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HUNTERS URGED TO WATCH FOR BIRD BANDS

The sportsman afield this fall is more likely than ever to find a banded duck, goose or mourning dove in his bag. According to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior more than 100,000 waterfowl and nearly 5,000 mourning doves were banded throughout Alaska, Canada, and the United States during the past year.

Returns from banded birds provide valuable information on the management of this resource, and sportsmen and others are urged to report all marked birds to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Information, including the band number, and when, where and how the bird was taken may be sent directly to the Bird Banding Office, Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Maryland. Band numbers consist of two sets of figures, both of which are needed to identify the bird. Cooperators are urged to record the band numbers in the letter as well as flatten out and enclose the band itself, since bands returned in the mail occasionally tear through the envelope and are lost.

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