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Apple Has Sold 3 Billion iPhones Since 2007

From Apple Insider:

Wesley Hilliard-Thu Jul 31 2025, 05:51 PM EDT

- ▶ Apple has sold 3 billion iPhones as of the third fiscal quarter of 2025, according to CEO Tim Cook during the earnings call.
- ▶ It took four years to go from 2 to 3 billion iPhones, having hit 2 billion iPhones sold in September 2021.
- ▶ It took a little longer, from July 2016 to September 2021 to go from 1 billion to 2 billion iPhones sold.
- ▶ Growth is accelerating-It took from 2007 to 2016 to reach 1 billion sales of iPhones.



3 Billion



Apple Law and Order Report



Leaker of iOS 26 Information Sued by Apple

From Cult of Mac:

BY RAJESH PANDEY • 1:53 AM, JULY 18, 2025

- ▶ Apple has sued a well-known leaker Jon Prosser and an associate Michael Ramacciotti, alleging they "concocted a scheme to break into an Apple development iPhone, steal Apple's trade secrets, and profit from the theft."
- ▶ Prosser published renders of iOS 26's rumored visionOS-inspired glassy redesign months before WWDC25, which proved largely accurate regarding Apple's upcoming Liquid Glass design language.
- ▶ The lawsuit, filed in the Northern District of California, accuses both men of "misappropriation of trade secrets" through a coordinated scheme that harmed Apple and its employees who work in secret for years on new features.
- ▶ Apple's investigation was triggered by an anonymous email tip received in early April, which alleged that Prosser's iOS 19 leaks came from Apple software engineer Ethan Lipnik.
- ▶ Michael Ramacciotti is identified as a video editor from Pioneer, California who worked with Prosser in the alleged scheme.

Security “Securing” Apple Merchandise

iDrop News recently ran a story about theft at Apple stores in the Dallas area.

By Chris Hauk Published: Jul 29th, 2025

- ▶ Dallas Police Senior Corporal Le Chau, who worked overnight security at three Dallas Apple stores: NorthPark Center, Knox Street, and Galleria Dallas locations, faces charges of theft between \$30,000-\$150,000. He turned himself in at the Dallas County Sheriff's Office on July 10.
- ▶ Apple's suspicions were raised when all three stores made the company's top 10 list for retail locations experiencing high inventory count variances.
- ▶ Surveillance footage caught Le Chau concealing approximately 25 pieces of merchandise on one occasion, including hiding Apple products underneath his Dallas Police Raid jacket.
- ▶ Security cameras recorded him using a trash picker to grab a box of AirPods Pros from a top shelf and bringing backpacks and duffle bags into the stores during his shifts.
- ▶ Le Chau was allegedly selling the stolen Apple products on Facebook Marketplace, with the total value of stolen items estimated at \$37,806.

Apple Stops Sales of Tiny Mac

Apple Insider is reporting about a tiny Mac that Apple doesn't want for sale.

William Gallagher, Tue Jul 29 2025, 12:35 PM EDT

- ▶ Apple has ordered Nick Gillard, the developer of a tiny original Mac replica called the "pico-mac-nano" to stop selling them, though they remain available for a limited time.
- ▶ The replica measures just 62mm (2.41 inches) tall, making it shorter than the floppy disks used by the original Macintosh it's modeled after.
- ▶ Gillard has taken the Raspberry Pi Pico and built it into a replica of the original Macintosh. It looks great and starts up with a complete Macintosh system, but isn't really useful. And you can plug in a USB-C mouse.
- ▶ Gillard offers both standard and Collectors' Edition versions on his website, with the latter including a replica of Apple's famous Picasso-style packaging from that era.
- ▶ Both versions can still be ordered from Gillard's site, but he confirmed to AppleInsider that Apple's lawyers have contacted him about stopping sales.
- ▶ A prototype demonstration can be seen in a YouTube video that was reportedly authorized by Gillard, though he doesn't appear in it himself.

