

**Pilbara Grasswren** *Amytornis whitei* Species No.: 513 Band size: 03 AY

(A species code for this species has not yet been allocated – use 513 for Striated Grasswren)



Status:

The Striated Grasswren ssp. *Amytornis striatus whitei* from the Pilbara Region of WA was elevated to species status in 2016.

Morphometrics:

|         | Adult Male     | Adult Female |
|---------|----------------|--------------|
| Wing:   | 60 – 64 mm     | 59.0 mm (1)  |
| Tail:   | 77 – 90 mm     | 76.3 mm (1)  |
| Bill:   | 14.7 – 16.9 mm | no data      |
| Tarsus: | 24.5 – 26.0 mm | 24.4 mm (1)  |
| Weight: | 20 g (1)       |              |

Ageing:

Juveniles are similar to adults but fluffier;

Immatures are very similar to adults, but retain juvenile primaries, secondaries and tail, but these are only separable from adults if synchronous growth-bars can be detected;

Breed throughout Spring and post-breeding season moult of adults occurs from November on;

Immatures moult to full adult plumage at about 12 months old coinciding with the post-breeding season moult of adults;

So birds identified as adults in Autumn, Winter and Spring will be at least (2+);

Immatures will be either (1) or (2-).

Sexing :

Adult birds can be separated by the colour of the flanks:

- Male flanks – vary from cream or buff to yellow-brown;
- Female flanks – rufous patch on anterior flanks.

Incubation is probably by female only.