

# Recording Piping Plover Bands

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Band combinations should be recorded from left to right starting with the upper left (UL) and ending with the lower right (LR). Use a comma to separate bands on the upper and lower legs and a colon to separate legs.

## Population Markers:

Orange flag: Great Lakes US

Black flag: Northern Great Plains Canada

Green flag: NGP US, MO River

Light blue flag: NGP US, Platte River

Yellow or red flag: NGP US, Lake Sakakawea

Black flag on upper leg and white band on lower leg: Bahamas (banded on wintering grounds, likely breeds in Atlantic US or Canada)

Photo: Sidney Maddock

**This band combination would be recorded as:** metal (UL), dark blue (LL): black flag (UR), red over black (LR)

See example USFWS datasheet for band color abbreviations or example USFWS spreadsheet for recording band combinations.