

White-bellied Whipbird *Psophodes leucogaster* **Species No.: 422** **Band size: 05 IN**

(Species code not yet allocated – use 422 for Western Whipbird)



Status:

Separated in 2017 from the Western Whipbird *P. nigrogularis* on the basis of mitochondrial DNA comparison.

Morphometrics:

Two subspecies, nominate *P.l. leucogaster* (Vic & mainland S.A) and *P.l. lashmari* (Kangaroo Island) all appear to have similar measurements, but there are few specimens, so all are lumped together below for interest sake alone:

	Unsexed
Bill (tip to skull):	24.1 – 25.4 mm
Wing:	78 – 88 mm
Tail:	108– 121 mm
Tarsus:	27.7 – 30.6 mm
Weight:	43 – 47 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Nestling/Juvenile
Bill & gape:	variable – pinkish-brown with grey-black edge to upper mandible, black to grey black with paler lower mandible;	dark-greyish with pale yellow tomtia;
Plumage:	little information;	no information;

Immatures said to closely resemble adults within 3 months of fledging but retain juvenile remiges, greater primary coverts and rectrices often with synchronous growth-bars/fault-bars.
Adult plumage probably attained simultaneously with adult post-breeding moult in their second year.

Sexing :

There is no apparent sexual dimorphism in plumage or size;
Both sexes incubate.