

# Marked Piping Plovers from The Bahamas!



Fifty-seven Piping Plovers recently were marked during winter in The Bahamas for Environment Canada by Sidney Maddock and Peter Doherty, with help from The Bahamas National Trust. We are very interested in knowing where those birds go during migration and breeding.

These birds were marked with a

black flag (band with a tab sticking out slightly) on the upper left leg, nothing on the upper right, a single colour band on one lower leg, and two colour bands (which can be the same colour on top of each other) on the other lower leg. Colours used included: red, orange, yellow, white, light green, dark green, dark blue, and black. If you see a marked Piping Plover, please write down the location, date, behaviour of bird (foraging; with mate or nest), a detailed description of the bands (see below) and send to:

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## **To describe a band combination: describe each band:**

**Type:** colour band, flag (band with a tab sticking out from the leg – see black flag above)

**Colours:** as exact as possible – red, orange, yellow, white, light green, dark green, dark blue, and black. There may be two bands of the same colour placed over each other on a leg (this may look like one very tall band).

**Location on bird's leg:** bird's upper left (above the 'knee'), lower left (below the 'knee'), upper right, lower right; above or below other bands on the same part of the leg.

**Note if you are unsure of any of the bands or if you did not see all parts of the leg clearly.**

**The Piping Plover above would be described as:** Black flag upper left, white band lower left, nothing upper right, black over light green band lower right.