

HOW TO READ A PIGEON BAND

The American Racing Pigeon Union registered bands have a specific format. Once you understand how to read the band number, you will find it easy to locate the club that issued the band on our Band List page.

Band numbers are in a series of letters & numbers as shown below.

EXAMPLE= the band may read-->AU 2025 ABC 1234.

(1) AU - is the national organization that has registered the bird, in this case the American Racing Pigeon Union, Inc. The band can also have IF, CU, ATB, NBRC, or IPB in this position.

(2) 2025 - is the year the bird was hatched and banded/registered.

(3) ABC - are letters representing the pigeon club the band is registered to (no two clubs have the same registration letters - and they have one, two or three letters).

(4) 1234 - A one-up number unique to each pigeon based on the club letters. Now that you understand how to read the band, you can go back to our band list to find the club that the bird you found belongs to.

NOTE: (PERSONALIZED BANDS) Sometimes the band may just have the owners name, phone and/or address on it that you may call or write them.

If the band has different letters than AU, it may be another organization. If the band has the letters CU go to: <http://www.crupu.org/cu1.htm>

If the band has the letters IF go to: <http://www.americanhoming.org/>

If the band has the letters NPA go to: <http://www.npaua.com/>

If the band has the letters NBRC, you can contact their organization by email at RHende4719@aol.com

If the band does not have AU or one of the above mentioned organization letters on it, send us an email . We will do our best to help you find the owner of the bird.

If the bird has no band at all it's a wild pigeon, you should contact your local Animal Humane Society.