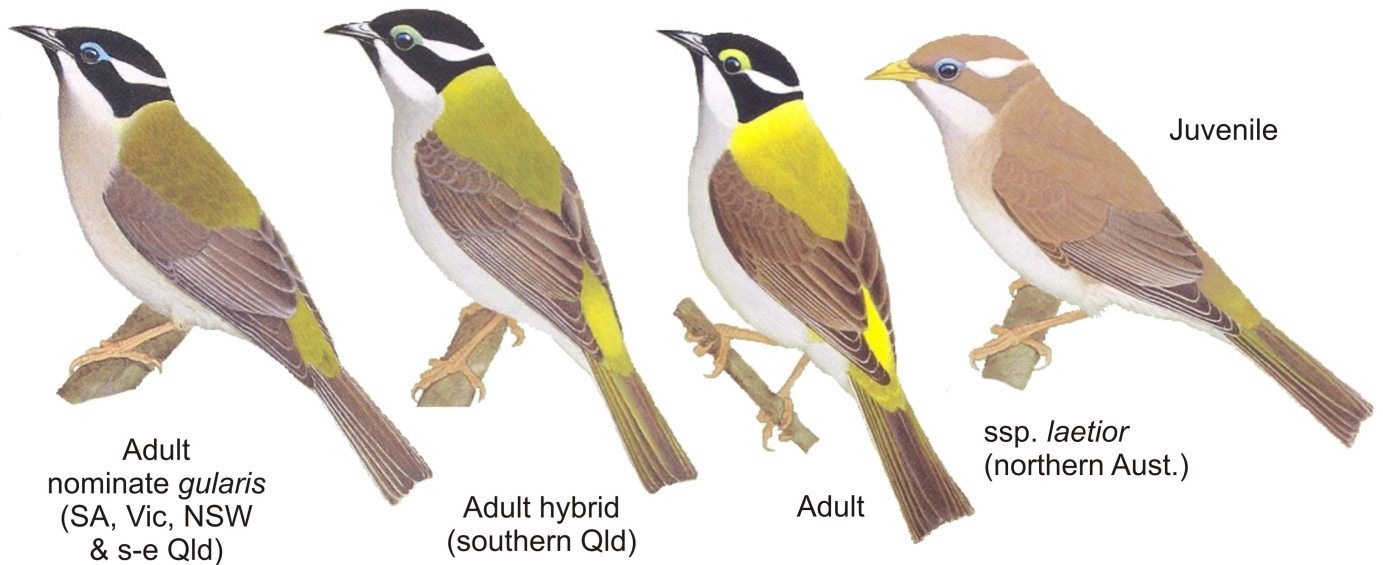


Black-chinned Honeyeater *Melithreptus gularis* Species No.: 580 Band Size: 03



Morphometrics:

Two subspecies with measurements as follows:

	Nominate <i>M.g. gularis</i>		Ssp. <i>M.g. laetior</i>	
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Adult Male	Adult Female
THL:	33.2 – 36.9 mm			
Wing:	78 – 91 mm	79 – 91 mm	78 – 88 mm	80 – 88 mm
Tail:	56 – 73 mm	58 – 71 mm	60 – 68 mm	58 – 68 mm
Weight:	20.5 – 20.5 g	19 g (one record)	19.5 – 20.5 g	17.0 – 20.5 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (1) or (2-)
Bill:	black	upper mandible orange-brown, lower mandible orange;
Gape:	black	orange
Iris:	reddish tinge	brown
Skin above eye (<i>gularis</i>):	sky blue	dull bluish
(<i>laetior</i>):	light green, pale green or yellow;	pale grey to pale green or yellow;
Chin:	black;	grey
Plumage generally:	black, white & olive	brownish – traces retained into second year;

A partial post-juvenile moult within a few months of fledging results in an immature plumage that is superficially like adult plumage, but juvenile remiges and rectrices and sometimes primary coverts are retained. Depending on time of year, immatures can be aged (1) or (2-); Full adult plumage is attained in the second summer. Thus adults are aged (2+)

Sexing:

Not sexually dimorphic in plumage or size.

Not known whether male broods, but possibly immature “helpers” assist female with brooding.