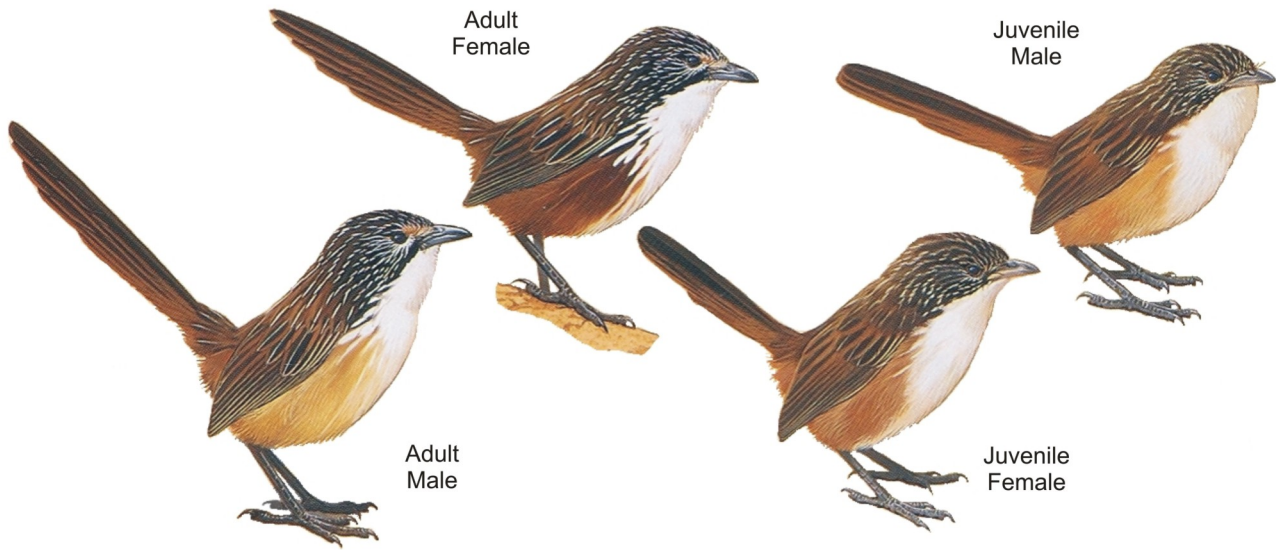


Carpentarian Grasswren *Amytornis dorotheae* Species No.: 517 Band size: (trial)



Morphometrics:

The following measurements were obtained from a very small number of museum specimens, so should be used only as a rough guide:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	61 – 67 mm	62 – 64 mm
Tail:	84 – 94 mm	80 – 83 mm
Bill:	16.3 – 16.8 mm	15.6 – 16.3 mm
Tarsus:	22.4 – 25.3 mm	22.5 – 24.9 mm
Weight:	24.0 – 24.5 g	20.5 – 23.2 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Forehead, forecrown, ear coverts and most of sides of neck:	heavily streaked black and white;	dark brown with narrow diffuse white shaft streaks;
Mantle & scapulars:	rufous-brown streaked black and white;	russet-brown faintly streaked by narrow white shaft streaks;
Uppertail:	dark brown with rufous-brown edges to all rectrices;	rufous brown fringes to inner rectrices, t4 – wholly rufous brown outer web and t5 –wholly rufous-brown;
Primaries & secondaries:	dark greyish-brown with warm brown shafts;	rufous-brown & narrower than adults;

A partial post-juvenile moult soon after fledging results in an adult-like immature plumage with retained juvenile primaries, secondaries, primary coverts, alula and tail; Moult to complete adult plumage commences at about one year of age. Thus adults should be aged (2+)

Sexing:

Considerable sexual dimorphism between the sexes of all ages (see illustrations above) – colour of flanks and belly of males are; yellow-brown whereas females are red-brown; It is thought that all incubation is carried out by the female.