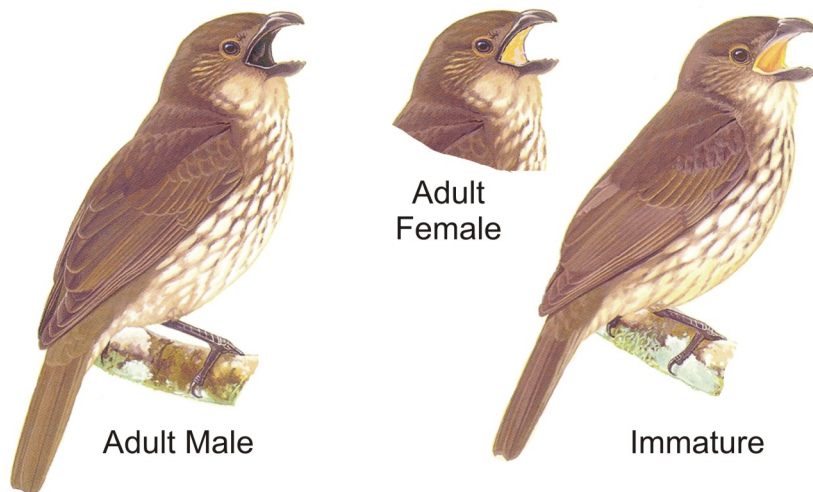


Tooth-billed Bowerbird *Scenopoeetes dentirostris* Species No.: 678 Band size: 07 (08) SS



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:		
Bill:		
Wing:	138 – 157 mm	140 – 142 mm
Tail:	98 – 108 mm	96 – 107 mm
Tarsus:		
Weight:	132 – 199 g	157 – 182 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	black, often with whitish-grey tomtia & tip to lower or both mandibles, bill also described as brown to blackish brown;	grey with darker tip;
Gape:	narrow buff or orange;	yellow;
Palate:	adult males – black with whitish distal half, but this is acquired with age as second (2) and third (3) year males retain some yellow or white colouring; adult female – yellowish or pale pinkish flesh colour	pale orange;
Iris:	blackish-brown or dark brown;	grey;

Juveniles undergo a partial moult to immature plumage soon after fledging; Immatures retain juvenile remiges and rectrices that are narrower and more acute than adults; Moult to adult plumage commences at about one year old, coinciding with post-breeding moult of adults. Thus adults are aged (2+); Black palate colour in at least some males is not fully attained until after fourth year (see “Palate” under ageing above), so age males with a black palate (4+).

Sexing:

No difference between the sexes in size or plumage, but the adults differ in the colour of the mouth

- adult males (4+) have a mostly black palate with a whitish distal half;
- adult females (2+) have a yellowish to pinkish-flesh palate;

Incubation probably by female alone, but confirmation required.