

Piping Plover: Banded piping plover are regularly observed in Florida’s coastal areas. Although piping plover are a non-breeding species in Florida, they can be found for most of the year, from July to May. It is only during their peak breeding period that they are absent from Florida.

The piping plover breeds in three geographic regions: the Atlantic Coast, the Northern Great Plains, and the Great Lakes. Piping plovers from all three breeding regions winter along South Atlantic, Gulf Coast, and Caribbean beaches and barrier islands, primarily on intertidal beaches with sand and/or mud flats with no or very sparse vegetation. More information on piping plovers and their range, can be found at <https://www.fws.gov/plover/facts.html>.

Banding projects and the associated banding schemes are primarily organized based on the breeding regions and wintering location using district flag color, making it easier to identify where to report observed birds. Banding contacts and locations can be found at https://www.fws.gov/northeast/pipingplover/report_bands.html or on the table below.

If your Piping Plover has	Report the banded bird to
Colors bands (no flag) on just the upper legs	<i>Email:</i> Christina.Davis@dep.nj.gov AND VT.plover@gmail.com OR tag Kashi Davis on Facebook
Green Flag	<i>Email:</i> VT.plover@gmail.com
Pink Flag	<i>Email:</i> BahamasPIPL@audubon.org AND VT.plover@gmail.com
Black flag, White flag, or Gray flag	<i>Email:</i> Cheri.Gratto-Trevor@canada.ca
Yellow flag or Blue flag	<i>Email:</i> npwrc.ternplover@usgs.gov
Orange flag OR Metal band on an upper leg (no flag) and one or more color bands on the lower legs	<i>Email:</i> Plover@umn.edu
Light blue flag	<i>Email:</i> Joel.Jorgensen@nebraska.gov AND npwrc.ternplover@usgs.gov
Red flag	<i>Email:</i> dnewstead@cbbep.org