Apple Stops Sales of 2.4" Mac

- ▶ Gillard says, "In fairness to Apple, not only are they perfectly within their rights to issue a cease and desist (and I'm surprised it didn't come sooner given the Collectors Edition box!), but they have been super-nice and polite about the project," he wrote, "saying things like 'it's clear you've poured a great deal of care and passion into your work. We genuinely appreciate your enthusiasm for — and admiration of — the original Macintosh.'"
- ▶ Apple is only requesting that assembled units stop being sold, not that the entire open-source project be removed from GitHub, allowing people to still build their own for personal use.
- ▶ Gillard continues dialogue with Apple's Trademark and Copyright Group while keeping his listings active until forced to remove them. Existing orders are unaffected by Apple's decision, and all backorders will be fulfilled even if the web store listings must be removed.
- ▶ The project has shipped almost 400 units to date and is currently shipping approximately 40 orders per day.
- ▶ The standard pico-mac-nano sells for 58 pounds Sterling (around \$78), while the Collectors Edition costs 79.50 pounds Sterling (approximately \$107).

Apple Stops Sales of 2.4" Mac

Nick Gillard's site:

https://www.1bitrainbow.com/parts-store.php?sort=2a&filter_id=10&cPath=972_973&anchor=4389



<https://appleinsider.com/articles/25/07/29/buy-a-24-inch-macintosh-plus-before-apple-stops-you>

iOS 26 Message Filtering Bothering Politicians

In iOS 26, the Messages app will automatically sort unknown texts into its own category. Text message filtering has existed on the iPhone for years, but Apple is increasing this ability and automating some of it. Numbers will evidently be treated as unknown if the user has never interacted with the number or it's not in their contacts. This isn't activated by default. To turn it on go to Settings > Apps > Messages > Screen Unknown Senders.

Evidently this is not making political fundraising groups happy because they rely on donations that come from "spam" texts. Business Insider estimates this could cost the major parties over \$1 billion in campaign contributions. It's also estimated that 70% of small-dollar donations come from text messages in the U.S.



JPMorgan Chase Nears a Deal to Take Over Apple's Credit Card

9to5 Mac

Chance Miller-Jul 29 2025 - 7:41 am PT

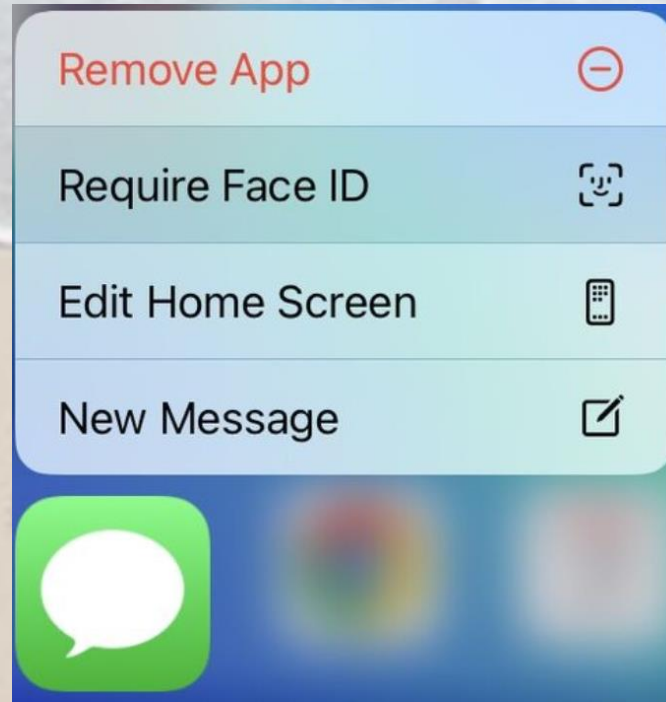


- ▶ Apple is nearing a deal with JPMorgan Chase to take over the Apple Card partnership currently held by Goldman Sachs, according to a Wall Street Journal report.
- ▶ Goldman Sachs is looking to exit the Apple agreement due to mounting financial losses and away from the consumer finance business.
- ▶ Negotiations between Apple and JPMorgan Chase began early last year but have accelerated recently, with Apple reportedly telling JPMorgan it's the preferred choice to replace Goldman Sachs. No deal has been signed yet, and there are several challenges associated with the Apple Card partnership that need to be resolved.
- ▶ Goldman Sachs' current contract with Apple technically runs until 2030, but Goldman CEO David Solomon has indicated it could end much sooner.
- ▶ The Apple partnership includes both the Apple Card itself and the Apple Card Savings Account, a high-yield savings account exclusively for Apple Card users. It's unclear if JPMorgan Chase would take over the savings account component since Chase doesn't currently offer a high-yield savings account. One possibility is that Apple Card moves to Chase while the savings account remains with Goldman Sachs, which still offers its Marcus high-yield savings account.
- ▶ Apple Card will undergo major changes as part of its switch to Chase. There are questions about whether the current terms of Apple Card are financially viable. Current Apple Card benefits include no fees other than interest, up to 3% cash back, and 0% financing on Apple purchases - features that may need modification to attract a new partner.
- ▶ Apple has also held discussions with Synchrony, American Express, and Capital One about the partnership, but JPMorgan Chase appears to be the front-runner.

<https://9to5mac.com/2025/07/29/report-apple-nearing-deal-with-chase-for-apple-card-partnership/>

