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The California Department of Fish & Game (CDFG) is conducting a Mourning Dove Banding Program and requesting public assistance in evaluating California's mourning dove population as part of a National Study.

Program participants should be over 18 (or with gardian), have good organizational skills, and a commitment to wildlife conservation. Banding will be during the months of June through August. Volunteers for this project will pay no fee to participate and, all supplies will be issued to participating individuals by CDFG after certification.

Each volunteer must attend a training meeting to attain the required Banding Permit.

Trainings will be held to learn how to identify, trap, age, sex, and band this mourning doves. Trainings will take place in April and May of each year throughout the State.

The trapping and banding work is typically done in the early morning (dawn-10am) and late evening (5pm-dusk), volunteers who can only work limited hours or on certain days may still participate and are welcome.

All band recovery data is reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Bird Banding Laboratory, where it is added to the national database. Wildlife managers use this information to keep track of mourning dove survival and harvest rates.

For more detailed information about the program or to reserve a space at a training session, please contact Heather Hlusak at hhlusak@dfg.ca.gov (916) 445-3563 ~OR~ Karen Fothergill at kfotherg@dfg.ca.gov