

Standard Operating Procedures

#AU 0003 Processing of Captured Birds

Materials:

Callipers
Wing rule
Pesola Scale
Black sock

Procedure:

Once a bird is captured, it may be processed (gathering of information relating to that bird).

The bird is held in a similar way to the method for blood collection (see SOP #AU 0001) and a wing rule is used to measure the length of the longest wing and tail feathers. Digital callipers are used to measure tarsus length and bill length, depth and width. Information is documented in a general Log Book.

The bird is then placed into a black sock where excessive movement by the bird is difficult. The sock is hung from the Pesola spring scale for documenting weight in the Log Book. The dominant hand of the individual reaches in to gently grasp the bird while the sock is turned inside out to release the bird.

The bird may then also be banded (see SOP #AU 0004).

The bird may then be placed in one compartment of a cardboard box, in which it remains for no longer than 1 hour, or placed in a cage.

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Banding



Weight measurement with Pesola scale



Tarsal measurement with callipers



Wing measurement with ruler

