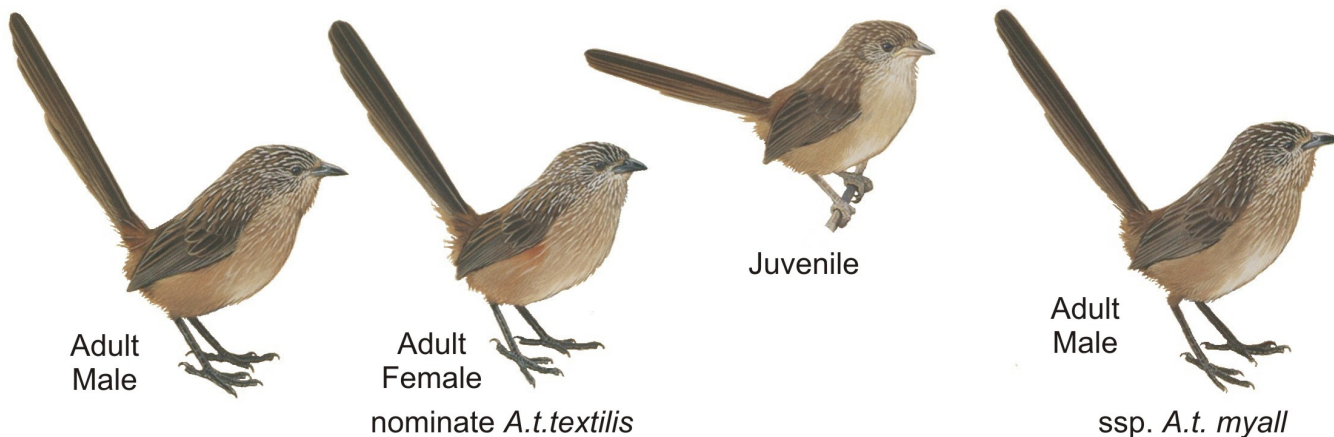


Western Grasswren *Amytornis textilis* Species No.: 512 Band size: 04 (03) AY



Status:

Formerly within the Thick-billed Grasswren complex which is now *A. modestus*.

Morphometrics:

Two subspecies as follows:

	<i>A.t. textilis</i> (WA)		<i>A.t. myall</i> (Gawler Range, SA)	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	63 – 70 mm	63 – 66mm	63 – 68 mm	62 – 67 mm
Tail:	82 – 103 mm	79 – 92 mm	88 – 96 mm	79 – 91 mm
Bill:	13.5 – 15.7 mm	13.6 – 15.1 mm	12.5 – 14.3 mm	12.5 – 15.3 mm
Tarsus:	23.7 – 26.8 mm	24.7 – 26.8 mm	24.5 – 27.3 mm	24.1 – 25.5 mm
Weight:	21.6 – 27.6 g	19.6 – 25.6 g	few records	

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (2-)	Juvenile
Bill:	black to grey-black with blue-grey base to lower mandible;	grey-black;	dark grey with small buff tip
Mouth:	grey	mouth initially orange-yellow changing to greenish-yellow then grey;	orange;

Immatures retain juvenile remiges and rectrices which may show synchronous growth bars; Immatures attain adult plumage when approximately one year old, probably coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus immatures will be either (1) or (2) and adults will be (2+).

Sexing :

Adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage: adult females have a distinct rufous-brown patch on the upper or fore-flanks, whereas this is absent in adult males; Both sexes are thought to incubate.