

Yellow-billedBlack-billed

Bill:	Lower mandible, at least basally, is light and often yellowish.	Dark, with basal half of lower mandible light -- usually bluish.
Wings:	Considerable rufous on bases of primaries and outermost secondaries.	Much rufous, but duller than in Yellow-billed.
Eyering:	Pale lemon yellow.	Deep chrome yellow.
Underparts:	Usually grayish.	Usually with buffy tinge.
Tail:	Outer retrices broadly tipped with white; central retrices dark to tip.	All retrices narrowly tipped with white which may, infrequently, wear off.
Back:	Warm brown.	Brown, with olive gloss. Feathers often tipped with white.

Clifton, New Jersey

AIDS TO IDENTIFICATION FROM THE BANDING OFFICE

Shortly before the fall migration season this year, the Banding Office distributed a number of separate sheets giving details on plumage and other characteristics to aid banders in the identification, age and sexing of difficult species. They are on the same lines as the above article, although this is an independent work and has no connection with the Banding Office's data sheets. If you have not already received a set of these sheets, they may be had upon request from the Banding Office.

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