

# Custom Color Codes in Lightroom and Bridge

*These instructions are for PC based systems. I do not have a Mac but the same settings are available across platforms.*

## Lightroom

### Library module

#### *Color Coding your photos*

Red

Yellow

Green

Blue

Purple

The default color codes are not very meaningful and you have to decide what they mean to you and you have to remember what you decided.

What if, instead, they were

Teach

B&W

Full Edit

Photoshop

Submit

or whatever is most meaningful to your photo process. Now you can filter/find your photos by these more meaningful labels instead of just by keywords, flags and stars.

*Grid, filter, attribute, (select a color) i.e. purple*

Once you change them, when you roll your mouse over the color tags the pop-up shows your descriptors instead of meaningless color names.

The settings are not in the normal preferences nor even in the catalog settings; they are part of the metadata settings.

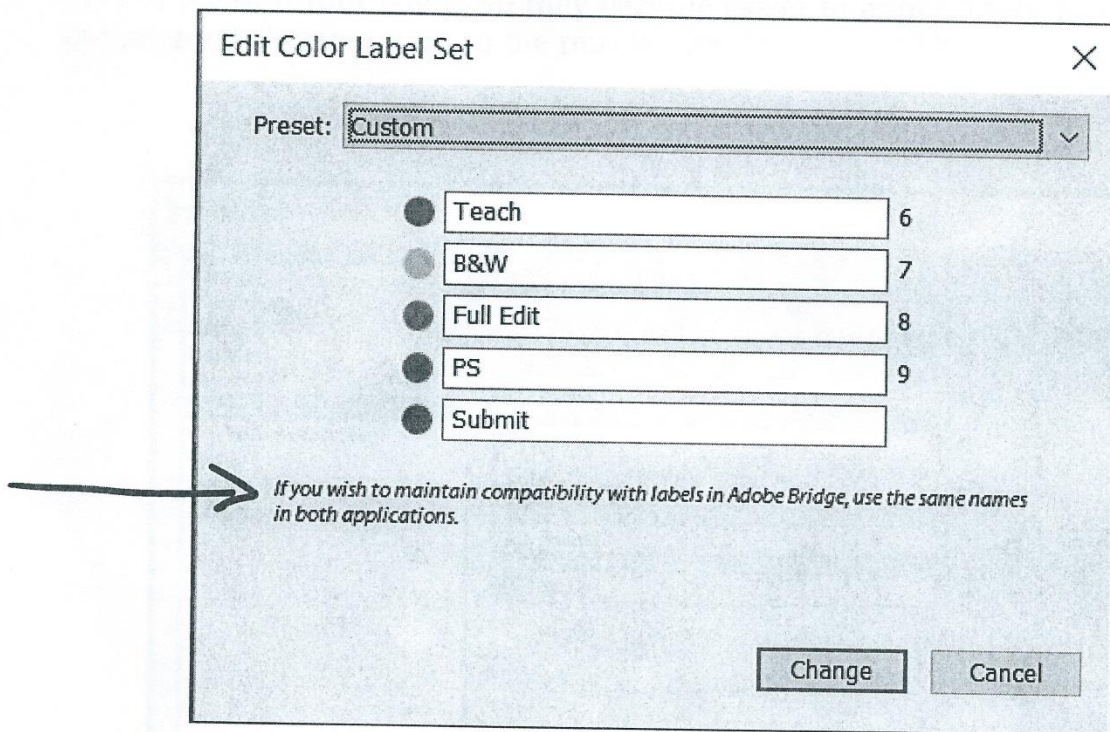
So - in the Library module menu

Click *Metadata*

Click *Color Label Set*

Click *Edit*

Then, fill in the text you want to appear next to each of the colors. Please note that there are numeric short-cuts shown next to the first four colors so they become easier to apply. There is no assigned shortcut next to the purple one. Also, note the message that appears about Bridge. We will get to Bridge in a few minutes so write your settings down so you'll be able to put the same settings in Bridge.



Do not forget to click "Change" when you are done. This will update your settings immediately without having to re-start Lightroom.

While we are in Metadata – check your Copyright info and make sure you have one for the current year. This is in the metadata presets section.

