

Yellow Thornbill *Acanthiza nana* **Species No.: 471** **Band Size: 01 AY**



Status:

There are three subspecies recognised – nominate *A.n. nana* (coastal Moreton Bay, Qld s. to Eden, NSW); ssp. *A.n. modesta* (Vic, s-e SA, inland NSW, coastal n. Moreton Bay & inland Qld); ssp. *A.n. flava* (n-e uplands of Qld)

Morphometrics:

Size difference between the subspecies is insignificant - measurements below are for the nominate:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	46 – 52 mm	46 – 49 mm
Tail:	32 – 44 mm	33 – 37 mm
Bill:	9.1 – 11.7 mm	9.0 – 10.5 mm
Tarsus:	16.1 – 18.6 mm	15.9 – 18.2 mm
Weight:	5.4 – 7.0 g	5.0 – 7.2 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Immature/Juvenile (1)
Bill and tomia:	black with pinkish-brown or pale-grey base to lower mandible;	brownish grey with pale yellow nasal groove and tomia;
Gape:	black;	pale yellow;
Palate:	black;	orange-yellow;
Iris:	dark brown with grey-brown outer ring, but also described as olive-brown, pale grey or off-white;	brown;
Forehead, crown, nape & hindneck:	grey-olive with light-brown tinge to forehead of some;	grey-brown;

Adult-like Immatures (1) may have retained Juvenile remiges and / or rectrices and may have synchronous fault-bars or growth-bars;
Adult plumage is attained toward the end of the first year;

Sexing:

Not plumage dimorphic, but some males are larger than the largest females (see measurements above);
Might be sexed on cloaca/tubules during breeding season;
No information as to whether only female, or both sexes develop brood patches.