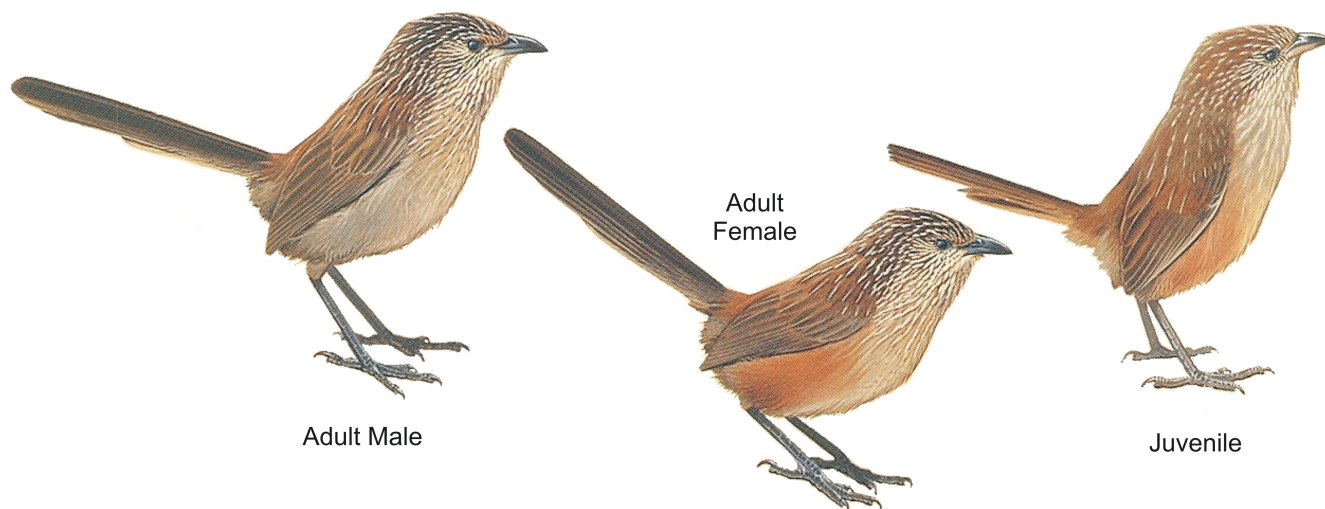


Kalkadoon Grasswren *Amytornis ballarae* **Species No.: 708** **Band size: (trial)**



Morphometrics:

This species was only recently separated from the Dusky Grasswren *Amytornis purnelli*:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	61 – 66 mm	58 – 62 mm
Tail:	76 – 84 mm	72 – 81 mm
Weight:	17.0 – 25.5 g	19.5 – 22.4 g

Ageing:

Fledge in distinctive juvenile plumage and partial post-juvenile moult within a few months results in an adult-like immature plumage with retained juvenile wing and tail feathers – usually only primaries, secondaries and tail which are slightly narrower than adults, but with broader pale edge fringes than adults;

Juvenile tail feathers that are retained by immatures usually have distinctive growth bars;

Moult to full adult plumages commences at about on year of age, thus adults are aged (2+).

Sexing:

Marked sexual difference in plumage (see illustrations above) and males average larger than Females;

It is not certain that only females incubate.