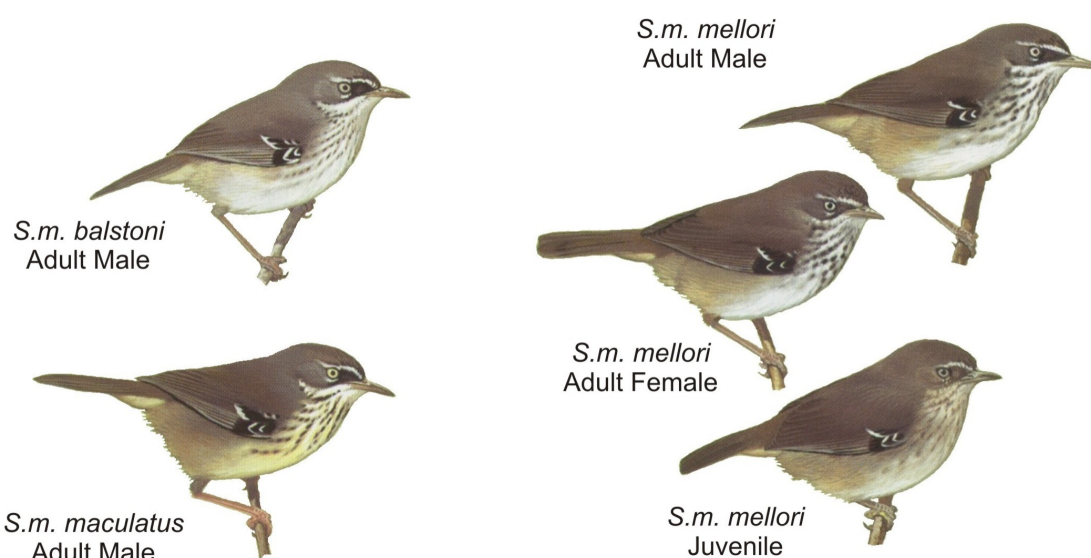


Spotted Scrubwren *Sericornis maculatus* Species No.: 488 (temp) Band size: 02 AY



Morphometrics:

The Spotted Scrubwren was taxonomically separated from the White-browed Scrubwren *Sericornis frontalis* in 2019. Four subspecies are recognised with three of these being illustrated above. The distribution of the subspecies are recorded as follows:

- S.m. maculatus* – s.w. WA from Bremer Bay–Hopetoun NW to Jurien Bay-Dongara;
- S.m. ashbi* – Kangaroo Is, SA;
- S.m. balstoni* – w. WA from Jurien Bay-Dongara to Shark Bay;
- S.m. mellori* – coastal Gulf St. Vincent and s. Yorke and s. Eyre Pens in SA and s.e coastal WA to Hopetoun-Bremer Bay and n. to inner wheatbelt.

There is very little variation in the measurements between the subspecies, but those for the nominate *S.m. maculatus* are provided here as a sample:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Bill:	13.1 – 15.6 mm	12.6 – 14.6 mm
Wing:	50 – 56 mm	49 – 54 mm
Tail:	41 – 53 mm	42 – 50 mm
Tarsus:	19.0 – 22.0 mm	17.1 – 21.2 mm
Weight:	10 – 12 g	9.5 – 12.7 g

Ageing:

The following diagnostic characters apply equally to all subspecies:

	Adult (1+)	Immature/Juvenile (1)
Bill:	black;	grey;
Gape:	grey-black;	pale brown;
Eye:	cream	dull grey;
Eyebrow & moustachial stripe:	prominent;	indistinct;
Lores:	see below under “Sexing”	
Shoulder flash:	distinct white;	indistinct;
Coverts:	brown;	buff;
Feet & legs:	pinkish grey;	pink

Sexing

Sexually dimorphic plumage and males may be slightly larger than females;
 Males – black lores and some also black behind the eye between eyebrow and moustachial stripes;
 Females – grey to brown lores and behind eye;
 Incubation by female only.