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banded bird reporting Inbox x



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Hi Deisy-

Yes, good idea to provide contact and reporting info on banded birds...

There are many agencies and organizations that band birds. They use different systems for banding and marking birds, but all can be reported to the Bird Banding Laboratory website: [The Bird Banding Laboratory](https://www.usgs.gov/labs/bird-banding-laboratory) <https://www.usgs.gov/labs/bird-banding-laboratory>

The BBL will then direct the report to the proper agency. Reporting individuals can request an "appreciation certificate" that gives feedback on a banded bird (where, when, who, etc).

If a banded bird is seen, observers should try to take note of:

- time, date, location
- species of bird
- sequence of colored bands on the legs (left and right)
- if a number is visible, that should also be reported (even a partial number is helpful)
- photos are great if possible

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There is no charge for reporting a banded bird, just a good feeling.

If observers have questions, I'm happy to help. Feel free to share my email in the blurb.

Barry