

**Striated Grasswren** *Amytornis striatus* Species No.: 513 Band size: 03 AY



**Status:**

Four subspecies were recognised until 2016 when three were elevated to species status. The species is now recognised as occupying only the central & lower Murray-Darling Basin of NSW, Vic & SA. See separate sheets for Pilbara, Rusty and Sandhill Grasswrens.

**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	61 – 67 mm	60 – 66 mm
Tail:	81 – 97 mm	79 – 97 mm
Bill:	11.6 – 15.1 mm	13.0 – 15.1 mm
Tarsus:	23.3 – 26.3 mm	21.6 – 24.7 mm
Weight:	19.3 – 21.6 g	17 – 20.5 g

**Ageing:**

Juveniles are similar to adults but fluffier;  
Immatures are very similar to adults, but retain juvenile primaries, secondaries and tail, but these are only separable from adults if synchronous growth-bars can be detected;  
Breed throughout Spring and post-breeding season moult of adults occurs from November on;  
Immatures moult to full adult plumage at about 12 months old coinciding with the post-breeding season moult of adults;  
So birds identified as adults in Autumn, Winter and Spring will be at least (2+);  
Immatures will be either (1) or (2-).

**Sexing:**

Sexes not dimorphic on measurements;  
Adult birds can be separated by the colour of the flanks:

- Male flanks – vary from cream or buff to yellow-brown;
- Female flanks – rufous patch on anterior flanks.

Incubation is probably by female only.