

# Banders' Code of Ethics

1. Ensure the respect, safety, and welfare of birds and their populations, people, and the environment.
  - Handle each bird carefully, gently, quietly, and in minimum time; capture and process only as many birds as you can safely handle given your ability and the environmental conditions
  - Follow safety procedures as outlined in NABC materials and constantly innovate ways to conduct operations more safely
  - Follow the NABC Code of Conduct to help guide professional behavior
2. Design or use appropriate studies, methods, and analyses to advance a valid scientific purpose.
  - Collect accurate data and submit to an appropriate data repository
  - Collaborate to maximize data collection and to avoid duplicating effort
  - Promote and contribute to projects using standardized protocols when appropriate
3. Be accountable and strive for high standards.
  - Engage in self-assessment and invite assessments from others to ensure that your work is beyond reproach
  - Share knowledge and offer honest and constructive feedback to others to improve skills and banding practices
4. Obtain all necessary permits and permissions; understand and adhere to the conditions, responsibilities, and limitations thereof.

