Clarified steps for making dendrobands

*\*The first couple pages contain only the step-by-step instructions for easy printing. Pictures accompanying the steps can be found on the following pages.*

**Notes**

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* dcm = diameter cm. These are the cm measurements on a DBH tape that measure the DBH. Creating a dendroband uses both dcm and normal cm (aka both sides of the DBH tape).
  + **Remember:** 1 dcm > 1 cm
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* Use the following measurements to determine what length dendroband can be applied to a certain tree given its dbh

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| **For a dendroband of length…,** | **apply to tree of DBH...** |
| <= 10 dcm | <= 8 dcm |
| 11-30 dcm | 6-25 dcm |
| 30+ dcm | 20+ dcm |

**Instructions for office**

1. **BEFORE** starting to build, check stash of pre-made and pre-measured bands and use whatever you can of those first.
2. Measure out the band to make sure it is the length you want (in dcm!).
3. Take clip and put band through it, so that smooth side of clip is facing out (outside of curve).
   * To make clips, cut piece of metal that is 4-5 cm long, and fold in thirds (or close to thirds) such that a dendroband can slide through the space created.
4. Slide it on enough such that you can fold over the end of the dendroband to match the length of the clip (folding with the curve of the band). Fold over again for Step 4 (so folded twice in total).
5. Use marker and put 2 dots (eg NW and SE) on band next to clip – the dots must be within the length of where the clip was folded over the second time.

* This second fold is optional, but it helps to give guidance for where to put the holes.

1. Punch holes where the dots are, and fold as folded in step 3.
2. Using the other side of the DBH tape, measure 1.5-2 cm (normal cm!) from furthest hole from band edge, mark a line on the bottom of the band that goes vertically halfway up the band.
3. Do the same thing 15 cm from that furthest dot. Cut out a “window” on the bottom of that band from the drawn lines.

* For very small dendroband trees (e.g. *Carpinus caroliniana / <=6 dcm band length*), decrease window size to 10 cm.

1. Roll up the band, tape, label with the length of band (in dcm), and store it. Or, use right away.

IN FIELD

1. For bigger trees, need someone to help put on the dendroband so it’s at DBH all the way around.

2. Wrap band around tree and put such that the end is about 1cm from the edge of the window. This is so that if the tree shrinks in diameter we can still measure it.

\*These instructions are based off the updated [CTFS-ForestGEO protocol](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kCG22EAEnOVxw9Z-cPPvrHIzvRFE-j0U7anTmhJbkqM/edit) for making dendrobands.

How to make dendrobands (with pictures)

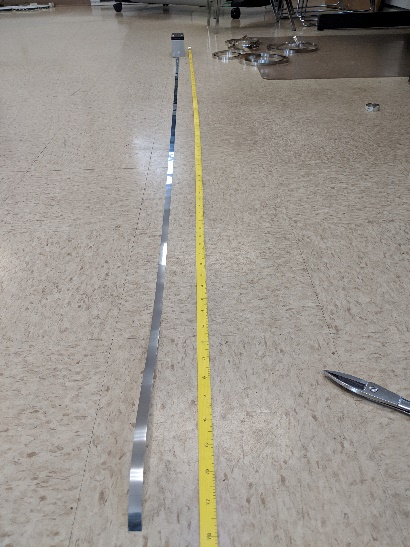
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*This picture represents the first of the two folds.*

