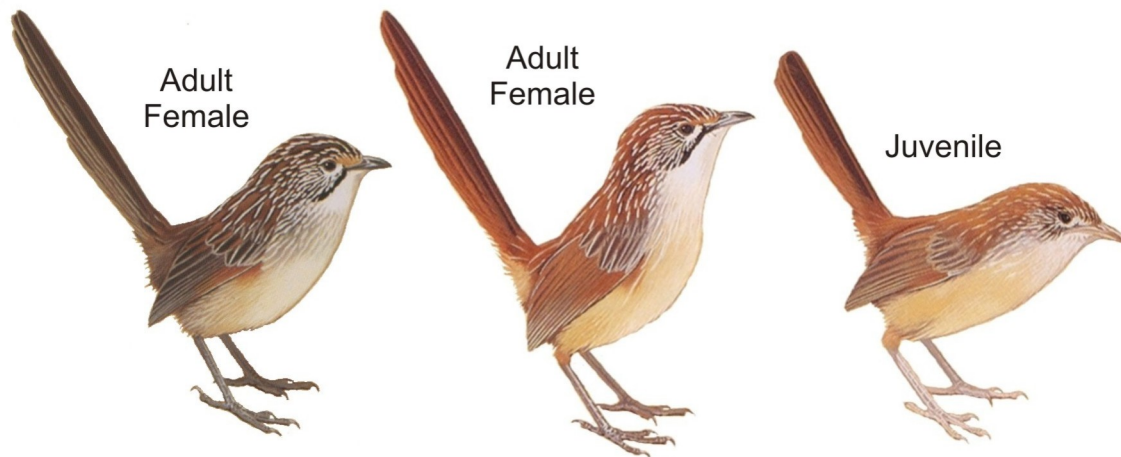


Sandhill Grasswren *Amytornis oweni* Species No.: 513 Band size: 03 AY

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



(Gawler Ranges, SA - dark morph) (central Australia - reddish morph)

Status:

The Striated Grasswren subspecies *Amytornis striatus oweni* from the Gawler Ranges, SA and e. WA, s-w NT & central n. SA was elevated to species status in 2016

Morphometrics:

Morphometrics for the two separate populations are as follows:

| | (Gawler Ranges, SA) | | (n. SA, NT & e. WA) | |
|---------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | Adult Male | Adult Female | Adult Male | Adult Female |
| Wing: | 60 – 66 mm | 58, 61 mm (2) | 57 – 64 mm | 57 – 60 mm |
| Tail: | 83 – 93 mm | 80, 81 mm (2) | 81 – 89 mm | 75 – 84 mm |
| Bill: | 12.4 – 14.7 mm | 13.9, 14.1 mm | 13.2 – 15.0 mm | 11.8 – 15.0 mm |
| Tarsus: | 24.3 – 25.3 mm | 23.2, 23.7 mm | 22.2 – 14.1 mm | 27.1 – 24..3 mm |
| Weight: | no records | | 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 :

Sexes not dimorphic on measurements;
 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.