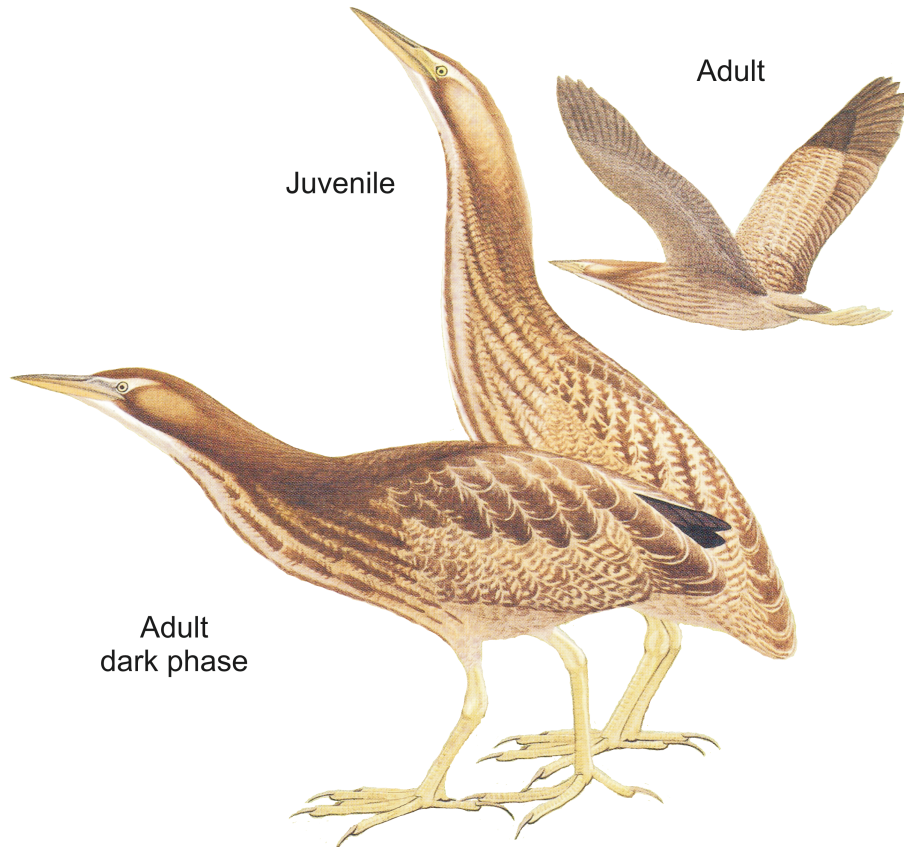


**Australasian Bittern** *Botaurus poiciloptilus*

**Species No.: 197**

**Band size: 11 SS**



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Bill:	67.4 – 74.6 mm	63.0 – 70.9 mm
Wing:	339 – 378 mm	309 – 355 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	226 – 255 mm	205 – 233 mm
Tail:	110 – 135 mm	102 – 121 mm
Tarsus:	100.1 – 111.7 mm	89.2 – 104.6 mm
Weight:	875 – 2085 g	571 – 1135 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (2+)	Juvenile
Bill:	straw yellow to buff with dark grey, dark blue-grey or grey-black culmen;	greenish yellow to olive-grey with dark grey-brownish culmen;
Iris:	orange-buff to brown or yellow;	yellow;
Facial skin:	encroaches onto base of bill, in some light grey or light bluish grey to grey, but in others green and darker at tomia with dark olive-brown stripe from eye to nostrils;	light green, greenish yellow behind and below eye with narrow black-green stripe from eye to nostrils;

Little data available on plumage, except that juveniles tend to be lighter than adults, but some adults are very pale not unlike juveniles;  
 No information on moult sequences, so age all adults as (1+).

**Sexing:**

Some adult males are larger than adult females, but there are overlaps in all measurements – see measurements above;  
 There is no information on incubation.