

Ageing and Moulting Variations in Mistletoebirds

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Three age classes of Mistletoebirds *Dicaeum hirundinaceum* are defined and data are presented which allow most Mistletoebirds to be separated by plumage characteristics into one of these age classes. Most (30 of 44 = 68%) male Mistletoebirds shed the tertial flight feathers and the greater, median and lesser coverts of the wing during post-juvenile moult. The remaining birds showed a variety of moult patterns.