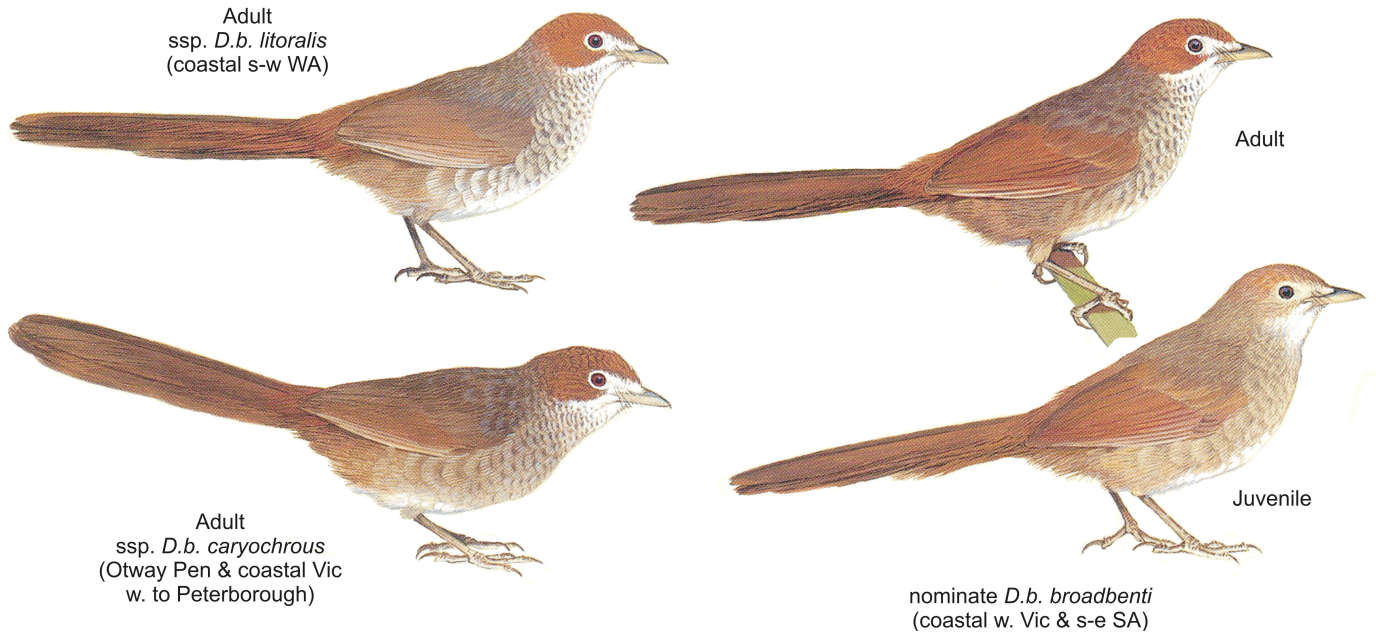


Rufous Bristlebird *Dasyornis broadbenti*

Species No.: 521 Band size: 05



Morphometrics:

Three subspecies have distribution as shown in illustration labels above. Measurements below are for the nominate for which there are numerous specimens. From the few specimens held in museum collections, it appears that the nominate is marginally larger than the other subspecies:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	47.1 – 47.9 mm	44.2 – 46.1 mm
Wing:	88 – 98 mm	86 – 95 mm
Tail:	110 – 141 mm	111 – 130 mm
Weight:	64 – 99 g	59 – 74 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature	Juvenile
Iris:	red, red-brown;	dark brown or red-brown at 6 months becoming paler toward edges;	dark grey at fledging becoming paler grey with red-brown below pupil; dark cinnamon-brown
Forehead, crown & nape;	rufous-brown;	as for adult;	dark cinnamon-brown
Hindneck:	dark brown with indistinct Black-brown scalloping;	as for adult;	dark brown with paler brown tinge;
Ear coverts, chin, throat and breast –	see illustrations for differences between adults and juveniles;		

A partial post-juvenile moult to adult-like immature plumage occurs within the first few months after fledging and immatures can sometimes be identified from adults by retained juvenile remiges and rectrices which show synchronous growth-bars or fault-bars; Moult to full adult plumage commences at about one year and coincides with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing :

No difference in plumage but adult males average larger than adult females in all three subspecies; Incubation by female only.