## Grey-headed Honeyeater Lichenostomus keartlandi Species No.: 621 Band size: 02



## Morphometrics:

 Adult Male
 Adult Female

 Wing:
 71 – 81 mm
 67 – 78 mm

 Tail:
 60 – 69 mm
 55 – 65 mm

 Weight:
 13.0 – 17.0 g
 12.5 – 18.0 g

## Ageing:

Adult (1+) Juvenile

Bill may change colour for breeding; grey-black with orange-yellow or pinkish

breeding – black; -brown base to lower mandible

non-breeding – black with yellow

basal half to lower mandible;

Gape: black; yellow or orange;

Iris: dark brown; black or brown-black, dull blue or grey; Forehead & light grey; pale grey with faint yellow-olive tinge;

crown:

Ear coverts: grey with black tips to rearmost brownish-grey;

coverts forming a dark band;

Mantle, back grey-brown with brown suffusion; light grey-brown;

& scapulars:

Alula tip: pointed; rounded;

Juveniles undergo a partial moult to immature plumage that basically resembles adult plumage soon after fledging, but immatures retain some or all juvenile remiges and rectrices;

Presence of synchronous growth or fault bars in the tail indicate retained juvenile feathers – thus immature aged (1);

Adult plumage is acquired in the first year, so all adult plumaged birds through the breeding season (late Winter to early Summer) are aged (2+), otherwise (1+);

## Sexing:

No difference in plumage, but adult and immature males are generally larger than females; Wing and tail length are useful for sexing some birds, but there is overlap – all females have a wing length < 78 mm and tail length < 65 mm;

There is no information available on the role of the sexes in incubation.