



The North American Banding Council

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Promoting Sound and Ethical Banding Principles and Techniques

The North American Banding Council (NABC) sets standards of knowledge, experience, and skills for bird banders and bird bander trainers.

NABC promotes competence in all aspects of banding, including bird capture, handling, identification, aging, sexing, banding, biometrics, research design, and data collection.

The NABC website is undergoing a makeover. We hope to have our new site launched later this fall.

Did you know that the Bird Banding Offices recommend hard metal bands for use on some species? Hard metal bands can be more challenging to apply than aluminum bands. NABC and the Canadian Bird Banding Office have produced a short video on the use and application of hard metal bands. Look for it on your banding office website, YouTube or through the NABC Facebook page. Once our website is fully functional, you will find it there, too.

Bander Certification

NABC manages a voluntary certification program. Certification requires passing a written test and field evaluation of your banding skills.

Up-coming training and certification sessions:

Waterfowl Banding Workshop

Place: Bark Lake near Halliburton, Ontario

Date: 27-29 Jul 2011

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Passerine Certification Sessions

Place: Miami University Field Station

Oxford, Ohio

Date: 6-9 Oct 2011

Contact: Tom Bartlett -

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Place: Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, near
Rochester, New York

Date: 30 Sep - 3 Oct 2011

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The Costa Rica Bird Observatories hosted an NABC certification session last November. Candidates from five Latin American countries participated and three candidates were certified as Trainers, two as Banders, and two as Assistant Banders. Congratulations everyone!

In April 2011 the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Klamath Bird Observatory sponsored an NABC training and certification session at the Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton, Illinois. Personnel from several wildlife refuges attended.

If you are a certified bander or trainer, please remember to update your contact information by contacting Anthony Hill at Anhinga130@hotmail.com

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For more information on NABC, bander certification, obtaining manuals, or other ways you can participate, please visit our website <http://www.nabanding.net/nabanding/> or "like us" on Facebook.