

# American Oystercatcher Band Database Update



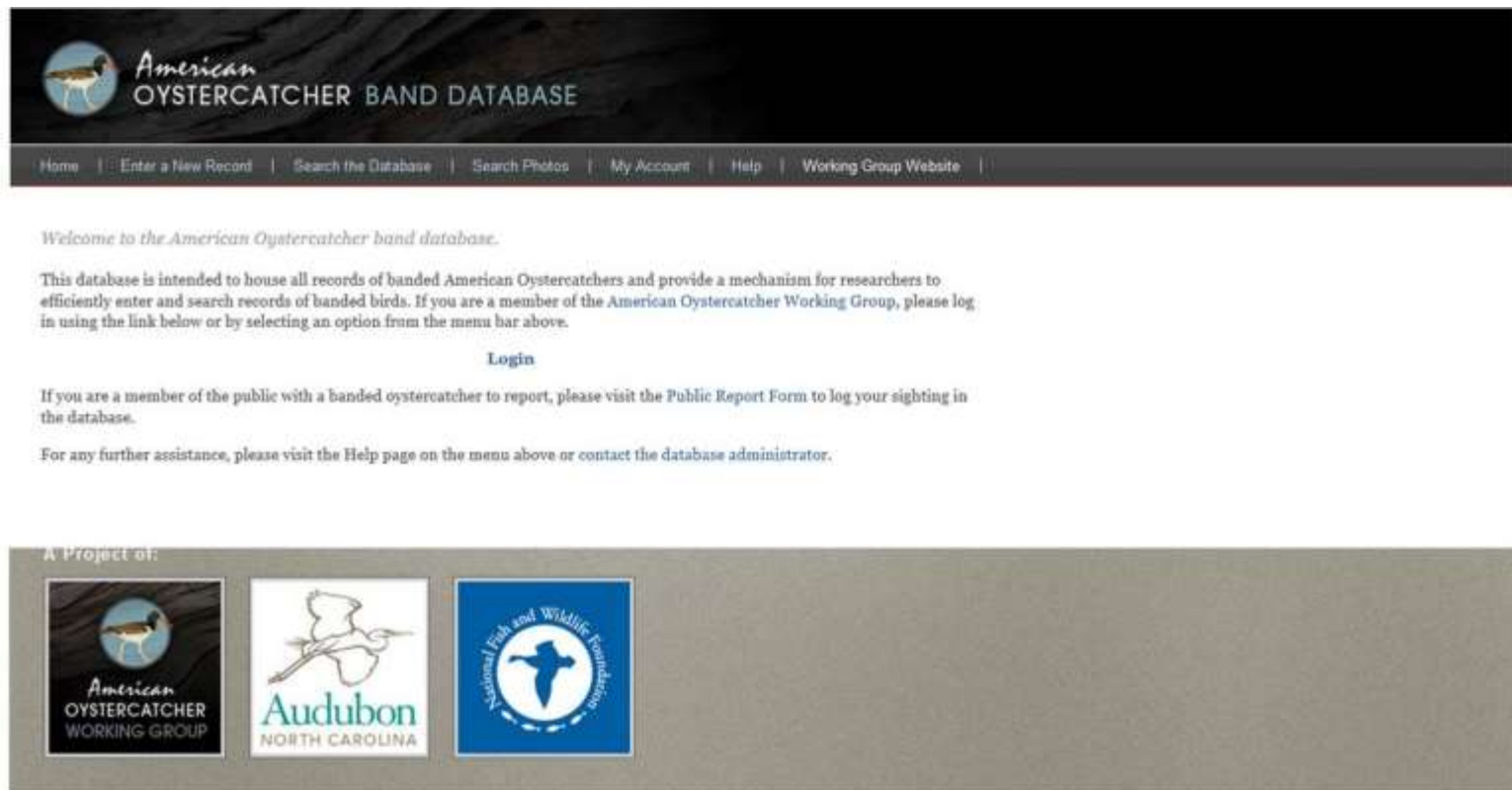
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# Background

Linked to on  
Members page of  
WG website.

Members: <http://ancperch.org/amoy/index.html>

Public: <http://amoywg.org/banding-re-sighting/>



# Current Status

- 36,955 records, soon to be >38,000
- >822 records submitted by the public
- First BBL submission coming up in 2015
  - See Data Sharing Agreement for additional information

# Current Work

- Updated Help page
- Continuing work checking public submissions and general QA/QC as records are added
- Assign FWS numbers to all identifiable individuals
- Add age based on capture records

# Improvements

- Notify members when certain bands are entered
- Some additional data checking within the data entry process
  - Flag duplicate band, site, and date
- KML-based maps for each state's sites and locations

# Tips for Data Entry and Use

- Click on the help boxes
- Look for red error notifications
  - Such as missing code orientation
- Use drop-downs to reduce errors
  - If color/code combination isn't in drop-down bird does not exist or is new un-entered capture
- Get to know old banding schemes
  - [www.amoywg.org](http://www.amoywg.org) has information [here](#) and [here](#)
- Photo search exists
- Google Earth results have been improved
  - Placemarks are clickable and have some pre-set searches
- You can delete and edit records
  - Except for location information, which require admin
- You don't have to use the public form if you are a Working Group member

# Questions for Users

- Definition of “Breeding” and “Non-breeding”

A **breeding** bird is one with eggs or with chicks. A **non-breeding** bird may occur in the breeding season and is a bird that does not have eggs or chicks. Once a breeding bird's chick or chicks have fledged, it is non-breeding. If breeding status could not be confirmed, use **unknown**. The notes field can always be used to add additional information, such as if the bird had scrapes or was territorial but did not yet have eggs. **Dead** indicates a bird found dead. **Other** may be used to indicate a bird in rehab or a bird in some other extraordinary situation; please explain in the notes.

- Suggestions for database improvements?



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