

How to take samples

1. A special kit is not required for feather samples. Any envelope or plastic bag will suffice. Envelopes are preferred as they allow the sample to breathe and dry out, reducing the chance of them going mouldy.
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 feathers (NOT breast feathers, unless the bird is very large, like a macaw or cockatoo).
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 a plastic bag, (no drying wait needed for envelopes).
5. Place in the labelled 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, then 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 labelled blood card. Only one drop or less 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 at bottom of this page.

Samples Information: Tick which service you want for each sample.

Tip* Fill this in online at birds.dnasolutions.com.au for speedy lab entry and to avoid handwriting confusions

	Type (Species) of bird	Identification or name	DNA Sexing	Express Sexing	Sexing Emus <i>Ratites</i>	Chlamydia Psittaci PCR Test	Polyoma Virus PCR Test	Beak & Feather Virus PCR Test	Office use only
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* For beak and feather disease submit only a blood sample. For Chlamydia or Polyoma - nasopharyngeal swab, cloacal swab or faeces.

Mail or deliver samples to

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For any enquiries, please contact us on
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