Varied Honeyeater Lichenostomus versicolor Species No.: 609 Band size: 04



Morphometrics:

 Adult Male
 Adult Female

 Wing:
 97 – 107 mm
 92 – 104 mm

 Tail:
 87 – 95 mm
 84 – 91 mm

Weight: 35.5 (one record) 32.5 - 33.0 (two records)

Ageing:

Adult (1+) Juvenile

Bill: grey-back or black; grey-black, lower mandible dull pink or

dirty pink at base;

Gape: yellow; fleshy yellow to orange-yellow;

Crown, nape olive with black-brown feather shafts; light olive, but no striations as in adult;

& hindneck:

Remiges: glossy brown with broad cream to buff brown;

edges to inner webs

Overall the Juvenile plumage is duller than adults.

Juveniles moult soon after fledging to an immature adult-like plumage, but retain some juvenile feathers:

Probably moults to adult plumage during the first Summer / Autumn. Thus all birds that are not identified as juvenile should be aged as (1+).

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage; Adult males average larger than adult females; Female alone incubates.