

**Strong-billed Honeyeater** *Melithreptus validirostris* Species No.: 582 Band size: 04



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	36.7 – 41.6 mm	37.4 – 41.7 mm
Wing:	80 – 88 mm	78.0 – 85.5 mm
Tail:	64 – 72 mm	63 – 69 mm
Weight:	23.5 – 30.5 g	17.5 – 28.5 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	black;	orange, changing to brown starting at tip;
Gape:	black;	orange;
Eye:	deep red-brown;	mid-brown;
Eye ring:	pale blue-green;	orange-yellow;
Nape band:	white;	bright lemon fading to white with age;
Abdomen, axillaries & sides of throat:	white;	white, tinged pale yellow.

Juvenile remiges, rectrices and distinctive primary coverts are retained by immatures;  
Full adult plumage is attained in the second summer, thus immatures aged (2-) or (1) depending on time of year and condition of plumage;  
Adults are aged (2+).

**Sexing :**

Males are larger than females;  
Both sexes are thought to brood.