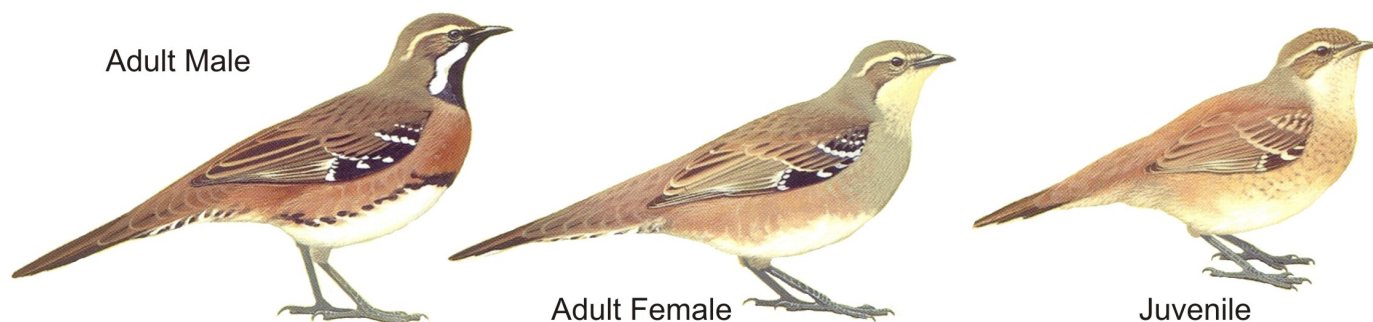


## Chestnut-breasted Quail-thrush *Cinclosoma castaneothorax* Species No.: 438 Band size: (Trial)



### Status:

Formerly recognised as comprising two subspecies - the nominate *C.c. castaneothorax* of NSW & Qld and *C.c. marginatum* of WA. The latter was elevated to species status in 2019 following genetic investigations and is now covered in a separate profile sheet as the Western Quail-thrush *C. marginatum*.

### Morphometrics:

Two subspecies, but the size differences are minimal, so the below measurements recorded for nominate *C.c. castaneothorax* can be applied as a guide to both subspecies measurements:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	90 – 101 mm	90 – 98 mm
Tail:	90 – 102 mm	84 - 99 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	18.6 – 21.5 mm	17.2 – 19.6 mm
Tarsus:	25.5 – 29.6 mm	25.8 – 29.4 mm
Weight:	50 – 76 g	57 – 66.5 g

### Ageing:

The illustrations above illustrate plumage differences between adults and juveniles; Immature females are almost indistinguishable from adults; Immature males appear to have some plumage features of both adult sexes; Immatures appear to retain juvenile remiges, rectrices, greater coverts and alula; Synchronous growth bars in wing and tail are obvious indicators of retained juvenile feathers; Adult plumage is thought to be attained early in their second year coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus age adults (2+)

### Sexing :

Adults differ in plumage and size with males larger than females;  
Juveniles are not plumage dimorphic.  
Both sexes recorded incubating.