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Banding the Yellow-plumed Honeyeater on the Mount Mary Plains, South Australia

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Yellow-plumed Honeyeaters *Lichenostomus ornatus* have been banded* and retrapped over a number of years in the Sutherlands and Bower districts 110 km N.E. of Adelaide, as part of the Mount Mary Plains Survey in South Australia. Numbers of the species present fluctuate seasonally more than is indicated by the very limited movements recorded between banding stations. Results are presented on habitat preferences, relative abundance, longevity and on variation in the weight of birds in the population studied. Changes in the colours of soft parts and in the plumage from juveniles to the adults are described.