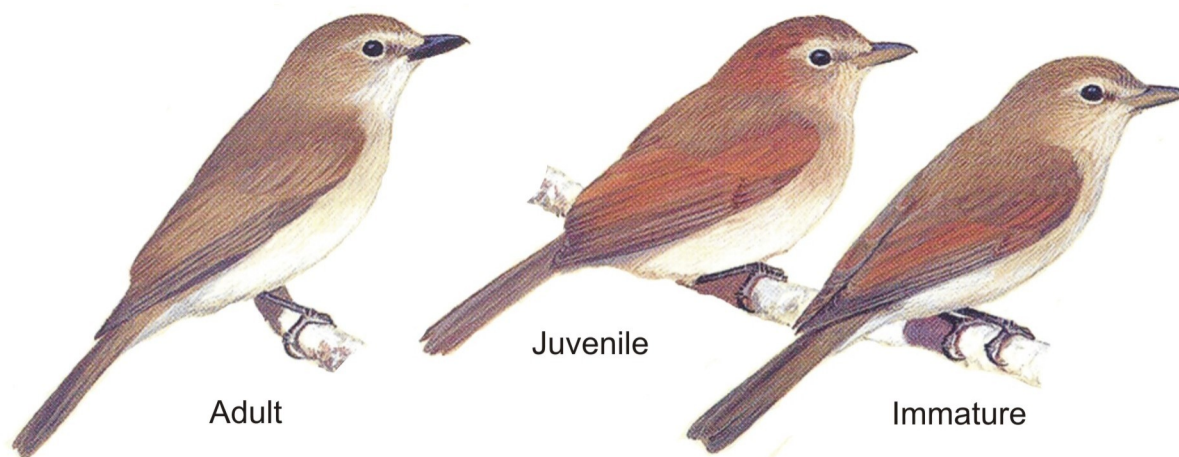


Grey Whistler *Pachycephala simplex* **Species No.: 406** **Band size: 02 AY**



Status:

The Grey Whistler in coastal NT and the Tiwi Islands is the nominate of the Grey Whistler which is widely distributed with about nine other subspecies throughout New Guinea and its satellite islands.

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Bill:	15.4 – 17.3 mm	15.2 – 17.5 mm
Wing:	73 – 78 mm	69 – 77 mm
Tail:	51 – 59 mm	52 – 59 mm
Tarsus:	18.2 – 20.1 mm	18.6 – 20.2 mm
Weight:	16.5 – 20.5 g	16.0 – 20.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature	Juvenile
Bill:	black;	grey-grown or pale grey -brown with grey base to lower mandible;	grey-brown or grey-brown with paler edges;
Iris:	brown, dark brown or brownish-red;	as adult;	dark chestnut or mid-brown;

Juveniles are readily distinguished by the prominence of rufous, particularly in wings & upperparts; Immatures – retain rufous edges to wing coverts and outer edges of secondaries into their second year – so age them either (1) or (2-) depending on time of year related to breeding season; Probably attain adult plumage in early in second year coinciding with post-breeding moult; Adults should thus be aged (2+).

Sexing :

Adults are not sexually dimorphic on plumage or size;
No information on incubation.