



Become a Southeast Louisiana National
Wildlife Refuge

JUNIOR RANGER AT HOME

MAKE YOUR OWN BIRD BAND

Banding is an important way for biologists to identify and study birds. Bands are made of either plastic or aluminum, depending on the bird's size. Bands have identification numbers so that biologists can track banded birds worldwide.



You Will Need:

- Aluminum foil (10 inch sheet)
- Pen
- Tape (optional) to connect foil



1. Cut a 10 inch sheet of aluminum and fold in half until the sheet is 2 inches wide.

2. Trace a series of numbers on the folded foil sheet.



3. Use the back side of the pen and push down to "engrave" the number into the foil.

4. Wrap the foil around your wrist and crimp (fold) the ends to secure the band (finished band pictured above). You now have your very own bird band.

