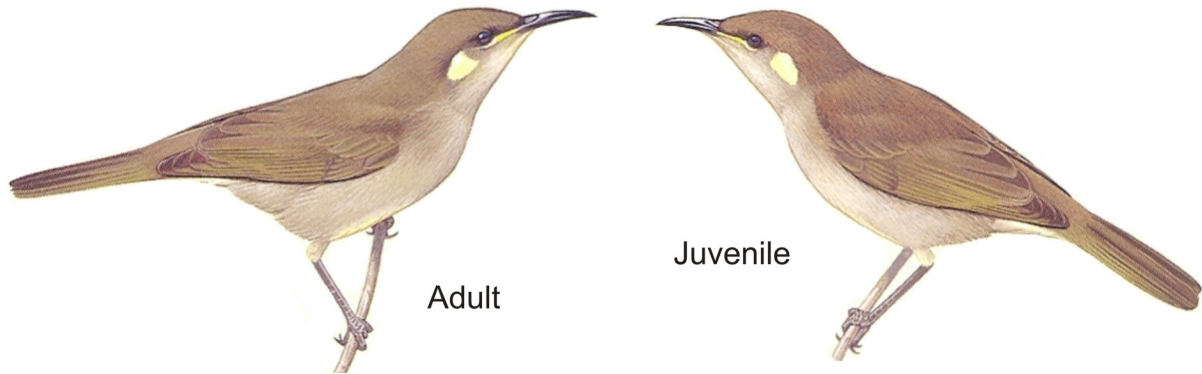


Graceful Honeyeater *Microptilotis gracilis* **Species No.: 612** **Band size: 03 (02) AY**



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies as follows:

	Nominate <i>M.g. gracilis</i> (Qld n. of Cooktown)		ssp. <i>M.g. imitatrix</i> (Qld s. of Ayton)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	39.5 – 40.6 mm	36.4 -39.1 mm	38.1 – 43.4 mm	36.5 – 40.6 mm
Bill:	20.0 – 23.5 mm	19.0 – 23.4 mm	20.6 – 23.3 mm	No data
Bill width:	4.5 – 4.8 mm	4.0 – 4.6 mm		
Wing:	75 – 78 mm	70 – 72 mm	70 – 86 mm	61 – 75 mm
Wing Span:	242 – 248 mm	225 – 238 mm		
Tail	61 – 67 mm	55 – 61 mm	58 – 65 mm	55 – 65 mm
Tarsus:	18.3 – 21.9 mm	18.1 – 20.4 mm	19.4 – 21.7 mm	No data
Weight:	14.0 – 17.0 g	12.5 – 16.5 g	14.0 – 17.9 g	12.5 – 17.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+) & Immature (1)	Juvenile
Moustachial stripe:	narrow pale yellow;	pale yellow, less distinct than adult;
Mantle, scapulars back & rump:	uniform grey-olive;	light greyish olive with light tawny; brown suffusion to centre
Breast:	pale olive-grey centrally, darker olive on sides of upper breast and faint straw- yellow suffusion over entire breast;	pale olive-grey with faint yellow- olive suffusion to centre of breast;

Sexing:

Sexes are identical in plumage but male is larger than female;
Not known whether both sexes brood.

Similar Species:

Graceful Honeyeater can be separated from the similarly plumaged Yellow-spotted Honeyeater by measurements, for example:

	Graceful Honeyeater	Yellow-spotted Honeyeater
Weight:	≤17.9 g	≥ 21.0 g,
Width of bill:	≤ 4.8 mm	≥ 5.2 mm

Lewin's Honeyeater also has similar plumage, but is much larger and facial markings are distinctive;

