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*A Learn at Lunch Presentation*

**Maren Gimpel**

Washington College Field Ecologist

**“What Bird Banding Can Tell Us”**

Bird banding is a powerful tool used in the study of many aspects of avian biology, from determining migratory routes, to how old birds live and whether males or females are more attentive parents. Join Washington College's Maren Gimpel for a look into the early uses of bird banding and today's high tech studies. She will also present how Foreman's Branch Bird Observatory has contributed to a wide variety of research projects since 1998, including the gut biome of Blackpoll Warblers, presence of avian flu in migratory birds, whether light pollution affects bird migration and whether birds that have recovered from window collisions behave as expected.

Maren Gimpel is Field Ecologist at Washington College's Foreman's Branch Bird Observatory, where she bands birds for both migratory and breeding studies. A bander since 2002 and a birder for over 25 years, Maren compiles the local Chestertown Christmas Bird Count. She is a certified Bird Bander and Bird Banding Trainer by the North American Banding Council, and secretary of the Eastern Bird Banding Association. Before coming to Washington College, she worked on avian research projects from migration banding in Nova Scotia to breeding biology of hummingbirds in the island of Tobago. She has a degree in zoology from Connecticut College, she has authored a dozen scientific articles, has given over 20 presentations, has mentored over 60 of the next generation of field biologists including both WC undergraduate interns and seasonal field technicians, and has banded over 75,000 birds.

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022** (Reservation deadline is Thursday, January 13; no refunds after this date)

**HYNSON LOUNGE, Hodson Hall, Washington College Campus Buffet lunch: 12 noon (program runs approximately 2 hours).**

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