

How To Band A Baby Racing Pigeon

Step #1

Take the baby pigeon in your hand.



Step # 2

Hold the baby pigeon in one hand and the band in the other. Note that the band should go on upside down.



Step #3
Slide the band over the baby pigeon's three front toes.



Step #4

Holding the three front toes, grasp the band and slide it up toward the leg joint allowing the back toe to slide into the band. Once the band is close to the joint you can pull the back toe out.



Tip:

If you can't get the back toe to slide out try sliding a pigeon feather under the back toe. Carefully pulling the toe out remember to keep pulling the band up toward the leg joint.



Step #5

The back toe has been pulled through the racing pigeon band.



This young racing pigeon can now be identified by its unique band for the rest of its life.



Tip:
Baby racing pigeons can normally be banded from seven to ten days old. Remember to

check the young pigeons band to ensure it hasn't slipped it off
or you might not be able to band it at a later date.