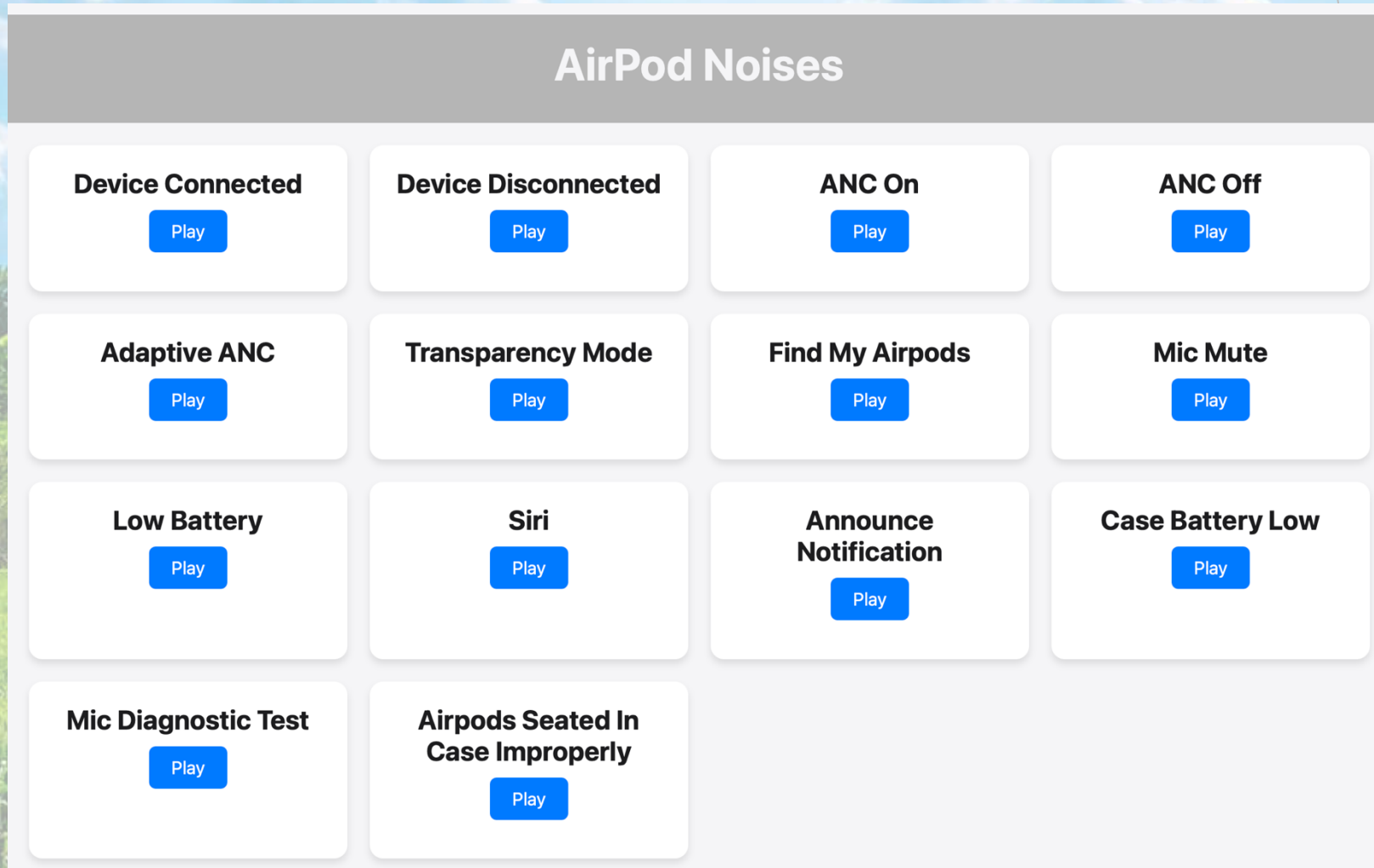
iPhone Security Tip

Here's a little security tip for your iPhone. If you long press (press and hold) the Messages and Mail apps, You will get a small contextual menu and you can select Require Face ID. Do this for any critical system apps and it will force your phone to authenticate you using your face even if you have your device unlocked. While this might be a pain if you want the “S Lady” to read your messages, it will prevent prying eyes or a thief to take control of your iPhone.



AirPods Noises

When using your AirPods do you wonder what some of the alerts you hear mean? There is a nice little website that will help you figure it out. It's called AirPods Noises. <https://airpodnoises.net>. Let's take a look at the sounds.



The New AppleCare One-Is it Worth It?

