



SAMPLE FORM

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Fax: _____

	Type (species) of bird	Bird's Identification or name	Office Use Only
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Payment Options:

- Cheque Money order Cash
 Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number : _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry Date: _____ / _____

Name on Card: _____ Signed : _____



Dear bird enthusiast,

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

I am glad to be able to send you our DNA sexing Kit. Naturally I wish to point out to you our large involvement with Avian DNA sexing, which we have been performing for aviculturists, zoos and fauna parks world-wide since 1997, where we were the first company in Australia to offer DNA sexing from normal feathers.

Currently we can offer you a special rate of:

£13 each (for sending us 1 - 3 bird samples)
£12 each (for sending us 4+ bird samples)

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 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 5 and 10 centimetres 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).

Results will take 7 to 12 working days, results are very accurate (above 99.9%)

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

Yours Sincerely

Vern Muir B.Sc.
DNA SOLUTIONS



PROCEDURE FOR FEATHER COLLECTION

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 5 to 10 centimetres (about 2 to 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 Form** and payment and send to **DNA SOLUTIONS** for processing.

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