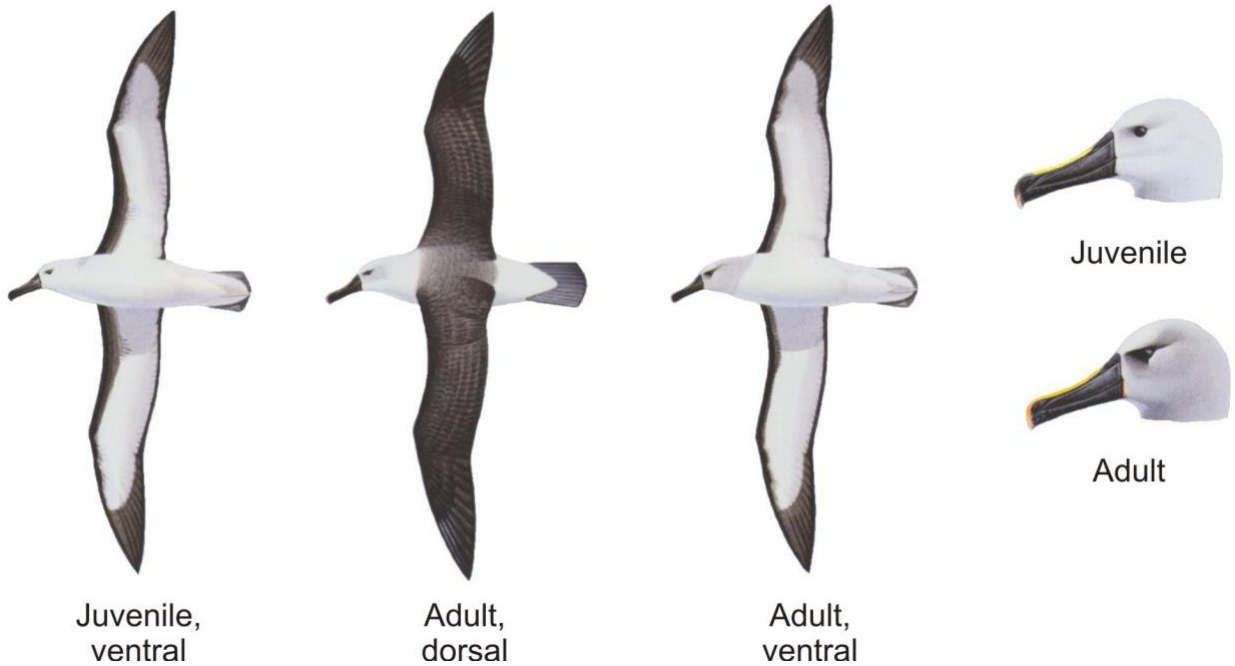


Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche chlororhynchos* Species Code.: 906 Band: [M]



Status:

Renamed in 2004 from Yellow-nosed Albatross subspecies *T.c. chlororhynchos* to species status as Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross at the same time subspecies *T.c. bassi* was elevated to species level as Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross *T. carteri*.

Morphometrics:

	Unsexed
Wing:	483 – 520 mm
Tail:	118 – 214 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	107.6 – 121. 8 mm
Weight:	1.780 – 2.840 kg

Ageing:

Juveniles differs from Adults in white head with smaller eye patch (see illustrations above);
The upper tip of the Juvenile bill is black, whereas Adults is cream;
Juveniles also have light pink tarsus and feet, whereas the tarsus, feet and claws of Adults are whitish suffused with grey-mauve, or with light bluish grey;
The distinctive yellow culminicorn (upper bill) stripe develops slowly, passing through stages of brown and brownish yellow before the Adult colour of yellow to orange yellow is achieved – the period over which this colour change occurs is unknown.

Sexing:

No information, though it has been suggested that the male of a breeding pair has a longer bill than the female;
Both sexes incubate.

Similar species:

Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross *T. carteri* has a lighter grey head and may have a shorter wing length.