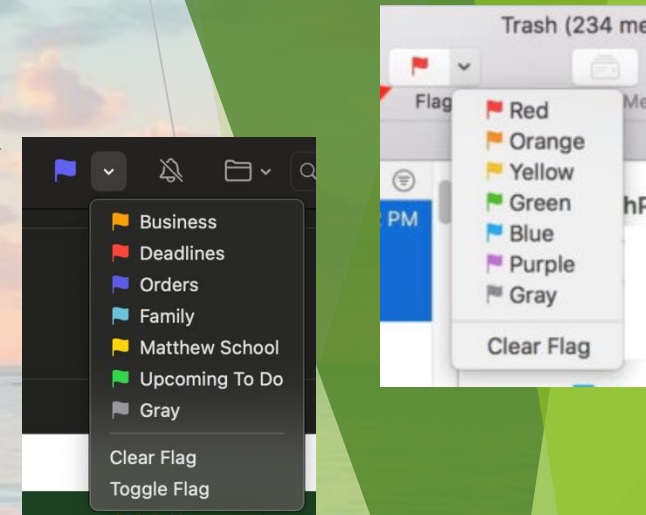
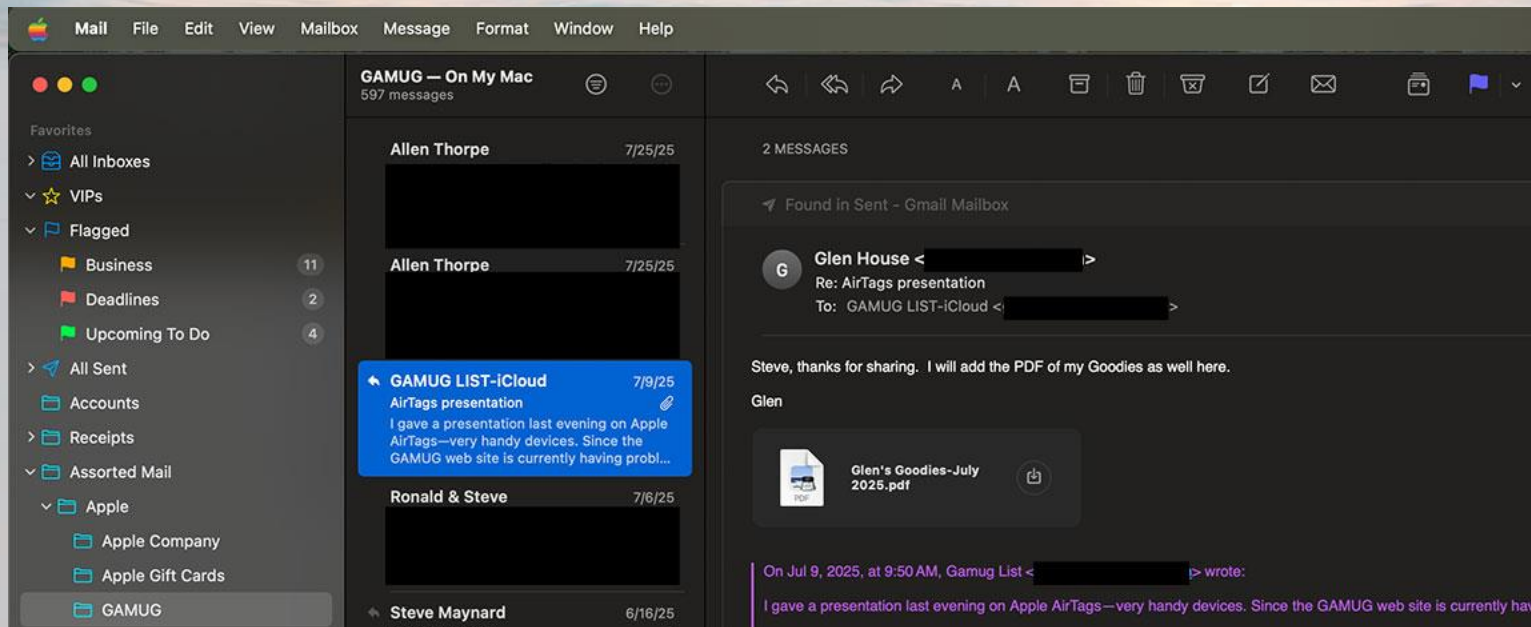
- ▶ Apple announced AppleCare One, which is a new plan that covers up to three Apple devices for \$19.99 per month, with additional devices available for \$5.99 per device per month.
- ▶ AppleCare One provides the same coverage as AppleCare+: unlimited repairs for accidents, 24/7 support, Apple-certified service, and battery coverage. It also expands theft and loss protection beyond iPhone to also cover iPad and Apple Watch.
- ▶ Deductibles for repairs or replacements under AppleCare One are the same as those for AppleCare+.
- ▶ When you trade in a covered device to Apple, coverage automatically transfers from the old device to the new one, or you can manually transfer it through device settings.
- ▶ Most Apple devices up to four years old can be added to AppleCare One, as long as they qualify for an AppleCare+ plan.
- ▶ AirPods and Beats can only be added within one year of purchase.
- ▶ Accessories cannot be added separately, but Apple-branded accessories like Apple Pencil or Apple keyboard are included when used with a covered iPad.
- ▶ AppleCare One covers devices linked to the same Apple Account as the subscriber and is technically meant for individual use, though Apple doesn't explicitly exclude family members on the same family account.
- ▶ Whether AppleCare One is worth it depends on the specific devices you own and use.

How to Rename Email Flags in Apple Mail on the Mac

For those of you that use Apple Mail, you are probably familiar with the ability to flag specific messages to tag them for importance. By default, the flags are named for the color that they are.

