

Appendix 1

Minimum Age at Encounter (adapted from the Bird Banding Laboratory 2020):

According to the Bird Banding Laboratory (2020), the Minimum Age at Encounter field is calculated to determine the minimum age of a bird in years and months at time of encounter based on the difference between the date and age it was banded and the date it was encountered. The decimal value translates to years and months (e.g. 12.25 = 12 y 3 mo).

The latest hatch month is assumed to be June unless indicated otherwise below and the hatching year is calculated as follows:

- Birds banded as age Hatching Year, Nestling, or Unknown are assumed to have a hatch year equal to the banding year. If banded prior to June, the banding month is assumed as the hatch month.
- Birds banded as age After Hatching Year or Second Year are assumed to have a hatch year 1 year prior to the banding year (banding year - 1).
- Birds banded as age After Second Year or Third Year are assumed to have a hatch year 2 years prior to the banding year (banding year - 2).
- Birds banded as age After Third Year are assumed to have a hatch year 3 years prior to the banding year (banding year - 3).