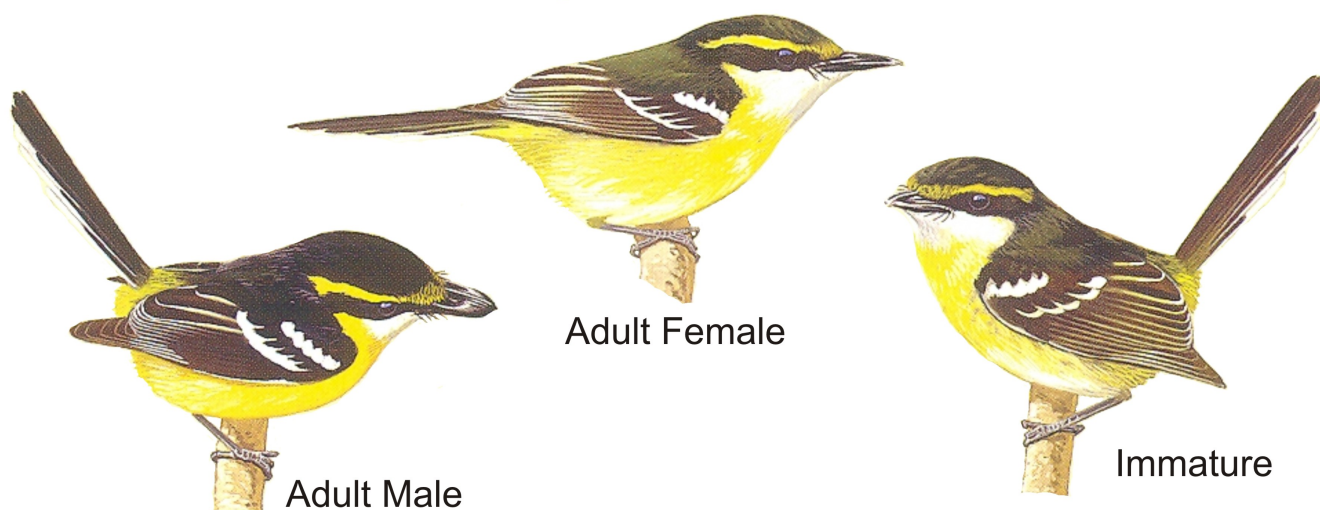


**Yellow-breasted Boatbill** *Machaerirhynchus flaviventer* Species No.: 368 Band size: 01



**Morphometrics:**

Two subspecies occur in Australia – *M.f. flaviventer* of northern Cape York Peninsula and *M.f. secundus* occurs from southern Cape York through the Atherton Region to west of Townsville – but they differ only slightly in plumage and size, so the measurements given below are combined for both subspecies.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	57 – 62 mm	56 – 61 mm
Tail:	47 – 56 mm	48 – 57.5 mm
Weight:	8.6 – 11.0 g	8.6 – 11 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile / Immature (J) or (1)
Bill:	black-brown;	paler and browner than adult;
Breast:	female has off-white or pale yellow breast with indistinct greyish subterminal bands or chevrons to most feathers forming diffuse greyish barring or chevrons across breast.	similar base colour to adult female, but with bold dark-grey barring and mottling particularly at sides of upper breast;

Immatures apparently retain all light brown juvenile rectrices, remiges, greater coverts and alula; Probably attain adult plumage at first complete first immature post-breeding moult, so birds in immatures plumage will all be in their first year – age (1) – and adults (1+).

**Sexing :**

Sexually dimorphic on plumage, as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Upper forehead, crown & nape:	black;	greyish-olive, grading to yellow on lower forehead;
Hindneck & back:	black with olive-grey tinge;	greyish olive;
Supercilium:	bright yellow;	yellow in front of eye grading to pale yellow or whitish behind eye;
Breast:	yellow;	see above under “Ageing”;
Belly, vent & undertail coverts:	yellow;	pale yellow grading to off-white in centre of belly;
Upperwing:	glossy black;	dark brown;

Incubation by both sexes.