

**Dusky Grasswren** *Amytornis purnelli*      **Species No.: 511**      **Band size: 03 AY**



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	58 – 67 mm	59 – 66 mm
Tail:	74 – 88 mm	75 – 86 mm
Bill:	13.7 – 17.2 mm	12.9 – 16.6 mm
Tarsus:	23.0 – 25.4 mm	22.5 – 27.3 mm
Weight:	20 – 23.9 g	17.6 – 21.5 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Forehead, crown:	black-brown with distinct white shaft streaks and crown feathers also have narrow dark brown edges;	brown with white shaft streaks;
Nape & hindneck:	streaked brown, black and white;	brown with faint white streaks
Mantle & scapulars:	brown to rufous-brown distinctly streaked white and black;	brown with faint white streaks;
Chin, throat & breast:	dull rufous-brown to buff with white streaking;	light brown with faint white streaks;

Juveniles can also be separated from adults by fluffy-textured feathers and lighter wing covers (see illustration above);  
 Juveniles undergo a partial post-juvenile moult to an immature plumage soon after fledging;  
 Immatures are very similar to adults, but retain juvenile remiges with synchronous growth bars;  
 Full adult plumage is attained early in the second year. Thus adults are aged (2+);

**Sexing:**

Sexes do not appear to be dimorphic on measurements;  
 Females have a rufous to rufous-brown spot (about 15mm in diameter) on the anterior flanks that is partly concealed when the wing is folded;  
 Incubation appears to be by female only.