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Report a bird with a Federal Band or Color Marker

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Thank you for reporting a bird with a Federal Band or Color Marker!

If you have already reported your Federal Band or Color Marker and want another copy of your Certificate of Appreciation [click here](#)

PLEASE NOTE: If the band has the letters "AU", "IF", "CU" "NPA" or "IPB" it is probably a captive pigeon band. Please do not report captive pigeon bands to the BBL, we do not keep a database of these birds. You can find more information at: <http://www.pigeon.org/lostbirdinfo.htm>

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When you submit a report, we will provide you the details about when and where the bird was originally marked. A copy of your report will be provided to the researcher who originally applied the band and/or marker.

Your report will be added to a database maintained cooperatively by the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory and Canadian Wildlife Service, Bird Banding Office. This database contains more than 4 million band encounter records that document movements, longevity, and sources of mortality for North America's migratory birds. This information is used to monitor populations, set hunting regulations, restore endangered species, study effects of environmental contaminants, and address such issues as Avian Influenza, bird hazards at airports, and crop depredations.

If you experience problems using this website, please contact us at bandreports@usgs.gov.

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Please select all the options that apply to you:

- I am the finder or am reporting on behalf of the finder.
- I am a bird bander or a bander's assistant.
- I am Federal, State, or Provincial official.

I am reporting a:

- Numbered metal Federal band.
- Numbered metal Federal band and color marker from the same bird.
- Color marker only.Help

Do you know the species?

- Yes
- No

Band Number - Help

Is the band too worn to read?
 If so, please contact us at bandreports@usgs.gov or 301-497-5825

Reward Number (if present)

How obtained? Please select how the bird/band was obtained Help

Status of the band Please select a band condition Help

Status of the bird Please select a bird condition Help

Date of encounter Date Picker mm/dd/yyyy

If you do not know the exact date you encountered the bird [click here](#)

Comments
 Help

Maximum 250 characters

Please complete only those fields which describe the markers seen on the bird

Neck Collar <input type="checkbox"/> 1	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Leg Flag
Wing Tag <input type="checkbox"/> 3	4 <input type="checkbox"/> Tail Streamer
Nasal Saddle/Disk Nasal Marker <input type="checkbox"/> 5	6 <input type="checkbox"/> Web/Toe Tag
Color Leg Band (Left Leg) #1 <input type="checkbox"/> 7a	8a <input type="checkbox"/> Color Leg Band (Right Leg) #1
Color Leg Band (Left Leg) #2 <input type="checkbox"/> 7b	8b <input type="checkbox"/> Color Leg Band (Right Leg) #2
Color Leg Band (Left Leg) #3 <input type="checkbox"/> 7c	8c <input type="checkbox"/> Color Leg Band (Right Leg) #3
Was there dye? <input type="checkbox"/>	Was there an electronic device? <input type="checkbox"/>

Comments

Maximum 250 characters

If the bird did not have an auxiliary marker [click here](#)

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Please select the country and state/province of your encounter

Country: United States

State/Province: - Continue >>

Please enter your contact information:

1. First Name

Last Name

Email

Daytime Phone

(please enter digits only, it will be formatted automatically)

Country

United States

Street Address

(Please Note: For US locations, you only need to provide Address and Zip Code; City and State will be filled in by system automatically.)

Zip or Postal Code

City

State

Would you like to receive a certificate of the banding data via email?

Yes No

Your response will apply to any additional contacts as well.

Add Additional Contact

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Please review the information you have entered below

Send to BBL

If there are any errors, click "edit" next to it and make corrections.

If the information is correct, click "Send to BBL" button to complete your submission.