

Morphometrics and Plumage – ageing and sexing of selected softbills

The Australian Bird Study Association Inc. provides a website with Invaluable information on a number of bird species. As well as detailed information regarding plumage differences in all age brackets it contains information on various morphometric values. In monomorphic species it is not uncommon for individuals of different sexes to vary in their body measurements. In some cases, one selected measurement alone can be used to reliably determine gender. This information can be invaluable for bird breeders to allow appropriate pairings. Each species is presented as its own pdf which I will link directly to in this document. If you wish to peruse the whole document in its entirety, go to <https://absa.asn.au/bird-in-the-hand-2nd-edition/>

For individual species select a link below and open the document for download:

Apostle Bird	Rainbow Bee Eater
Bowerbirds and catbirds	Australian Magpie
Chats	Chough
Crakes, Rails and Swamphens	Dollarbird
Spangled Drongo	Egrets and Herons
Fairy-Wrens and Emu-Wrens	Frogmouths
Grass-wrens	Honeyeaters
Ibis	Inland Dotterel
Kingfishers	Lapwings
Megapodes	Orioles and Figbirds
Pardalotes	Pheasant Coucal
Pigeons and Doves	Pittas
Quail and Button Quail	Stilts and Stone Curlews
Waterfowl	Whipbirds
Whistlers	White Eyes
Woodswallows	