

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 15 years and have thousands of satisfied breeders, zoos and pet owners among our customers.

Our rates are:

£ 13 each (for sending us 1 - 3 bird samples)

£ 12 each (for sending us 4 or more bird samples)

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

For DNA sexing all we require is two normal feathers from the bird by simply pulling them from the bird's body, tail or wing (we will not obtain a result from feathers picked up off the ground, see instructions for more details). We prefer feathers to be between 1.5 and 3 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.

We can also use a little drop of dried blood as a valid sample for DNA sexing. If you would like to send a blood sample instead of feathers, please contact us for instructions.

Results will take 5 to 10 business days from the moment that we receive your samples.

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

Yours sincerely,

Vern Muir B. Sc.
DNA SOLUTIONS Pty. Ltd.

PROCEDURE FOR FEATHER COLLECTION

Please, keep a basic hygiene when collecting the samples (clean hands, new unused 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): e.g. ring no., cage no., 'Charlie', Jack, etc.
2. Copy the identification from the envelopes (or bags) on to the order 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, do not 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 1.5-3 inches (5 to 10 centimetres) 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 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. Do not clean the blood on the feather tip.
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, this is, the tip of feather that is attached to the skin.
6. Package all the feather envelopes/bags with the Sample Submission Form and payment information and send to DNA SOLUTIONS for processing.

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SAMPLE SUBMISSION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

	Type (species) of bird	Bird's Identification or Name	Office use only
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

Payment Options (please note that your test will not be performed until we have received your payment):

• £ 13 each (for sending us 1 - 3 bird samples)

• £ 12 each (for sending us 4 or more bird samples)

I have paid the full amount of £_____ by:

Money Transfer: Natwest UK Acc.: 50350242 Sort code: 60-02-20

Note: Please quote your full name when you make the transfer in order to avoid any confusion with another customer's payment.

Visa MasterCard

Note: Please note debit and other bank cards are not accepted; only credit cards accepted.

Card number:

Expiry date:

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Card holder: _____

Card holder's signature: _____