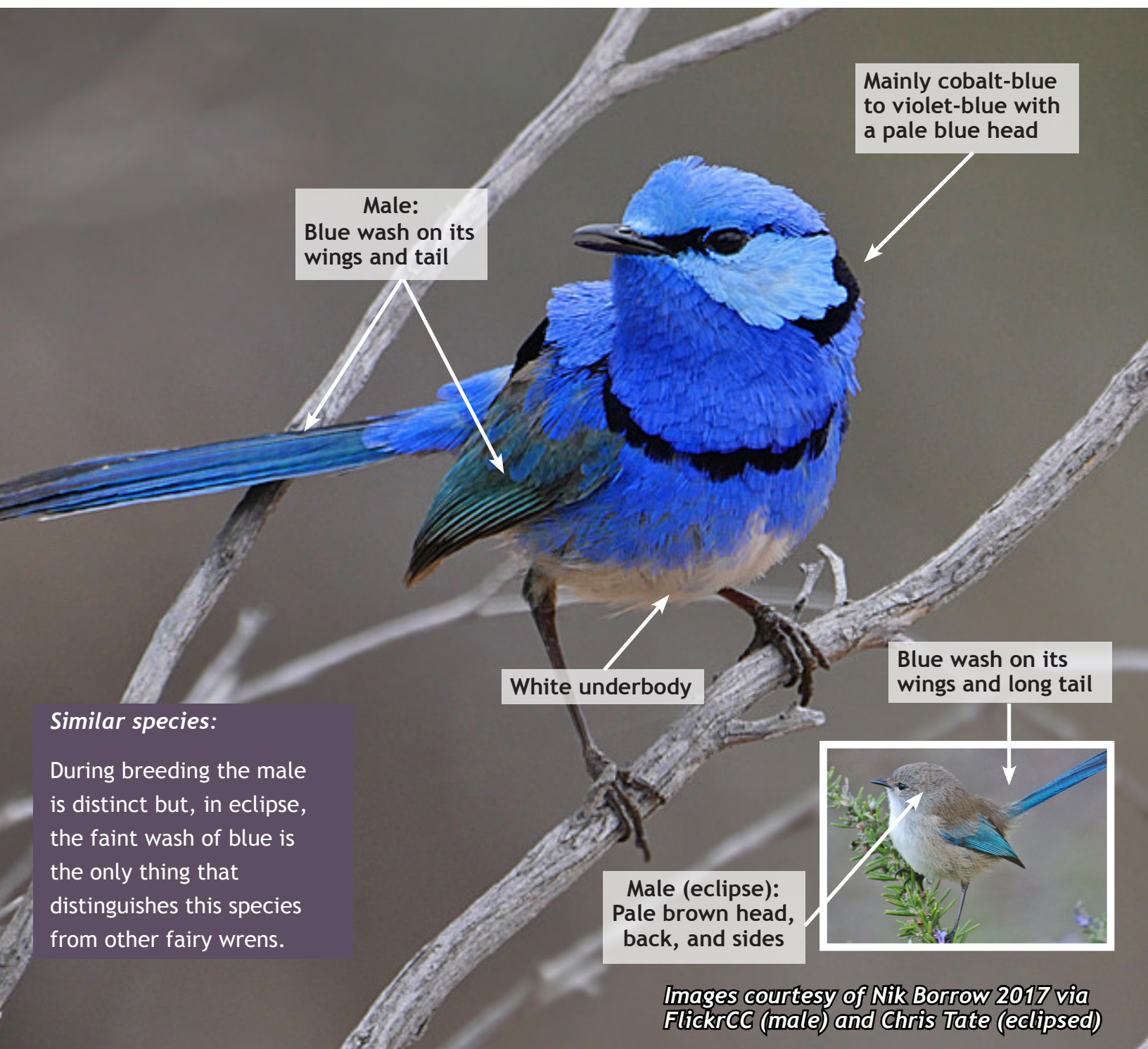


Splendid Fairy-wren *Malurus splendens*

When to look:

August to January,
breeding season is
September to December



Male:
Blue wash on its
wings and tail

Mainly cobalt-blue
to violet-blue with
a pale blue head

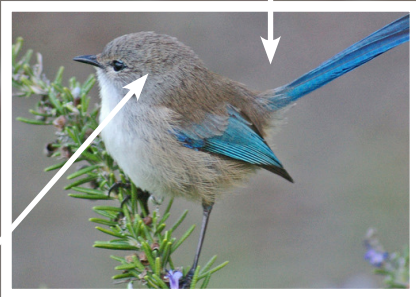
White underbody

Blue wash on its
wings and long tail

Similar species:

During breeding the male is distinct but, in eclipse, the faint wash of blue is the only thing that distinguishes this species from other fairy wrens.

Male (eclipse):
Pale brown head,
back, and sides



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