

Loggerhead Shrike Banding Project

As part of the Loggerhead Shrike Working Group, a project initiated in 2013 to address declining populations of Loggerhead Shrikes across their range in Canada and the United States, we will be capturing and banding Loggerhead Shrikes in and around the San Antonio metropolitan area. This project will include placing colored leg bands on individual birds along with their normal steel, numbered band, throughout the year, beginning with overwintering birds as well as resident birds during the breeding season.

We will be looking for and attempting to capture shrikes in the following local counties: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr and Wilson Counties. We hope to assist with determining overwinter population health and eventually this will also help determine where overwintering birds originate, or travel from, their northern breeding grounds. Colored leg bands will also allow for recognition of individual birds without having to recapture them, using community scientists to document colored band combinations on the legs of individual birds seen in the field.

We will participate in this project for a minimum of five years, beginning in January 2021, depending upon the date when color bands are received from the manufacturer.

