

SEX AND AGE CHARACTERS OF THE RUFIOUS SONGLARK

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Most recent texts make reference to the difference between the sexes of the Rufous Songlark *Cinclorhampus mathewsi*, mostly on the basis of body length as a field characteristic. While the size difference can be a useful field mark, as can be the distinctive display flight of the male in breeding season (McGill 1970), there are features of plumage and soft part colours that allow easier and more precise separation of this species into sex and age classes. Some have previously been suggested by Rogers *et al.* (1986).