



# Bird Banding Training 2020



This coming April, The Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM), in collaboration with The Evergreen State College, intend to host the 8th annual bird banding camp, to be held at Glacial Heritage Preserve in Thurston County, WA. The training, to be taught by Dan Froehlich, will cover all the aspects of setting up and running a MAPS station and will provide, as a goal, banders who can extract birds captured, record data, and perform most aging and sexing of the common species. The focus of the course will be on aging by wing feather patterns, sexing, and skulling with the goal of separating adults from juveniles. The course will also cover net placement, MAPS concept, bird handling, and data recording.



**Training dates:** 24-27 April, 2-4 May 2020

**Cost:** \$500/person (includes a copy of the Pyle guide).

**How to enroll:** Contact Adrian Wolf, Conservation Biologist, Center for Natural Lands Management  
awolf@cnlm.org , Tel. 360-888-4369, for information on how to sign up. Space is limited



**Scholarship Opportunity:** Black Hills Audubon Society (BHAS), our local chapter, is again generously offering two scholarships and will provide \$450 of the fee for each scholarship recipient, so each participant will have to provide the remaining \$50 for the Pyle Guide. After the training, each recipient will be expected to make a short presentation at a BHAS program meeting and participate in volunteer bird-banding using their new skills. The announcement of the scholarship will be made in an upcoming newsletter, Echo.

## Participate in a local MAPS station!

After the training, there will be opportunities to implement your skills at two local MAPS stations - one in Thurston County and another in Pierce County. MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) is a network of bird banding stations across North America that collect standardized data on key indicators of avian health and survival during the breeding season. This program, directed by the Institute for Bird Populations (IBP, <http://www.birdpop.org/pages/maps.php>), provides key information critical to better understanding the ecology and conservation issues facing North American breeding birds. The stations run from late May through early-August (for a total of 7 mornings of banding), and is largely volunteer operated. Puget Sound Bird Observatory runs the station in Pierce County.

