

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



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	39.5 – 40.6 mm	36.4 -39.1 mm
Bill width at base:	4.5 – 4.8 mm	4.0 – 4.6 mm
Wing:	75 – 78 mm	70 – 72 mm
Wing Span:	242 – 248 mm	225 – 238 mm
Tail	61 – 67 mm	55 – 61 mm
Weight:	14.0 – 17.0 g	12.5 – 16.5 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 weight and the width of the bill at its base-

	Graceful Honeyeater	Yellow-spotted Honeyeater
Weight:	≤17.0 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;

