



Bird Banding Workshops at Starr Ranch Spring 2012

Beginning and Advanced Banding Workshops March 17-18 and March 24-25

Audubon California's 4000-acre Starr Ranch Sanctuary in southeast Orange County invites you to our spring bird banding workshops for adults. Starr Ranch Bird Observatory runs two long-term bird monitoring programs. The international MoSI (Monitoring Overwintering Survival) program examines the over-winter survivorship of migrant and resident bird populations. The MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) station is part of an international network of over 500 stations examining breeding bird populations. Because of the specialized nature of these workshops, we are asking that only individuals willing to become Starr Ranch bird banding volunteers attend. The workshop will be taught by current Starr Ranch ornithologist Lauren Morgan-Outhisack, certified NABC (North American Banding Council) trainer.

Beginning Bird Banding Workshop -- This workshop is for individuals with little to no bird banding experience. We will focus on the basics: safety, tools, and techniques. Participants will learn how to properly and safely use mist nets and banding tools as well as safe handling and extraction of birds. The second day will focus more on getting hands on experience with extraction and handling of birds as well as introductions into aging and sexing.

Dates and Times: March 17-18, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM daily

Cost: \$120 or \$125 if camping (BYO lunch, morning coffee & bagels provided)

Advanced Bird Banding Workshop – This workshop is for more experienced banders or those who just wish to have a better/more technical understanding of how birds are aged in the hand. Participants will learn how to efficiently use Pyle's guide to identification of birds in the hand, molt strategies, and how to use all this information to age birds in the hand. The second day will be more hands-on with mist netting live birds and practice specimens.

Dates and Times: March 24-25, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM daily

Cost: \$120 or \$125 if camping (BYO lunch, morning coffee & bagels provided)

Class Limit: 12

For Reservations or Questions contact Lauren Morgan-Outhisack at 949-858-0309

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