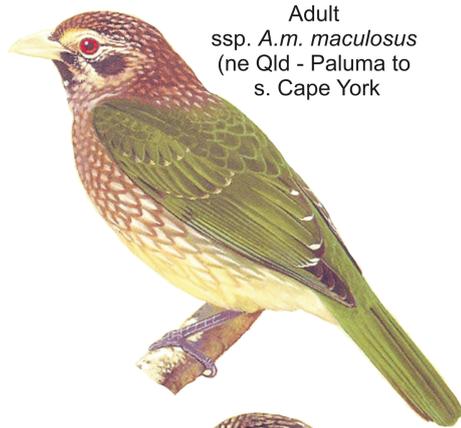


**Spotted Catbird** *Ailuroedus melanotis* Species No.: 677 Band size: 07 (08)



Adult  
ssp. *A.m. maculosus*  
(ne Qld - Paluma to  
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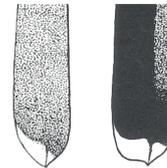


Adult  
ssp. *A.m. joanae*  
(Iron & McIlraith Ranges,  
Cape York, Qld)



Immature

Shape and pattern of  
rectrix (t5) -  
Juvenile Adult



**Morphometrics:**

Measurements below are for *A.m. maculosus*. Limited data suggests *A.m. joanae* is slightly smaller;

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	139 – 155 mm	140 – 154 mm
Tail:	95 – 113 mm	94 – 103 mm
Weight:	160 – 201 g	140 – 176 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill & gape:	pale greyish-yellow, pinkish-white or off white;	dirty whitish with yellow gape;
Iris:	crimson, red or pale chestnut;	bluish-grey, blackish grey toward pupil, or olive-green, whitish-brown or brown;
Green upper plumage:	bright dark green with narrow bluish fringes to feathers when fresh;	dull olive-green
Breast:	boldly marked with off-white spots on brown or brownish-green scalloping;	as for adult but with greenish wash;

Juveniles undergo a partial moult to immature plumage soon after fledging;

Immatures retain juvenile remiges and rectrices that are narrower and more pointed than adults (see illustration);

Moult to adult plumage commences at about one year old, coinciding with post-breeding moult of adults. Thus adults are aged (2+);

**Sexing:**

No difference in plumage, but adult males slightly larger than adult females;

Incubation by female only;