## White-throated Honeyeater Melithreptus albogularis Species No.: 579 Band size: 02 AY



## Morphometrics:

Two subspecies with distribution and measurements as follows:

	nominate <i>M.a. albogularis</i> (Kimberley Div. WA, to Cape York, Qld)		ssp. <i>M.a. inopinatus</i> (e. Qld & n-e NSW)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	67 – 75 mm	61 – 75 mm	68 – 80 mm	69 – 76 mm
Tail:	48 – 56 mm	46 54 mm	53 – 58 mm	46 – 55 mm
Bill:	13.5 - 16.4 mm	12.3 – 14.9 mm	13.4 – 16.9 mm	15.3 – 16.2 mm
Tarsus:	15.4 – 17.8 mm	15.0 – 16.7 mm	15.7 – 18.8 mm	15.5 mm (1)
Weight:	12 – 15 g	10 – 15 g	10 – 13 g	9 – 12 g

## Ageing:

Adult (2+) Juvenile / Immature

Bill: black; black with extensive pale orange-pink

base to lower mandible;

Gape: puffy pale orange-pink;

Iris: usually red-brown to red, also dark brown;

described as light to dark brown;

Crown: black; mid-brown;

Juvenile attains first immature plumage at about 6 months, but retains grey-brown juvenile remiges and rectrices, alula and primary coverts;

Adult plumage is achieved early in second year coinciding with adult post-breeding moult in second summer. Thus immatures (2-) or (1) and adults (2+).

## Sexing:

Not sexually dimorphic in measurements or plumage, though males average larger than females; Not known whether female does all incubation.