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The North American Banding Council

<http://www.nabanding.net/nabanding>

The North American Banding Council is pleased to announce two new additions to our slate of educational tools.

The mission of the NABC is to promote sound and ethical principles and techniques of bird banding in North America. NABC works to fulfill its mission by developing training and study materials detailing the best practices for all aspects of banding across multiple taxa.

Thanks to financial support from Environment Canada and the efforts of nearly a dozen contributors, the NABC now adds the *NABC Manual to Banding at Nest Boxes* to the suite of manuals. Created as a supplement to the existing *Banders' Study Guide*, the *Manual to Banding at Nest Boxes* contains specific information on how to safely and productively conduct bird banding at nest boxes. Topics addressed include planning a study, nest box design and placement, banding both adults and nestlings, and species-specific guidelines for 14 species commonly banded at nest boxes.

In addition to the *Banders' Study Guide*, the NABC offers taxon-specific manuals for banding passerines and near-passerines, raptors, shorebirds, waterfowl and hummingbirds. All manuals, including the *Manual to Banding at Nest Boxes*, can be downloaded from our website and are available in English, French and Spanish.

Training workshops and certification programs that develop and recognize excellence in banding is another important way that NABC supports its mandate. This 12 Sep 2015 the NABC will offer the first NABC **Shorebird Banding Training Workshop** in connection with the 6th Western Hemisphere Shorebird Group Meeting at Wallops Island, Virginia.

Co-chaired by Lesley Howes and Cheri Gratto-Trevor of Environment Canada, and Eveling Tavera, this one-day classroom-based workshop will give participants the opportunity to learn, review and share best practices for the capture, handling, and marking of shorebirds. Topics include regulatory responsibilities, scientific and ethical standards of working with migratory birds, capture methods including cannon netting, working with various visual and electronic markers, data collection, and data management. As part of the workshop, participants are invited to take an optional written exam as a step towards NABC certification.

Information on the workshop is available at <<http://www.cpe.vt.edu/whsg2015/ancillary.html>>.

The NABC continues to be committed to banding excellence across all taxa and across all capture methods.