

Tasmanian Thornbill *Acanthiza ewingii* Species No.: 473 Band size: 01 AY



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies nominate *A.e. ewingii* on Tasmanian mainland & Furneaux Group, and *A.e. ruffifrons* on King Island. Size difference between the subspecies is insignificant and measurements below are for the nominate:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	50 – 56 mm	48 – 55 mm
Tail:	41 – 54 mm	43 – 52 mm
THL:	25.0 – 28.6 mm	
Bill:	9.6 – 12.0 mm	9.9 – 12.0
Tarsus:	20.1 – 23.1 mm	18.3 – 23.0 mm
Weight:	6.5 – 10.5 g	5.5 – 8.2 g

Ageing:

Juvenile similar to adult, with adult characters obtained soon after fledging.

Sexing :

Male larger than female. In one study 11 of 21 males had a wing length wing > 52mm; all 23 females had a wing length < 52mm; Incubation by female only.

Similar species:

Distinguished from Brown Thornbill as follows:

	Brown Thornbill (<i>A.p. diemenensis</i>)	Tasmanian Thornbill (<i>A ewingii</i>)
Forehead:	russet brown with distinct buff or light brown scalloping;	dull rufous brown with indistinct dark grey scalloping;
Throat & breast:	heavily streaked;	faint streaking;
Rump & upper tail coverts:	brown;	rufous-brown;
Undertail coverts:	buff;	off-white to white;
Outer web to primaries:	off-white to buff;	rufous-brown to rufous;
Wing:	47 – 57 mm	48 – 56 mm
Tail:	37 – 51 mm	41 – 54 mm
Bill:	10.3 – 13.9 mm	9.6 – 12.0 mm
Tarsus:	16.9 – 22.1 mm	18.3 – 23.1 mm