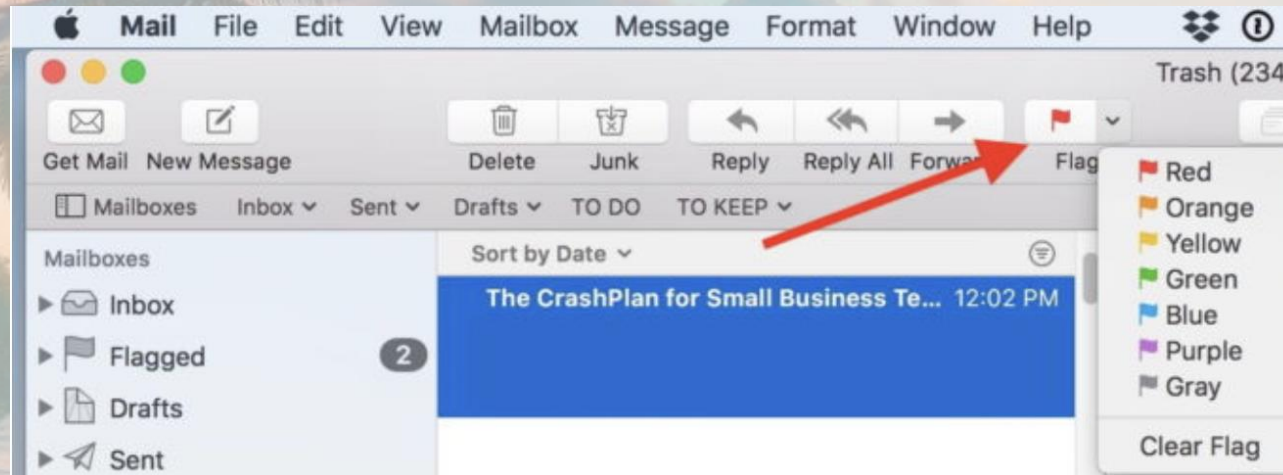
But did you know you can rename the flags to whatever you'd like? This way your categories of flags can have more meaning than just colors.

To get started, click on any message in Mail.



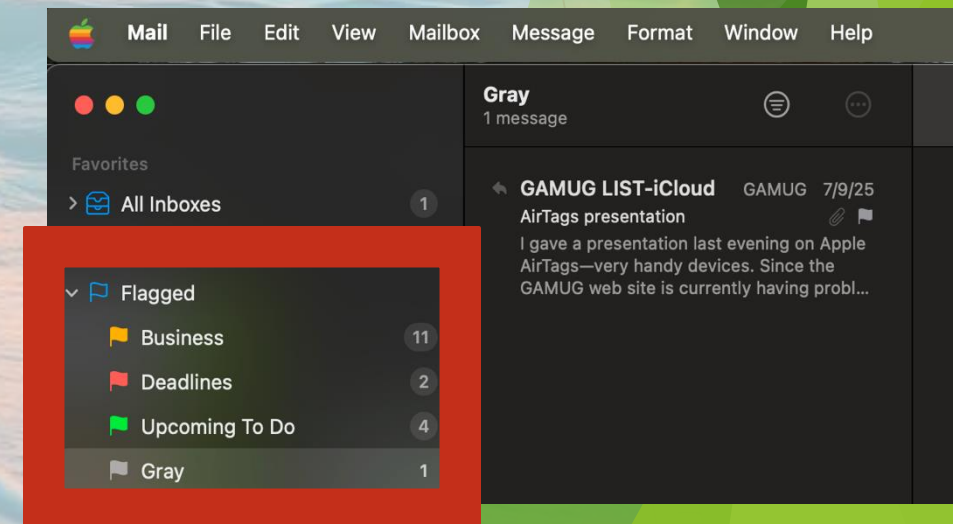
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Next, with the message highlighted, click on the “Flag” button in the toolbar and pick a color flag to assign to the message.



