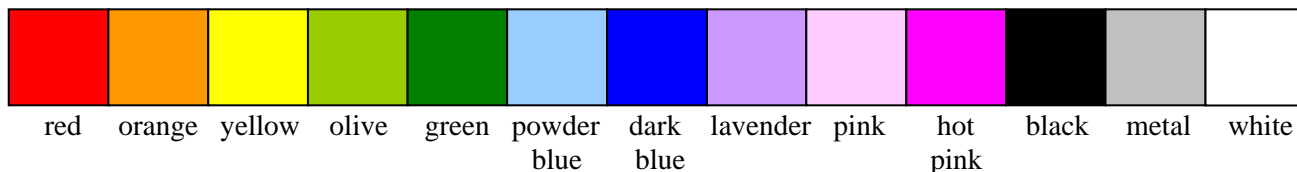


UW Urban Songbird Study: Report Sightings of Color-banded Songbirds in the Seattle Area

By resighting color-banded birds, we gain valuable information about bird movement or dispersal. If you see a color banded songbird it is extremely important that you correctly identify the exact color combination of all the bands. Birds are banded with two bands on each leg: one leg will have two plastic color bands and the other leg will have a plastic color band above a metal (gray) U.S. Fish and Wildlife band. Make sure you note which bands are on the bird's right leg and the bird's left leg and which colors are on top (closest to the bird's body) and bottom (closest to the bird's foot). Use the color key below to determine exactly which colors you saw:



1. What species and sex was the color-banded bird you observed (see photos on next 3 pages)? (American robin, Swainson's thrush, Spotted towhee, Song sparrow, Oregon junco, Bewick's wren, or Winter wren; if you saw a color-banded Crow, please report it at <http://courses.washington.edu/vseminar/main.htm#8>)
2. What color is the UPPERMOST band on the bird's RIGHT leg?
3. What color is the LOWERMOST band on the bird's RIGHT leg?
4. What color is the UPPERMOST band on the bird's LEFT leg?
5. What color is the LOWERMOST band on the bird's LEFT leg?
6. If you were able to read the 9-digit number on the metal band, please report it.
7. On what date and at what time did your sighting occur?
8. Where did your sighting occur (street address and city or UTM coordinates)?
9. What was the bird doing at the time of the sighting? (foraging, perching, preening, defending territory, singing, dead, unknown, other)
10. Please provide your name so that we are able to contact you if we have questions about your data.
11. Where can we contact you (email address or phone number)?
12. Additional comments?

Please send your report to:

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Example →

Species: Song sparrow
Upper right: Red
Lower right: Black
Upper left: Yellow
Lower left: Metal

