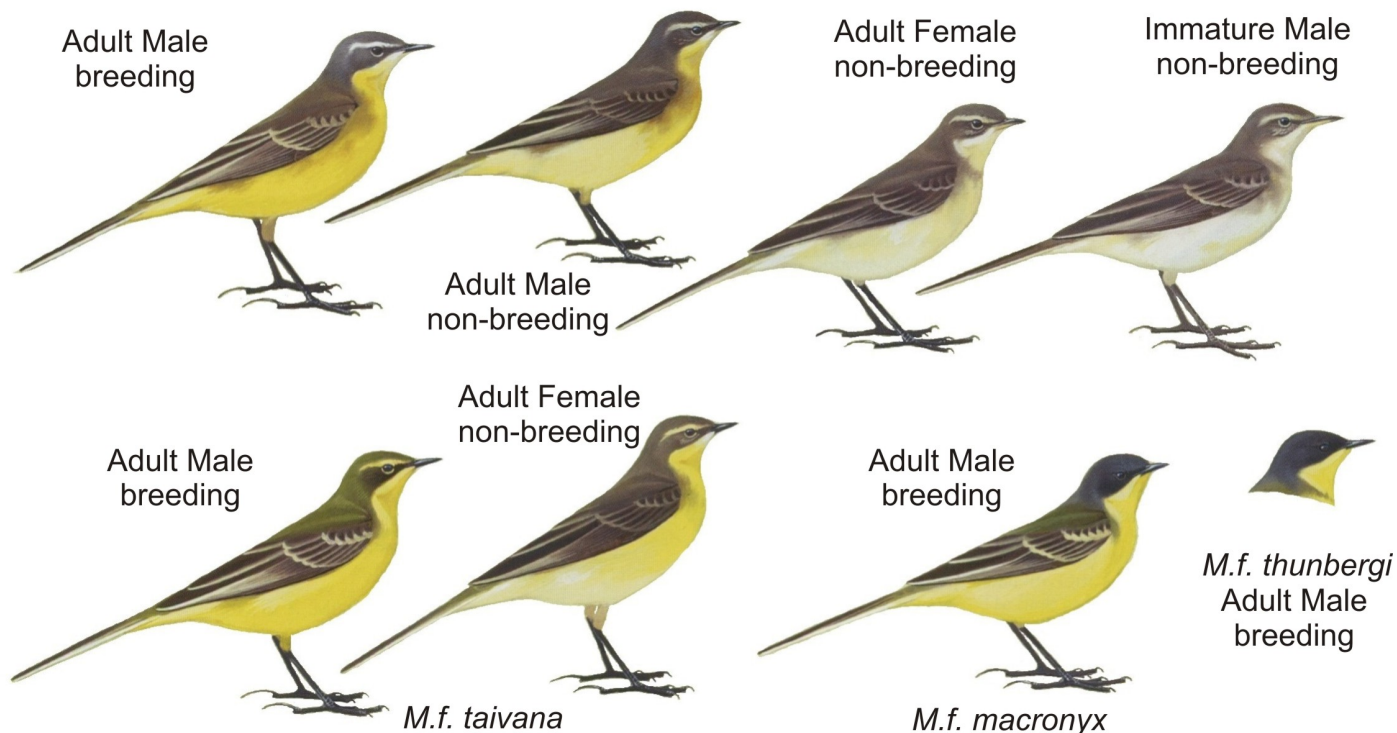


Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* **Species No.: 877** **Band size: 03 (02) AY**

Motacilla flava simillima



Morphometrics:

All four subspecies that have been recorded in Australia are identified by plumage differences (see illustrations above), but all are similar in size. The measurements below are for the *M.f. simillima* which is the most frequently reported subspecies in Australia.

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	77 – 84 mm	79 – 83 mm
Tail:	67 – 76 mm	62 – 73 mm
Bill:	14.9 – 18.0 mm	15.4 – 15.8 mm
Tarsus:	22.9 – 26.4 mm	21.7 – 25.9 mm
Weight:	16.5 – 26.0 g	

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (1)
Crown:	grey;	brown;
Chin:	white;	off-white with brown throat band;
Flanks:	white;	dull white with darker barring;
Undertail coverts:	yellow;	white

Arrive in HANZAB non-breeding areas in immature plumage which is similar to adult plumages except as described above and with retained juvenile outer greater secondary coverts, remiges and rectrices;

Sexing:

Can be sexed on breeding plumage.