



days at
Dunrovin

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**Ranch
Talk**



Banding the Osprey Chicks



TOP: Dunrovin Ranch Owner, SuzAnne Miller, assists the University of Montana scientists band the osprey chicks in 2011.
BOTTOM: Children from the Montana Natural History Center watch the scientists band the Dunrovin osprey chicks in 2017.

The Importance of Banding Birds



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A banded chick that hatched at Dunrovin in 2016 was photographed by Linda Murdock on the coast of Texas in January, 2017 .



A banded chick that hatched at Dunrovin in 2017 was photographed by Cheri Lynn Soileau in Louisiana later that same year.

Banding birds is an ancient practice used to track and identify birds. It is now one of the most important research tools in the study and conservation of many bird species as it enables scientists to understand the distribution, abundance, and home ranges of birds.

Bird banding involves placing small metal or plastic bands around the leg of a bird. The band has an identifying number and instructions on where to send the band if found on a dead bird.



The U.S. and Canada jointly administer the North American Bird Banding Program that is responsible for authorizing all bird banding activities within North America. They number and issue the bird bands, receive and track returned bands, and set standards to ensure the integrity of the program. The program has more than 6,000 active bird banders, has more than 64 million banding records, and over 3.5 million returned bands, and receives about 1.2 million banding records each year.

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