

AVIAN DNA SEXING

Dear bird enthusiast,

Thank you for your interest in DNA SOLUTIONS' DNA sexing services.

DNA SOLUTIONS has sexed over 30,000 birds with a proven accuracy greater than 99.9%.

We have been sexing birds for 10 years and have thousands of satisfied breeders, zoos and pet owners.

Currently we can offer you a special rate of:

£13 per bird for sending us 1 to 4 birds or
£12 per bird for sending us 5 to 20 birds

You will find these rates to be the lowest in the world, since we test many thousands of birds every year and can afford to offer these low rates.

For DNA sexing all we require is two tail or wing feather from the bird (we will not obtain a result from feathers picked up off the ground). If you must send body feathers, we require 4-5 feathers, but we prefer tail or wing feathers as they tend to work better

We prefer feathers to be between one and half and three inches long, but this size not strictly required.

The feathers do not need to contain any blood, unless the bird is very young and only growing (blood) feathers are available.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further queries.

Yours Sincerely



Vern Muir B.Sc.
DNA SOLUTIONS

PROCEDURE FOR FEATHER COLLECTION

AVOID HANDLING THE TIP OF THE FEATHER SHAFT.

Please use basic hygiene when collecting samples: Clean hands, new envelopes, etc.

1. Label a separate clean envelope (or plastic seal bag) for each bird you intend to have sexed with a form of identification (or name). eg. Ring No., Cage No., Charlie, Jack, etc.
2. Copy the identification from the envelopes (or bags) on to the sample information sheet provided.
3. Pull two tail or wing feathers from each bird with one swift motion and place them in the envelope labelled for that bird. Please don't lick envelopes shut.

Note: For small birds like finches, we require two primary feathers (largest tail or wing feathers).

For medium sized birds like canaries or ringnecks two secondary flight or tail feathers are ideal.

For very large birds, like cockatoos or macaws, then breast or back feathers are sufficient.

Basically, all feathers will contain DNA. The most important thing is that they are not taken from the ground, and that they are not too small. Any pulled feather around 1-4 inches is a good size and will be sexed easily.

4. If a blood feather (growing feather) is collected, then only this single feather is required for a bird of any size. If you have a young bird which only has growing feathers, then this single feather, even a tiny blood feather, will have enough DNA in the blood in the feather tip to sex the bird many times over. Please put any blood feathers in a paper envelope, or allow them to air-dry before putting them into plastic zip bags.
5. Large feathers can be cut down to fit into small bags or envelopes. We only require the end of the feather with the shaft tip attached.
6. Package all the feather envelopes/bags with the sample info sheet and payment together and send them with payment to DNA SOLUTIONS for processing.

DNA SOLUTIONS
16 Hanover Square
Mayfair
London W1S 1HT
UNITED KINGDOM



DNA SOLUTIONS 16 Hanover Square Mayfair London W1S 1HT UNITED KINGDOM
TEL: 0845-45-000-10 INT. +44 845-45-000-10 WEB: www.DNASolutions.co.uk EMAIL: dna@dnasolutions.co.uk

SAMPLE SUBMISSION FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

	Type (species) of bird	Bird's Identification or name	Office Use Only
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			

Payment Options:

Check Money order
 Visa MasterCard

Card Number : _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry Date: _____ / _____

Name on Card: _____ Signed : _____