

Yellow-rumped Thornbill *Acanthiza chrysorrhoa* Species No.: 486 Band Size: 01 AY



Status:

Four subspecies recognised – nominate *A.c. chrysorrhoa*; (s-w & central WA); *ssp. A.c. leighi* (from NSW-Qld border region, s & s-w to Vic & s. SA); *ssp. A.c. leachi* (Tas) and *ssp. A.c. normantoni* (central & n-e Aust.)

Morphometrics:

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

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	54 – 61 mm	53 – 62 mm
Tail:	34 – 45 mm	36 – 44 mm
Bill:	9.6 – 12.7 mm	10.9 – 12.8 mm
Tarsus:	17.3 – 19.8 mm	16.8 – 19.6 mm
Weight:	7.0 – 9.4 g	7.5 – 9.5 g

Ageing:

	Adult (1+)	Immature/Juvenile (1)
Bill:	black;	brown;
Gape:	black;	yellow through brown to black;
Iris:	varies greatly, but light colour;	dark brown becoming lighter;
Forehead:	black-brown with distinct white spotting;	grey-black with diffuse cream to buff spots
Eyebrow:	distinct white;	off-white;

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 size or plumage dimorphic.

Can be sexed on cloaca/tubules/presence or absence of brood patch during the breeding season.

Only females develop brood patch.