



HAVE YOU SEEN THESE BIRDS?



Black Oystercatchers are a species of high conservation concern due to their restricted habitat requirements and low rates of reproductive success. In order to accurately assess population trends and gather basic life history information researchers have marked birds breeding in Kenai Fjords National Park with unique color bands. With these bands we hope to also learn where this breeding population winters. Without this information it is difficult to take conservation action.

Each bird has a metal band and a unique combination of color bands on the right and/or left leg. The bands in this photo would be described as white over red on the left leg, metal band on the right leg.

We know Black Oystercatchers breed here in Kenai Fjords National Park.

We don't know where these birds winter.

Please report sightings of banded birds to:

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