

How to take samples

- Feather:**
1. A special kit is not required for feather samples. Any envelope or plastic bag will suffice. Envelopes are preferred as they are porous and allow the sample to breathe and dry out. This reduces the chances of the samples going mouldy during postage.
 2. Label a small envelope or plastic bag with the bird's species and identification. Copy that information onto the form below.
 3. Pluck (do not cut) 2 - 3 tail or wing feathers (NOT breast feathers).
 4. Feathers should be approximately 4 - 10cm long. If the feather has blood on it, take this single feather and allow it to dry before putting into an envelope or plastic bag.
 5. Place in the labeled envelope or plastic bag and send them with a completed order form to the address below.

- Blood:**
1. Use a blood sampling kit.
 2. Label one end of the blood card with the bird's species and identification, and copy it onto the form below.
 3. Restrain the bird with a firm but gentle hold. The medial metatarsal vein (leg) can be pricked by a pin or needle and allow a drop of blood to form, before touching the drop to the labeled blood card. Only one drop is required.
 4. Clean thoroughly or replace the pin between birds. Ensure the bleeding has stopped before returning the bird to its cage.
 5. Allow the blood to dry for at least 10 minutes before placing it into the plastic bag.
 6. Send the samples with a completed order form to the address below.

Samples Information: tick the appropriate DNA Service

	Type (Species) of bird	Identification or name	DNA Sexing Test	Express DNA Sexing	DNA Disease:* Beak & Feather	Office use only
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* For beak and feather disease testing we strongly recommend to provide both blood and feather samples.

Mail or deliver samples to

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