



## Vancouver Avian Research Centre

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### **Code of Ethics for Visiting Colony Farm Park**

Welcome! We are excited that you are coming to join us and learn about our birds! Just a couple of things that will make your experience more enjoyable.

While visiting the station, visitors are invited to observe the banding, ask questions and take photographs and hold and release birds under the close supervision of the Bander-in-charge.

However, the safety and well-being of the birds and our guests is always of our top priority! Please read carefully over our code of conduct to ensure we all do our part to keep safety standards and continue having fun.

Guest  
Initials

- Visitors are requested to remain at the end of net lanes and not permitted to walk the down the nets, unless invited and attended by our qualified volunteers. Visitors often are invited to walk the net lanes during net checks, but only on a case by case basis, depending on the volume of birds being processed, the number of visitors, and weather conditions.
- Visitors are not permitted to wander off alone, as the park is also home to large wildlife such as bears, deer and coyotes.
- Visitors are asked to keep the level of voice down as loud noises are stressful to the birds and surrounding wildlife
- Children are not to be left unattended and are not allowed to touch nets or birds unless invited by our qualified volunteers.
- Watch footing as the ground can be uneven making it easy to fall or twist an ankle
- Always handle birds, gently, quietly and kindly
- Do not litter and bring all garbage out of park with you
- If taking photos of wildlife, please do not use flash
- Please listen and follow all instructions given by our volunteers.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_