

Bird banding in North America has had a long and distinguished history. It is widely held that John James Audubon was the first American ornithologist to employ the technique (as early as 1803) when he marked a brood of Eastern Phoebes with silver wire. Thus he was able to follow these birds through the wooded Pennsylvania countryside of his youth.

A nationwide banding program was established in 1909 by the American Bird Banding Association. In 1920, the Biological Survey (which later became part of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service) took over the administration of banding in the U.S.

The **Western Bird Banding Association** was formed in 1925 to provide guidance and assistance to a relatively small number of western bird banders, located then primarily in Southern California. Now an international organization, membership has grown to include banders throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Through various awards, the Association provides support for the development of new banding techniques and incentives for aspiring students and amateurs.

For more information, visit our website at:

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North American Bird Bander is the quarterly publication of the Western, Inland and Eastern Bird Banding Associations. It publishes articles and information important to banders throughout the country. Topics covered:

- Basics of banding, netting and trapping.
- “How to” articles on making and using banding equipment.
- Selected sources and references for techniques on ageing and sexing of birds.
- Summary accounts of western banders.
- Reports on original research by banders.
- Reviews of current books and articles in the fields of bird ecology and behavior, relevant to banding.
- Accounts of the work of other banders in the region.

**Articles from members are
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Annual Conference and Workshop

Each fall the **Western Bird Banding Association** hosts a three-day meeting of its membership somewhere in the West.

The conference program allows interested birders, ornithologists, and banders to exchange ideas, learn new techniques, and share concerns. Meetings may include:

- Displays and demonstrations of banding equipment.
- Bander training workshops.
- North American Banding Council certification sessions.
- Field trips to nearby banding operations.
- Reports, scientific papers and slide presentations that feature banding as a research tool.
- Announcements from representatives of the U.S. Bird Banding Laboratory.
- Banquet with featured speaker and program on current banding topic.
- Election of WBBA Board officers.

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*. . . to encourage and promote
bird banding as a useful tool
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