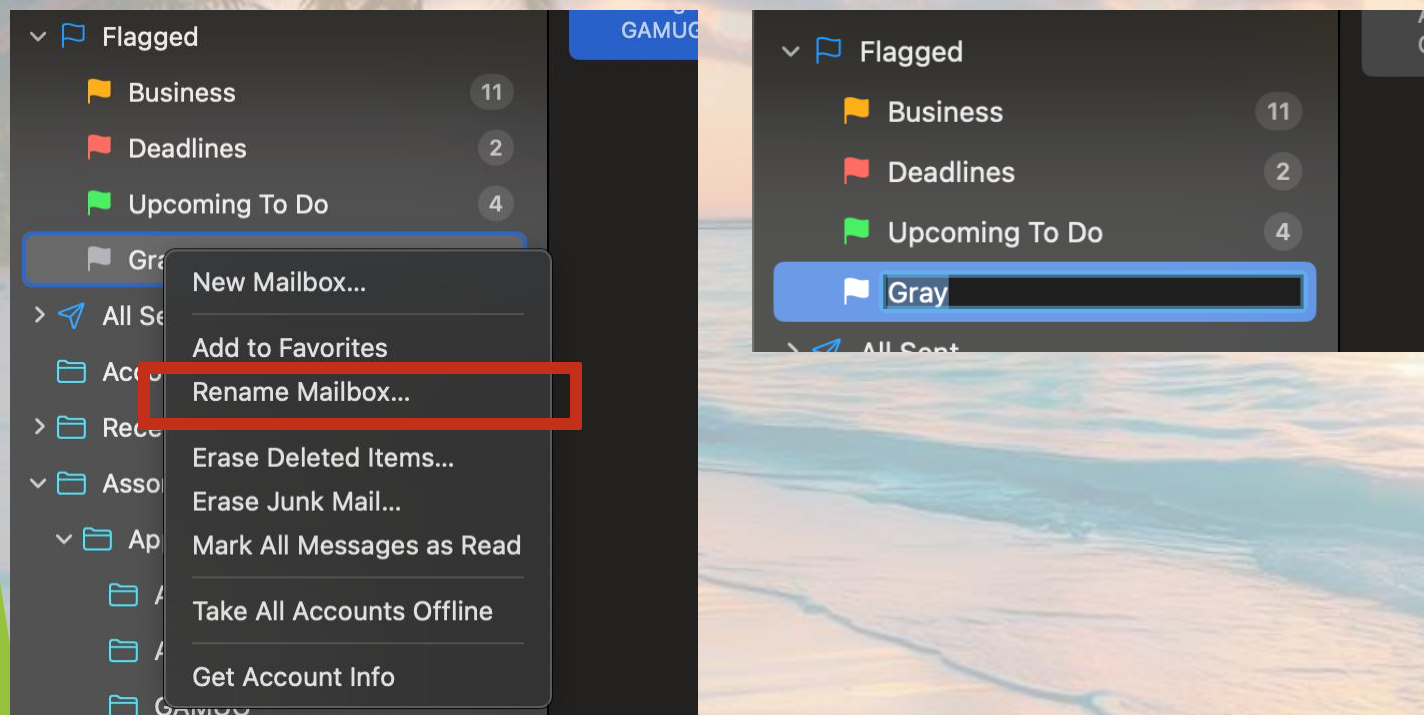
Now the email will appear in the “Flagged” section in the Mail left sidebar. Your Flagged section may be closed. If so, click the triangle to open it and drop down the contents.

If you already have color flagged emails, you can skip the first step of flagging an email.



How to Rename Email Flags in Apple Mail on the Mac

There are two ways to change the names of the flags. Control-click on the flag color that you labeled your message with. A drop-down menu will appear. Click on “Rename Mailbox.” You can also do this by simply clicking once on the flag color and waiting for the name to become editable and then typing your new name.



You will need to add flags of each color to emails in order to edit the name and repeat these steps. Unfortunately, there isn't a settings panel to do this.

Use Apple Intelligence to Edit Notes

During the month of July, It seemed as if every time it rained in the St. Louis area, the rain would miss where I live in Ballwin. I'd see rain coming and as it got close, it would always go north or south around us or dissipate before it got to us. As the month went on, I watched my lush green lawn start to turn into the Sahel with the heat index in triple figures for days on end. We seemed to be getting a lot less rain than everyone else. When the month ended, I decided to test my theory that we got less rain than most of the rest of St. Louis. I looked up rainfall amounts for local municipalities around the St. Louis area and made a list of 22 municipalities that covered the area and how much rain they got. Here in Ballwin, we got 3.93" of rain, which is just shy of our July average of 3.95". So, for Ballwin, it was a typical hot and dry July. I compiled my list in Apple Notes and here is how I used Apple Intelligence to sort my list.



Use Apple Intelligence to Edit Notes

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July Rainfall-St. L...

