

Banding

For the Exhibition Budgerigar it is necessary to slip a closed leg band on your chick's leg between 5 to 10 days old.

These bands are made of aluminum and will have a club identification, year and number stamped on it.

Rings can be purchased through your club and will be registered in your name and this will allow you to participate in all club shows.

The leg band may be put on either the right or the left leg. Taking the chick in your hand bunching three toes together, leaving the smallest one free. The toes of a budgerigar are jointed so that one toe may be pushed either to the front or back. The band slips easily over three toes and then the smallest is pulled out to free it from the band. If the band should not move smoothly across the joint, use a little oil or water to help the ring slip over.

Usually two birds, sometimes three, from the one nest can be banded at the same time, but because the birds are of same size, repeated checking is necessary making sure you keep a close watch that the ring has remained on all the chicks. When you're doing your daily checks make sure they have their rings. It has been known for a ring to slip of the chick's foot and will be found lying in the nest box and must be replaced.

The final stage and it cannot be emphasized enough is to keep careful records of all your band numbers.

Placing a ring on the young chick leg. This is usually done when the chick is 5 - 10 days old.

