



Western Regional News

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Notes and news from around the Western Bird Banding Association

WBBA President's message

We made it to 2021! It has been an interesting year and it's been inspiring to see how people and banding stations alike have adapted to changing circumstances, still pushing forward to keeping research going amidst difficult times. While we unfortunately had to postpone our 2020 meeting, we were able to launch a series of webinars on banding, molt, and aging birds. Be sure to check out our webinar summary and follow our social media for more updates! At this current time, we are planning for a fantastic virtual 2021 meeting this fall, stay tuned for more information. Follow our social media accounts (Instagram and Twitter: @wbba_birds, Facebook: Western Bird Banding Association) for WBBA updates, banding opportunities, and be sure to tag us in your banding posts for the chance to be featured!

We would love to hear more about how banding plays a role in your research, and how your banding station has adapted to continue during covid. Thanks everyone for your continued work, it's been wonderful to see this community of banders come together.

Holly Garrod

WBBA Meeting Announcement 2021

Mark your calendars! WBBA is going virtual this year. In view of the ongoing pandemic and with the success of our webinar series, we have opted to hold a **virtual meeting** this year: from **9 -11 Sept, 2021**.

This meeting will include a paper session on the latest research and banding techniques, two keynote speakers, a virtual happy hour, and virtual banding demonstrations from Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory. Make sure to visit our website (westernbirdbanding.org) or hop on over to our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) to register or submit an abstract! We want to hear about your latest banding research! And we look forward to seeing our friends from near and far this fall.

Plans for 2022 Meeting at Bear Divide Spring Migration Hot Spot

We are making preliminary arrangements to hold our next meeting probably in the third week of April in Southern California. In the mountains near Los Angeles is a newly-discovered funnel for dawn migrants where an energetic team has mounted a successful banding operation, coupled with diurnal migration counts. See the article in this section of regional news, with details about this interesting hotspot.