



Rifleman. Male. Northern Southland, March 2012.



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Acanthisitta chloris (Sparrman, 1787)

Length: 7 - 9 cm

Weight: 6 g

Similar species: Rock wren

Conservation status: Declining

A very small forest bird with short wings, a very short tail, pale grey under-parts and a slender pointed black bill angled slightly upwards.

Males are smaller than females, and are green on the head and back. Females are streaked yellow and brown on the head and back.

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