

Rusty Grasswren *Amytornis rowleyi* **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 subspecies *Amytornis striatus rowleyi* of the central uplands of the Cooper / Diamantina basin of western Queensland was elevated to species status in 2016

Morphometrics:

The following morphometrics are from a few individuals collected in the Winton / Opalton area of western Qld.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	56 – 62 mm	no data
Tail:	67 – 82 mm	no data
Bill:	13.7 – 14.7 mm	no data
Tarsus:	22.8 – 24.6 mm	no data
Weight:		no data

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.