

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL BANDING INFORMATION

(as of Fall 2012)

Banding Schemes (past and present):

(Only provide information for schemes used prior to the duplicate 2-character engraved color bands if it is easily determined)

2004-present: Duplicate Yellow bands with 2 engraved Black letters/numbers on upper legs; USFWS metal band on either lower leg.

2003: Colors used: Red, Yellow, Light Blue, Black. Adult Birds: Upper Left: Large Yellow band engraved with a Black letter (A or B), Lower Left: One color band, Upper Right: Black band, Lower Right: One color band over USFWS band. Juvenile Birds: Upper Left: Black band, Lower Left: One color band over USFWS band, Upper Right: Large Yellow band engraved with a Black letter (A or B), Lower Right: One color band. Note: In 2003 some birds were outfitted with black radio transmitters attached to the large yellow color bands. These radios should fall off by summer 2004.

Approx. # of band codes used:

406 double-character codes (through 2011)
16 2003 band combinations

Approx. # of codes remaining:

111 double-character codes (all numeric-alpha); MA is intending NOT to use mirrored alpha-alpha codes.
Unknown number of 3-digit flag codes - this must be decided by AMOY Working Group.

Letters/numbers used in (and ones omitted from) codes:

(If different characters used/excluded in different schemes, please note which were used in which instances)

All number used. Letters omitted: B, D, G, I, L, O, Q, S, V, Z
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Code orientation:

2004-2011: horizontal

Use of code delimiters:

(Designate which delimiters were used with which codes if possible)

Dot delimiter: A1-0, C1-0, E1-0, F1-0, H1-0, J1-0, K1-0, M1-0, N1-0, P1-0, R1-0, T1-0, U1-0, W1-0, C1-0, Y1-0, AA, AE-AY, CA-CY, EE-EY.

First character line: all the rest.

bands applied to each bird:

2004-2011: 3 (2 color bands, 1 metal band)

2003: 2-6 (dependent on combo)