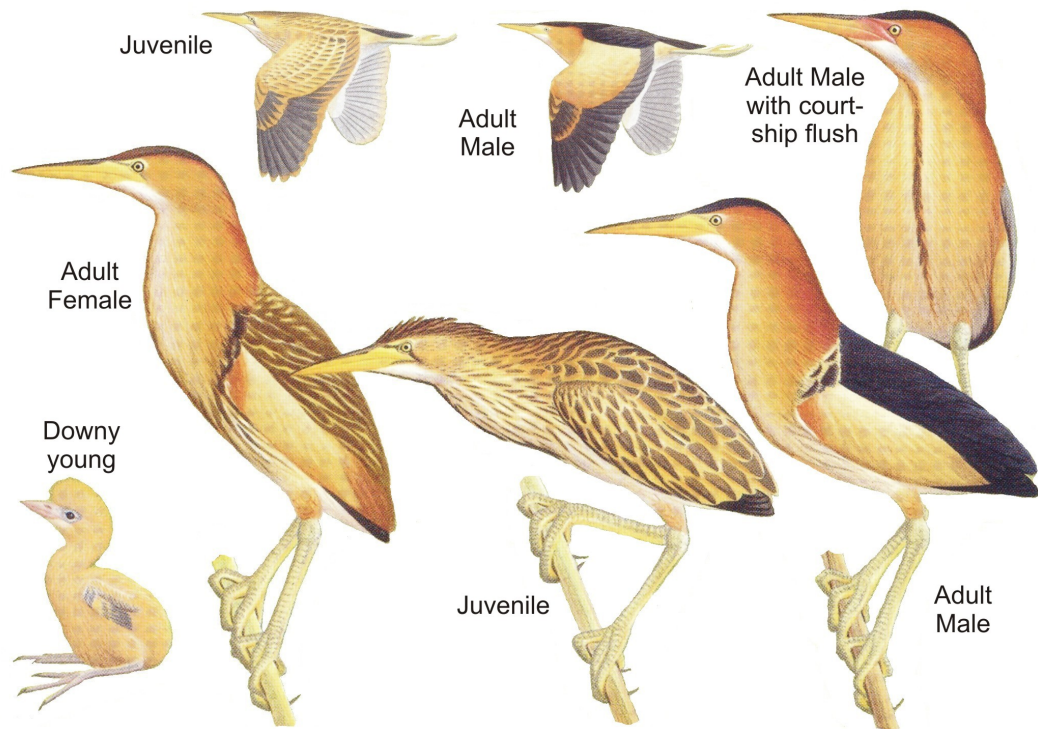


**Little Bittern** *Ixobrychus minutus*

**Species Code: 219 Band: [E(SS)]**



**Morphometrics:**

A worldwide species with four recognised subspecies – measurements for the Australasian subspecies *I.m. dubius* are as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	130 – 150 mm	128 – 138 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	92 – 102 mm	87 – 100 mm
Tail:	40 – 48 mm	39 – 48 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	42.0 – 47.8 mm	41.1 – 48.2 mm
Tarsus:	38.0 – 47.4 mm	39.9 – 43.7 mm
Weight:	59 – 120 g	

**Ageing:**

See illustrations;

Adult plumage acquired in second year and first breed in second summer, so age adults (2+).

**Sexing:**

Sexually dimorphic on plumage – see illustrations;  
Not known whether both sexes incubate.