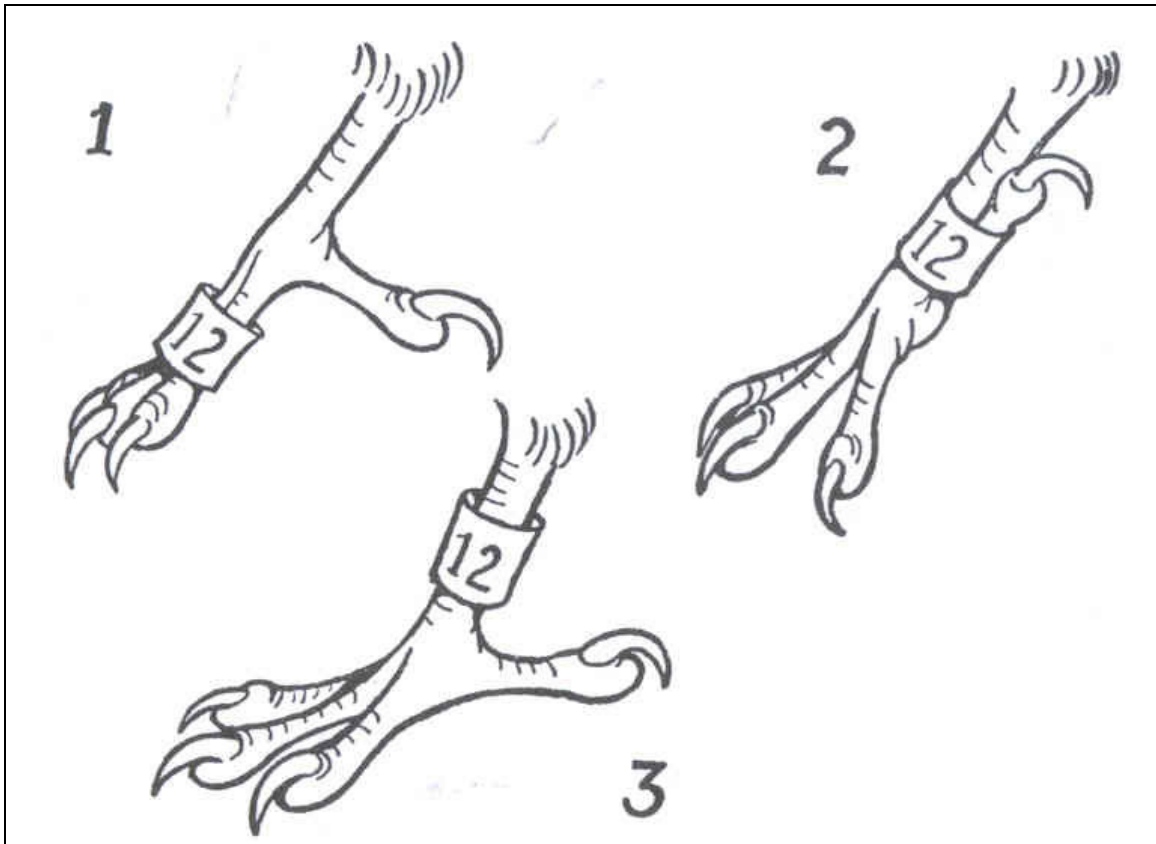


Northwest Roller Canary Club Banding Canary Babies

The time to band the young canaries depends on both the diameter of the band used and the rate of the young bird's growth. The usual time is when the bird is from 5 to 9 days old. Normally when the bird is about 7 days old is the best time. If you band too early the hen will frequently pull the band off. If you wait too long it is difficult or sometimes impossible to get the band on the leg.

The illustration below shows how to position the toes and slide the band over them and up on the leg.



Banding the young canaries with a Closed Band is an important part of responsible breeding. It insures their exact identity and, if you plan to enter your birds in a contest, they must have a Closed Band. Otherwise they will not be allowed in the contest.

Typical bands are shown below:

