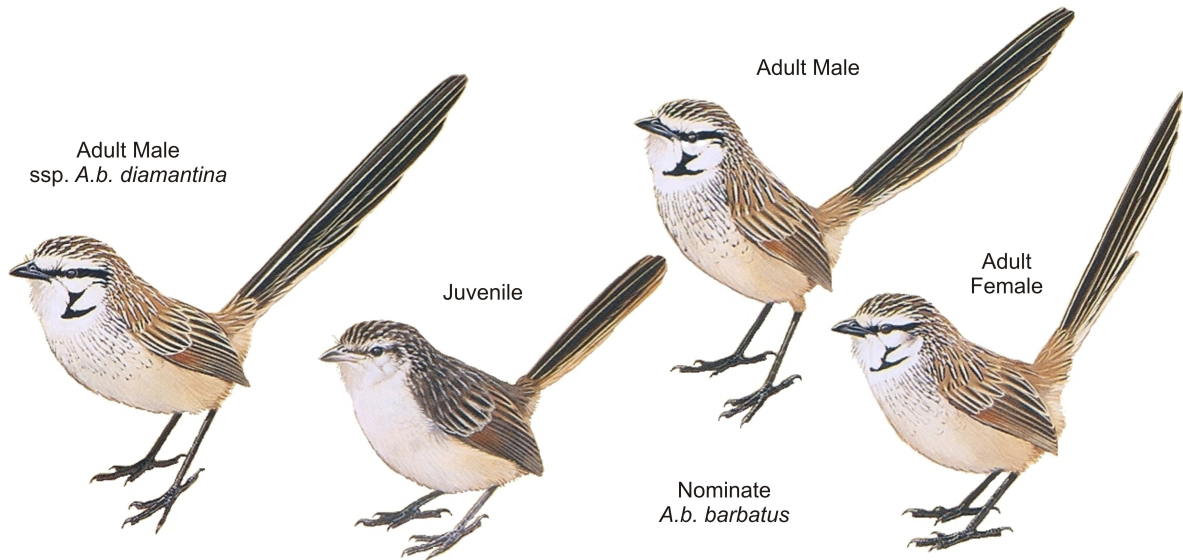


**Grey Grasswren *Amytornis barbatus***

**Species No.: 871**

**Band size: 03**



**Morphometrics:**

Two subspecies:

	<i>A.b. barbatus</i>		<i>A.b. diamantina</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult female
THL:	30.0 – 33.0 mm	29.5 – 32.8 mm	59 – 68 mm	57 – 62 mm
Wing:	52 – 65 mm	50 – 65 mm	106 – 120 mm	97 – 114 mm
Tail:	93 – 122 mm	81 – 121 mm	19.0 – 20.5 g	15.0 – 23.0 g
Weight:	15.5 – 21.5 g	15.0 – 21.0 g		

**Ageing:**

Juveniles undergo a partial moult to adult-like immature plumage soon after fledging and immatures retain juvenile primaries, secondaries and tail feathers. Immatures also appear to have less distinct breast marking than adults;

Asynchronous growth-bars may be evident in immatures, but habitat conditions vary greatly from year to year so growth-bars may not appear in “good” years.

Moult to complete adult plumage commences at about one year old coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults are aged (2+).

**Sexing :**

There appears to be no sexual dimorphism in measurements. However, adult males can be separated from females by plumage characters as follows:



Males – facial pattern is far more distinct than those of female. This is particularly evident in the width of the black eye stripe below the broad white supercilium stripe. Breast is also more distinctly striped than in female.



Females – all black lines of facial pattern are narrower than male. The black eye strip on the ear coverts dips below the level of the top of the eye. So the strip appears to bulge around the eye. Breast is not as heavily marked by streaking as in the male.

Incubation by female alone.