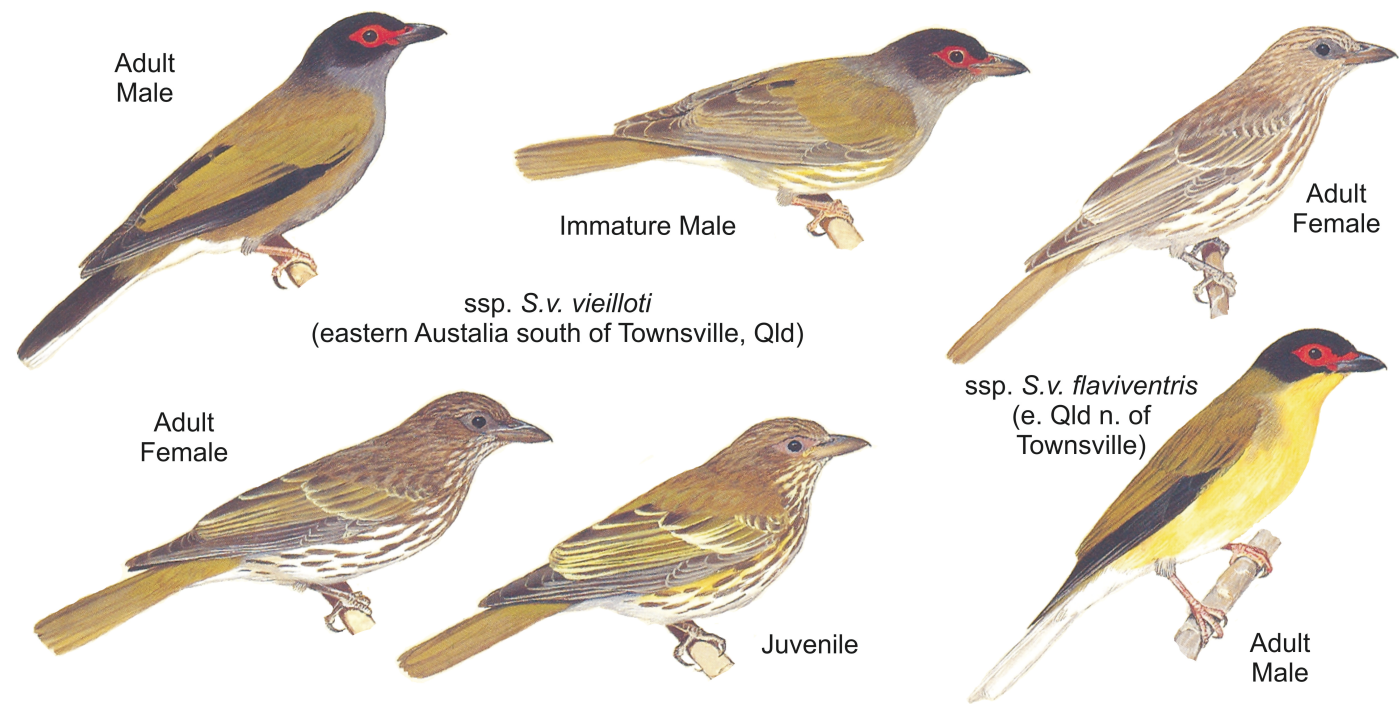


**Australasian Figbird    *Sphecotheres viridis*    Species No.: 432    Band size: 07 (06)**



**Morphometrics:**

Three subspecies in Australia: *S.v. ashbyi* (NT & WA – not illustrated - very similar in plumage and size to *S.v. flaviventris* of n-e Qld; and *S.v. vieilloti* of s-e Qld, NSW and Vic:

	<i>S.v. ashbyi</i>		<i>S.v. vieilloti</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	141.5 – 156.5 mm	143.5 – 153.0 mm	150 – 160 mm	149 – 165 mm
Tail:	97.5 – 114.0 mm	97.0 – 111.0 mm	104 -118 mm	104.5 – 117 mm
Weight:	97 – 119 g	104 – 124 g	112 – 149 g	142 – 146.2 g

**Ageing:**

Detailed descriptions appear unnecessary for ageing and sexing in the field because of the quality of the illustrations above and the following notes:  
Fledge in juvenile plumage and undergo an immediate partial post-juvenile moult to immature plumage that resembles adult plumage in both sexes;  
Immatures are duller in appearance to adults because of bare-part and retained juvenile feathers in wing and tail and feathers of the head, upperparts and underparts, which are intermediate between juvenile and adult colours in both sexes;  
Moult to complete adult plumage commences at about one year of age, coinciding with adult post-breeding moult;  
Thus adults will be aged (2+) and depending on time of year, immatures will be either (1) or (2-).

**Sexing :**

Adults differ markedly in plumage (see illustrations), but no size difference.  
Incubation by both male & female.