6:05 PM Ballwin-63011

Notes

Previous 7 Days

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Friday Separ

Computer

Furniture Stores

Sunday Carol House

Notes

Previous 30 Days

WIFI Settings

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July Rainfall-St. Louis Area

1. Ballwin-63011-3.93" (3.95" July ave)
2. Chesterfield-63017-5.07" (3.94" July ave)
3. Clayton-63105-4.48" (3.94" July ave)
4. Creve Coeur-63141-5.37" (3.96" July ave)
5. Edwardsville, IL-62025-6.78" (4.35" July ave)
6. Eureka-63025-4.69" (3.92" July ave)
7. Fenton-63026-4.98" (3.95" July ave)
8. Frontenac/Huntleigh-63131-5.73" (3.97" July ave)
9. Hazelwood-63042-4.51" (3.89" July ave)
10. High Ridge-63049-4.30" (3.96" July ave)
11. Imperial-63052-4.24" (3.95" July ave)
12. Maryland Heights-63043-5.69" (3.95" July ave)
13. Oakville-63129-5.13" (3.96" July ave)
14. O'Fallon, IL-62269-8.31" (4.22" July ave)
15. St. Louis-63103-4.62" (4.11" July ave)
16. St. Peters-63376-6.37" (3.97" July ave)
17. Troy-63379-7.43" (3.89" July ave)
18. University City-63130-4.99" (3.95" July ave)
19. Washington-63090-5.28" (4.16" July ave)
20. Webster Groves-63119-5.05" (3.88" July ave)
21. Wentzville-63385-5.33" (3.92" July ave)
22. Wildwood-63038-4.63" (3.81" July ave)

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AirFly Pro 2

Whether you fly occasionally or regularly, here is a great product to allow you to use your wireless headphones to get better sound and noise cancelling. The AirFly Pro 2 is made by Twelve South and costs \$59.99.

AirFly Pro 2

Connect your AirPods or other Bluetooth headphones to any headphone jack —like those on airplanes, treadmills, or gaming devices.

- Enjoy in-flight entertainment with your favorite wireless headphones
- Pair two sets of wireless headphones to one device
- Experience superior sound, intuitive controls, and effortless pairing
- 25+ hour battery life, rechargeable via USB-C
- Works with gym equipment, classic stereos, and more
- Deluxe includes our International Airline Adapter and a premium travel bag

AirFly Pro 2

AirFly Pro 2 Deluxe

Color:



\$ 59.99

Specs & Compatibility

Dimensions	56.6mm X 29mm X 11.2mm
Weight	16.5g
Compatibility	All Bluetooth wireless headphones, all brands are welcome- Sony, Bose, Beats and more.

- What's in the Box**
- AirFly Pro 2
 - User manual
 - USB-A to USB-C Charging Cable



The deluxe edition includes a travel bag and international airline adapter and costs \$69.99.



AirFly Pro 2

You can also use the AirFly Pro 2 as a transmitter/receiver for everyday use when not flying.

Not Just For Travel.

AirFly Pro 2 is both a transmitter and a receiver, giving you more ways to listen wirelessly. In receive mode, stream music, podcasts, and more from your phone to car stereos, boat speakers, treadmills, or any AUX-in device. Designed for travel, perfect at home, and built for everyday convenience.



<https://www.twelvesouth.com/products/airfly-pro-2>

<https://www.amazon.com/Twelve-South-Transmitter-Headphones-Airplanes/dp/B0DWT9FM4J/?tag=cult087-20&th=1>

MUSICOZY

MUSICOZY are the makers of Sleep Headphones. They make headbands and sleep masks that contain Bluetooth speakers in them to play content from your devices. They also make headbands for workouts. They have a rechargeable battery, that supposedly offers up to 14-15 hours of continuous play on a single 1-2 hour charge. MUSICOZY offers a bunch of different designs. The cost of a single headband or mask runs between \$15-\$35.



<https://musicozy.com>

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And finally...AOL DIAL-UP Internet Service Ending

SERIOUSLY! This is not a joke. Amazing as it is, AOL still offers dial-up internet service. And this service will be coming to an end on September 30. While this isn't something that most of us have used in 20+ years, as of 2019, it was estimated that there were still 265,000 Americans using dial-up service.

