

# NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL BANDING INFORMATION

*(as of Fall 2013)*

## **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)**

**2013-present:** Duplicate green bands with white triangle-code configuration (three white engraved horizontally-oriented letters/numbers with one character above two characters) on upper legs; single metal band on either lower leg

**2011-2013:** Green flag with 3 engraved White horizontally-oriented letters/numbers (one digit on round part of band, two digits on flag part of band) on one upper leg; Green round band with 3 engraved White vertically-oriented letters/numbers on other upper leg; USFWS metal band on either lower leg

**2004-2013:** Duplicate Green bands with 2 engraved White letters/numbers on upper legs; USFWS metal band on either lower leg

**1999-2003:** Small blank round colored bands on varying location on legs. Band colors used: Dark Green, Light Green, Dark Blue, Light Blue, Red, Orange, Yellow, White, Black, Magenta. The occasional single-digit code on a color band. Two bands occasionally placed (stacked) at a leg location. A small blank green flag sometimes used. Placement of USFWS metal band always on either lower leg.

## **Approx. # of band codes used (as of Fall 2012):**

513 double-character codes

66 triple-character codes

## **Approx. # of codes remaining (as of Fall 2012):**

5 double character codes remaining.

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,O,Q,S,V,Z

Mirrored codes used.

## **Code orientation:**

**2013-present:** horizontal, vertical, and triangle (see banding schemes)

**2011-2012:** both horizontal and vertical (see banding schemes)

**2004-2011:** horizontal

**1999-2003:** horizontal

**Use of code delimiters:****(Designate which delimiters were used with which codes if possible)**

For two-digit horizontal codes: Used both an underline of first digit in code, as well as a dot between replications of the code.

**# bands applied to each bird:**

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

**1999-2003:** 2-6 (dependent on combo)