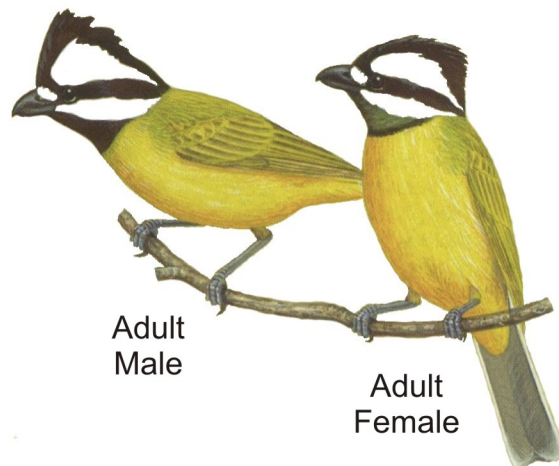


Northern Shrike-tit *Falcunculus whitei* **Species No.: 417** **Band size: 03 AY**



Status:

In 2019 the Crested Shrike-tit was split into three species by the Birdlife Australia Working List v3. Separate field data sheets have therefore been compiled for the three species – Eastern Shrike-tit *F. frontatus*, Western Shrike-tit *F. leucogaster* and Northern Shrike-tit *F. whitei*.

Morphometrics:

Very few records:

	Male	Female
Bill:	16.8, 18.9 mm (2)	16.7 mm (1)
Wing:	83, 85 mm (2)	78 mm (1)
Tail:	58, 61 mm (2)	58 mm (1)
Tarsus:	20.7, 21.0 mm (2)	20.2 mm (1)
Weight:	23.5 g (1)	

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (2-) or (1)	Juvenile (J)
Bill:	black;	black with white tip and grey upper edge;	mostly grey with pale-grey cutting edge;
Gape:	black;	changes from yellow to cream;	orange-buff;
Iris:	dark red-brown, or reddish-brown;	brown, developing red-brown inner ring;	black-brown;
Legs & feet:	grey or blue-grey	blue;	grey;

Upperparts of juveniles are much browner and underparts paler than adults; Juvenile remiges, rectrices and usually the dark greyish-brown alula, are retained in immature plumage; Immatures can also be separated from adults by moult contrast in wings; Immatures commence moult to full adult plumage when approximately one year old; Thus immatures are aged (2-) or (1) depending on time of year and wear of feathers and adults will be aged (2+).

Sexing :

Adults and first immatures are easily sexed by plumage (see above); Males have a black chin and throat whereas females have a grey chin and olive throat.