

**SEASONAL VARIATION IN HEAD-BILL LENGTH  
FOR THE EASTERN SPINEBILL  
*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris* AT BARREN  
GROUNDS NATURE RESERVE, NEW SOUTH  
WALES**

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Head-bill length (HB) was measured for all Eastern Spinebills captured at Barren Grounds Nature Reserve over a 16-month period. HB for adult males was always greater than for adult females at any given time of the year. Mean HB for both males and females showed a seasonal variation. There was a maximum in midwinter and a minimum in midsummer. Four individuals recaptured on several occasions over the same period showed a similar variation in HB.