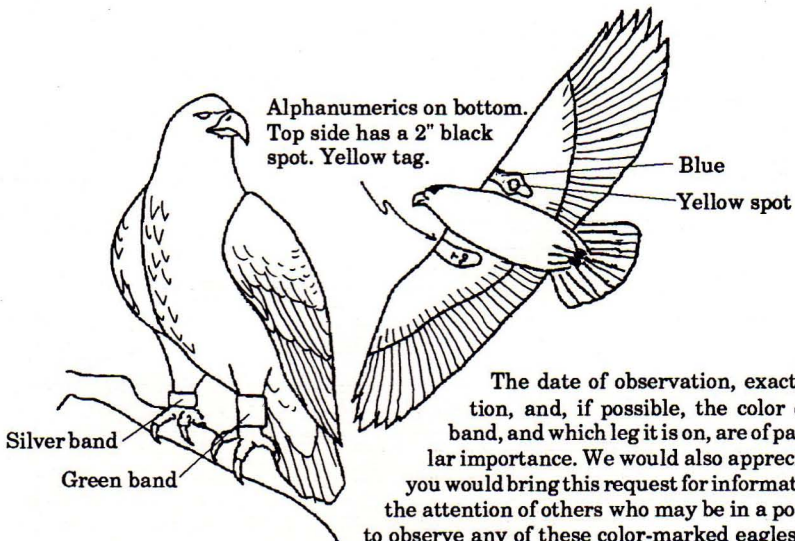


REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON COLOR-MARKED
BALD EAGLES (*HALIAEETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS*)

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The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has banded and color marked Bald Eagle nestlings for the sixth year along the Texas Gulf Coast. This study was initiated in 1985 to determine pre- and post-fledgling survival, nest site use prior to migration, and migration routes.

The nesting Southern Bald Eagles arrive in Texas during late August and September and leave during May-July. The birds being color marked are 6-9 weeks old at banding time. The right wing is marked with a yellow patagial tag with an alphanumeric (T-01 through T-114). The left wing is marked with a blue (light) patagial tag with a yellow spot. These wing markers can usually be seen only in flight. In addition, all birds are banded with a #9 USFWS rivet band on one leg and a color rivet band on the opposite leg. The color leg bands used in previous years were plastic and retention was poor. Birds banded this year have a 3 cm green aluminum band with alphanumerics T-90 through T-114 in white. If you see or hear of an eagle with such markings, please notify the *Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, MD 20708 and, David W. Mabie, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., 715 South Bronte, Rockport, Texas 78382, (512) 729-2315*



The date of observation, exact location, and, if possible, the color of leg band, and which leg it is on, are of particular importance. We would also appreciate if you would bring this request for information to the attention of others who may be in a position to observe any of these color-marked eagles from Texas. All reports will be acknowledged.