

## BANDING ETHICS

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## AN ETHICAL BANDER WILL:

1. Keep careful and accurate records, recording only proven scientific facts.
2. Reply to letters from other banders asking for pertinent banding information.
3. Send in banding schedules regularly.
4. Reply to Fish and Wildlife Service query cards promptly.
5. Help a new bander get started by helping him (or her) to construct traps, and by instructing him (or her) in record-keeping.
6. Obey the rules of courtesy when visiting another bander's trapping station.
7. Do his bit to train new banders, and to encourage individuals who show promise as possible banders.
8. Do his best to prevent banding permits from falling into unauthorized hands. (Artists, photographers, ceramic pottery designers, pet store operators, unscrupulous hunters, and trout fly manufacturers all would like to have banding permits for their own purposes.)
9. Treat birds humanely, and operate no more equipment than he can care for properly.
10. Cooperate with other banders in worthwhile banding projects.
11. Prevent his traps and nets from falling into the hands of children, or of other unauthorized persons.
12. Attend important banding and ornithological meetings when possible.
13. Contribute important banding data to banding publications.
14. Write thank you letters to banders and others who recover his bands.
15. Do his bit for conservation and banding by talking to Boy Scouts, and other worthy groups.
16. Band only birds positively known to him, and to liberate, without banding, birds which he cannot identify.
17. Assist sick, aged, or other banders who ask for help at any time.

(EBBA members who can come up with other ethical principles which might be added to this list, are invited to send them in to the Editor.)

