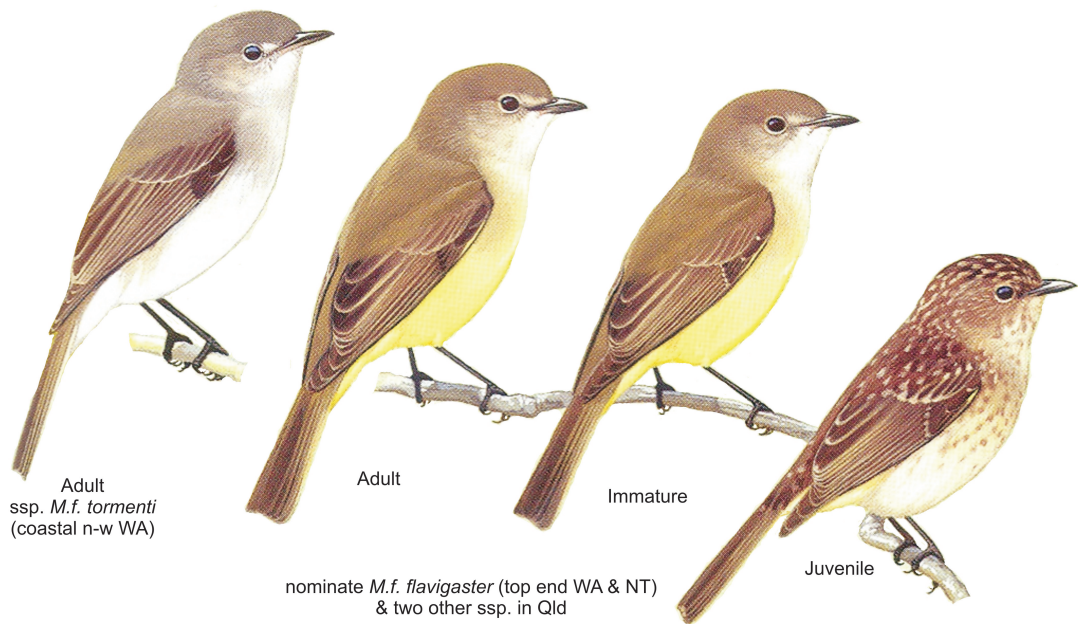


Lemon-bellied Flycatcher *Microeca flavigaster* Species No.: 379 Band size: 01



Morphometrics:

Four subspecies in Australia – nominate *M.f. flavigaster* of the top end of WA and NT; *M.f. tormenti* of coastal n-w WA; *M.f. flavissima* on Cape York s. to Cooktown and *M.f. laetissima* n-e and mid-coastal Qld south of Cairns. Intergrades occur between subspecies.

| | nominate <i>M.f. flavigaster</i> | | ssp. <i>M.f. tormenti</i> | |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| | Adult Male | Adult Female | Adult Male | Adult Female |
| Wing: | 69 – 77 mm | 68 – 73 mm | 73 -81 mm | 69 – 75 mm |
| Tail: | 49 – 56 mm | 47 – 56 mm | 52 – 58 mm | 49 – 56 mm |
| Weight: | 9.3 – 12.5 g | 8 -13.0 g | 11.0 – 14.0 g | 10.0 – 11.3 g |

| | ssp. <i>M.f. flavissima</i> | | ssp. <i>M.f. laetissima</i> | |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | Adult Male | Adult Female | Adult Male | Adult Female |
| Wing: | 72 – 80 mm | 72 – 77 mm | 77 – 82 mm | 76 -79 mm |
| Tail: | 47 – 54 mm | 45 -52 mm | 50 – 55 mm | 49 – 55 mm |
| Weight: | 11.5 – 14.0 g | 10.0 – 14.0 g | 11.0 – 14.5 g | 12.0 – 15.0 g |

Ageing:

| | Adult (1+) | Juvenile |
|-------|--|-------------|
| Bill: | mostly grey-black with paler brown to dull pink suffusion to base of lower mandible; | dark brown; |
| Iris: | black-brown; | dark brown; |

Immatures retain juvenile greater primary coverts and outer secondary coverts, alula, remiges and rectrices;
Immature moult to adult plumage occurs at the end of the first year or early in the second year. Thus adults should be aged (2+) and immatures either (2-) or (1) depending on timing and wear condition of remiges and rectrices.

Sexing :

There is no sexual dimorphism in size or plumage;
Not known whether both sexes incubate.