

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



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	58 – 67 mm	59 – 66 mm
Tail:	74 – 88 mm	75 – 86 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.