INSTRUCTIONS FOR WILDLIFE PERMITS IN VIRGINA

FEDERAL BANDING:
USGS BBL: https://www.usgs.gov/centers/pwrc/science/bird-banding-laboratory?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

Renew every 3 years: 9/2021 FREE

Report through BBL

Amendments:
Request additional authorizations instructions at:
https://www.usgs.gov/centers/pwrc/science/additional-marker-authorizations?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

Please make a separate request for each marker type and species, unless you have a group of species using the exact same marker type.

U.S. banders who wish to use auxiliary markers should send a request to **bbl_permits@usgs.gov**.

All auxiliary marking requests should include:

- Permit number
- Species or subspecies (see **codes**)
- Estimated number to be marked
- **Type of marker**
- Geographic location of project (count(ies), state or province)
- Date study will begin and probable duration
- A project proposal explaining the needs and goals
- A brief summary of the bander's experience with the markers.

If you need to use colored markers:

- **Colors of markers**
- Alpha-numeric codes if using coded markers (see **coded marker advice**)
- Color of alpha-numeric codes.

If you need to use transmitters or other electronic devices:

- Frequency range and attachment type for radio transmitters
- Attachment type for satellite transmitters, GPS, GSM, data loggers, RFID
- A statement of the body weight percentage for transmitters, data loggers, etc.

Note: All bands, auxiliary markers and attachment materials should not exceed 2% body weight for leg attachments and should not exceed 3% body weight for all other attachment styles.

Please allow 2 months lead time to process your request.

This information can be emailed to bbl_permits@usgs.gov.

Requests for sub-permittees: information at: https://www.usgs.gov/centers/pwrc/science/requests-sub-permits?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

Requests for sub-permitees need to be made by the master Bander. Sub-permit requests should include the following information:

1. Name and contact information for the sub-permittee.

2. Email address for each sub-permittee.

3. A resume of their banding experience that includes the following information for each banding project:

- Dates project was conducted
- Location
- Capture techniques that were used and the species/species groups and approximate number of birds captured with each technique
- The species/species groups and approximate number of birds that were handled and banded
- If auxiliary markers were used in the project, the type of marker(s), the attachment method(s), species, and number of individual birds that were marked
- Any other banding-related activities such as blood sampling and feather sampling
- The name of the master bander who was responsible for this project
- If any formal training courses have been taken, please list the course title, dates, location, instructor, and a short summary of the course content. Additionally, include the species and approximate number of birds that were handled during the course, capture techniques used, and any other relevant information

4. The authorizations that are being requested for the new sub-permit. Please recognize that the bander must be fully trained in each technique and able to operate independently before the BBL will approve the requested authorizations on a new sub-permit. These authorizations must include:

- The state(s) where the sub-permittee will be banding
- The species/species groups that will be banded and/or marked. A complete list of BBL species groups is found here
- The specific capture techniques that will be used. A complete list of capture techniques is found here
- Need for auxiliary marking authorization including the type of marker that will be used, the attachment method (if applicable), and other relevant information as indicated on the auxiliary marking request page
- Any other authorizations such as blood and/or feather sampling

Please allow at least 2 weeks for processing of the sub-permit requests

Information may be emailed to bbl_permits@usgs.gov.

VIRGINIA SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING PERMITS:
Virginia DGIF: https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/permits/scientific-and-educational-collection/

Renew every 2 years: 1/2019 $40

Renewal form: https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/banding-permit-application.pdf

Report: online at: https://vafwis.dgif.virginia.gov/collection_permits/

"Collection" includes all sampling activities that remove, even temporarily, any individuals from the natural environment. **"Collection" also includes habitat disturbance such as turning over rocks/logs, putting down cover boards etc. as well as the capture and handling of species**. "Salvage" includes all taking of species found dead. A permit is required for Scientific Collection and/or Salvage activities ***ANYWHERE*** in the Commonwealth of Virginia including federal lands.

Information at: https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/permits/scientific-and-educational-collection/

Amendments to existing permit:

- If you need to make changes to your existing permit(s), you must submit a **Supplemental Amendment Form.** Amendment requests must also be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the requested activity. Amendments need to be submitted for any change to the existing permit. Examples: addition of species; changes in quantity to be collected; changes to the subpermittee list; new locations; new methods etc.
    - https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/forms-download/PERM/PERM-009.pdf
- Justification must be provided for any addition of species and/or numbers and for new locations and methods. A resume/CV, or other documentation, must be provided for any new subpermittees. Resumes/CVs are only required for the addition of subpermittees to a collection or threatened & endangered species permit.
- All applications and other documentation must be provided electronically to collectionpermits@dgif.virginia.gov.
- **Check, made payable to "Treasurer of Virginia" and mailed, along with a copy of the first page of the application form, to:**
- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
  Attn: Shirl Dressler
  P.O. Box 3337
  Henrico, VA 23228

FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE COLLECTING:

Renew every 2 years: 1/2019 $50

Renewal form: https://www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-7.pdf

Annual report: https://www.fws.gov/forms/3-202-1.pdf