

How To Read Seabird Bands!

Learn how to tell the birds apart in the Oregon Coast Aquarium's seabird aviary!

All of the birds in our seabird aviary can be identified in a combination of letters indicating their species, and numbers related to their bands. This alphanumerical combination is unique to each and every bird!

Each band color signifies a number which allow our aviculturists know exactly which bird they're looking at. This helps them keep track of bird behavior, make sure any medicine gets to the right bird, and generally have a better assessment of animal welfare.

Bands are read from **top to bottom** based on the color key to the right.

Color Key	
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1	Black
2	Brown
3	Red
4	Orange
5	Yellow
6	Green
7	Blue
8	Purple
9	Grey

Think you got it?

See if you identified these bands correctly:



That's our
horned puffin
HP-2!



That's our
rhinoceros auklet
RA-41!



That's our
tufted puffin
TP-156!