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BROWN HONEYEATERS Lichmera indistincta AT A BANDING STATION IN SOUTH-EASTERN QUEENSLAND

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Brown Honeyeaters Lichmera indistincta were studied at a banding station near Beerburrum, south-eastern Queensland, between 1971 and 1987. This species was most plentiful between May and September, and major influxes of juveniles occurred in the spring of some years. Comparitively few birds were retrapped in later years and the two oldest birds known were last retrapped just over nine years after banding. Three birds were recovered away from the banding site, all within a 33 km radius. Adult Brown Honeyeaters can be reliably sexed by measurements and weight, males being larger than females. Adults can also be sexed by the colour of the crown grey in males and olivebrown in females. Seasonal changes in the colours of the oral flange of adult males are summarized. The pattern of post-nuptial moult follows the typical sequences for most Australian passerines