# Bridge

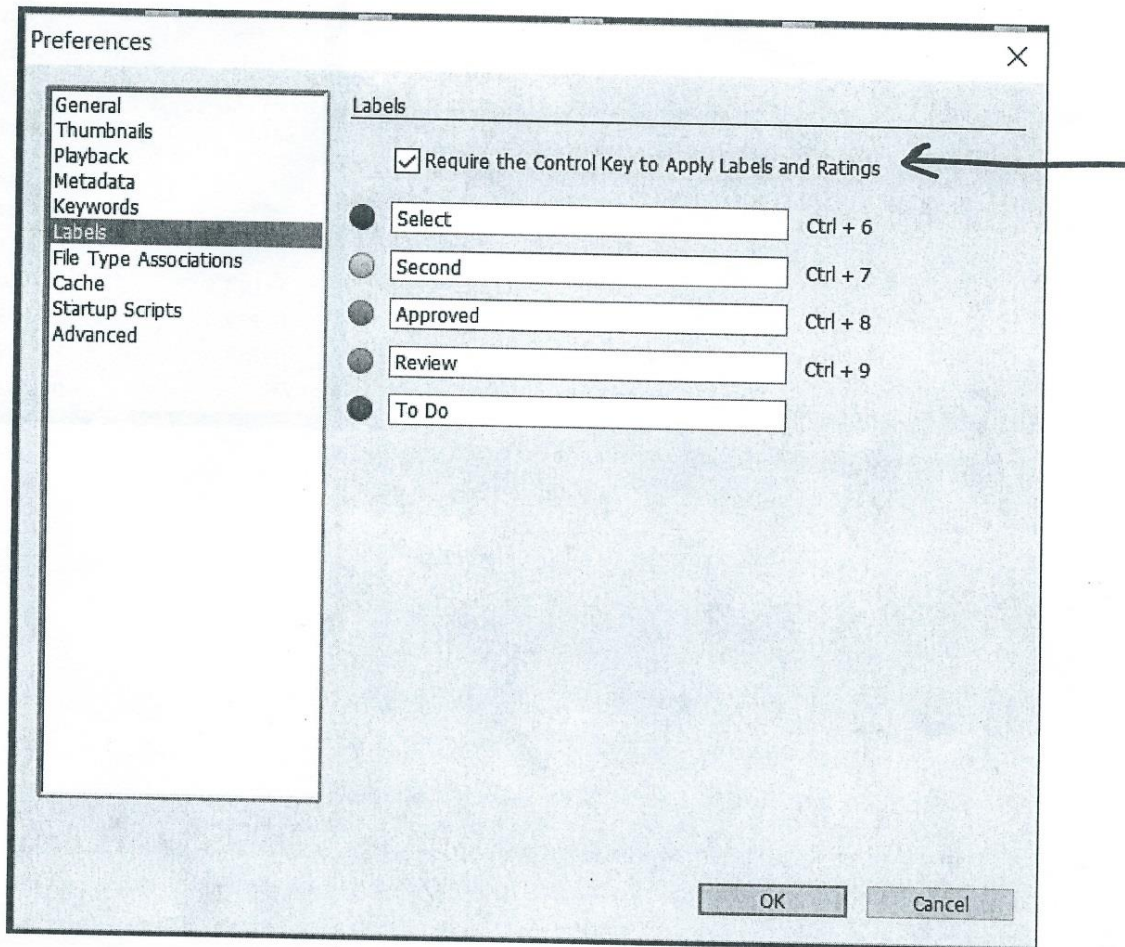
Go to the top menu

Click *Edit*

*Preferences*

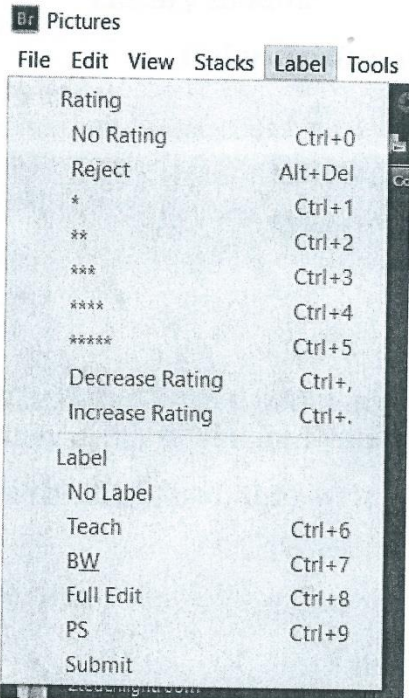
*Labels*

Then fill in the text you want to appear next to each of the colors so that they match what you did in Lightroom. Please note that there are short-cuts shown next to the first four colors so they become easier to apply. There is no preassigned shortcut next to the purple one.



This list above shows some other ideas for what you might want to use the colors for.

These changes also take effect once you click "OK." If you click the "Label" button on the Bridge Menu bar, you will note that you text is reflected in the label list.



This "Label" menu in Bridge shows the new text for the color labels. I unchecked the "require Control Key" to apply color labels and ratings" (when I assigned the color labels) on my system to duplicate how Lightroom works.