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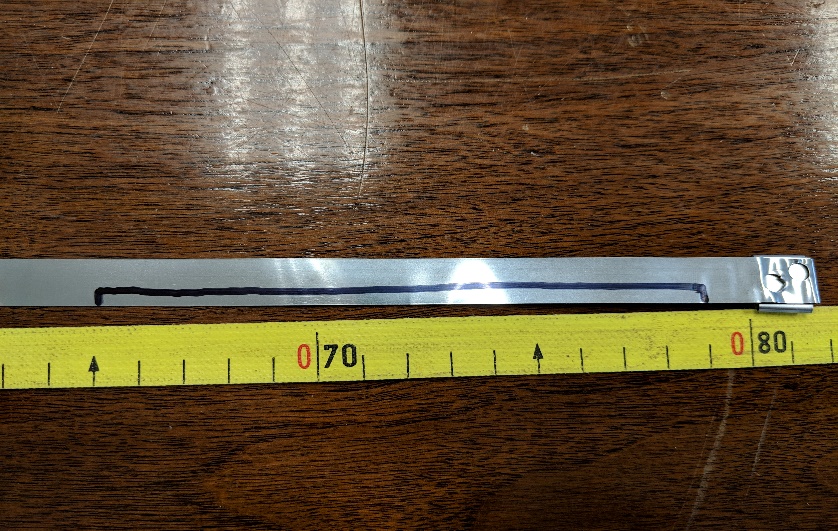
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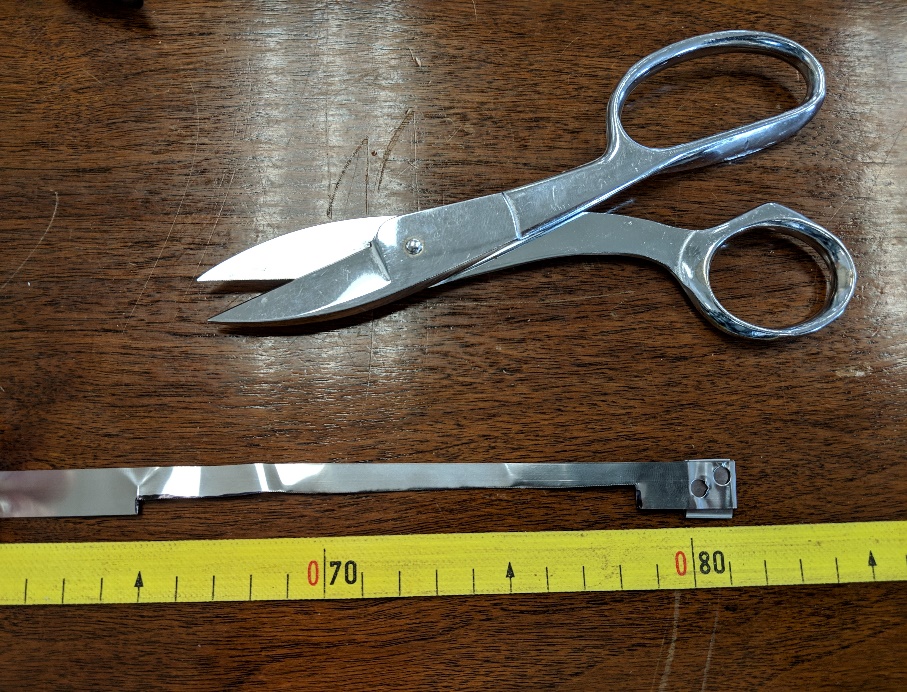
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**Instructions for field**

1. First, prepare for the field:
   1. Label the prepared bands with the tree’s tag number.
   2. Gather appropriate springs based on band size.
   3. **Review the** [**metadata**](https://github.com/SCBI-ForestGEO/Dendrobands/tree/master/data/metadata) so you know what data you’re collecting in the field.
      1. The file is “bandreplace\_metadata.csv”.
   4. Bring materials necessary for dendroband installation:
      1. Everything in the [checklist](https://github.com/SCBI-ForestGEO/Dendrobands/blob/master/resources/field_forms/README.md) (the [datasheet](https://github.com/SCBI-ForestGEO/Dendrobands/tree/master/resources/field_forms) is either the field\_form\_bandreplace.xlsx or field\_form\_treereplace.xlsx).
      2. Prepared dendrobands + springs
      3. Small hole puncher for field
      4. DBH tape

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**IMPORTANT:** After these steps are done, remember to finish going through the entire [workflow](https://github.com/SCBI-ForestGEO/Dendrobands/blob/master/resources/workflow_bandreplace.md).