

Bird Banding - Phone Volunteer Information

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In 2010 PWC was granted a unique Federal Bird Banding permit by the U.S. Department of the Interior so we could track the birds that we release and know how they do. We are hope to get reports of sightings as well as injured and, sadly, some dead banded birds coming back to us. The phone number on the band is 543-WILD so PWC Phone Volunteers receive these calls. This is what to do if you receive such calls:

- If you receive a call about a banded bird that is injured or dead, treat it exactly as you would any case. Open a new CTS call, try and obtain the location and condition (if injured) of the bird from the caller and arrange for the bird to be captured and/or delivered to the Center. Notify the Center that a banded bird is en route. Contact Jeanette Stone by telephone (805-712-3269) or email (jstone_tierney@charter.net), to advise her of the banded bird.
- If it is a sighting of a healthy bird, open a CTS call and try to obtain the location and condition of the bird from the caller. If possible, obtain the band number on the bird. Again, notify Jeanette of the banded bird.

The bands we initially used were deep gold/orange. Our current bands are deep gold. Each has our phone number and have the name *Pacific Wildlife Care* on them. It should be noted that it is illegal to put any kind of a mark on any wild bird without a permit and we were the first rehabilitation group in the US and Canada to have such a permit.

We are interested in any sightings of birds with deep gold bands. Whether it is a gull on the beach, a songbird in a parking lot or a dead bird on the road it will be useful information for us. Thank you for your help with this venture.