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AGEING AND SEXING OF THE REGENT HONEYEATER Anthochaera phrygia

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The Regent Honeyeater has been the subject of intensive study and conservation effort over the past decade and a half. Until now, there has been no guide to accurately age and sex Regent Honeyeaters in the field. Being able to age and sex birds potentially provides data on population structure and dynamics. In particular, it can provide a measure of the recruitment of juveniles into the breeding population. Regent Honeyeaters can be confidently allocated to age classes of J, 1, 2- or 2+ based on plumage and soft part characters and sexed based on wing length and head-bill measurements.