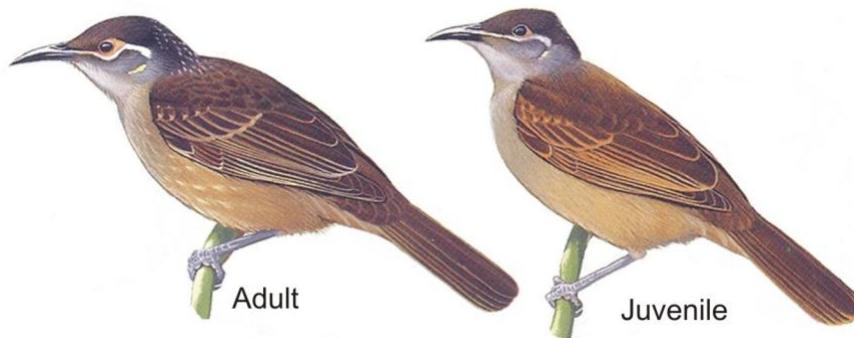


Tawny-breasted Honeyeater *Xanthotis flaviventer* Species No.: 629 Band size: 05 AY



Morphometrics:

Thirteen subspecies recognised with the one subspecies in Australia found on northern Cape York, Qld, with measurements as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	95 – 103 mm	88 – 102 mm
Tail:	72 – 88 mm	68 – 82 mm
Bill:	26.0 – 30.7 mm	25.5 – 28.4 mm
Tarsus:	25.2 – 27.7 mm	24.4 – 25.9 mm
Weight:	33.0 – 41.0 g	26.5 – 37.0 g

Ageing:

There is a dearth of information on ageing on either bare parts or plumage characters except for various statements that juveniles / immatures are “similar” or “very similar” in appearance to adults, but “plainer”, “duller”, “lighter” or “paler”;

Probably the most obvious differences are:

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Forehead & crown:	dark olive-brown;	pale olive-brown;
Nape & hindneck:	grey-black with small pale grey rosethorns;	olive-brown without rosethorns;
Belly:	light brown with diffuse cream rosethorns;	light brown without rosethorns;
Coverts, remiges & alula:	dark brown with narrow rufous to light brown fringes;	dark brown to light brown with rufous-brown fringes;

Partial post-juvenile moult results in mostly adult-like first immature plumage, but juvenile remiges and rectrices are retained;

Adult plumage is attained early in the second year coinciding with adult post-breeding moult, so adult-like birds with worn juvenile remiges and rectrices will be aged (2-) and Adults (2+).

Sexing :

No sexual dimorphism in plumage, but some adult males are larger than adult females (see measurements above);

Incubation said to be by female alone.