

BIRD SERVICES

SAMPLE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS



Suitable Sample Submission Types

- **Egg Membrane:** Dry egg membrane with bloody areas or veins are preferred. Please avoid sending in 'wet' membrane or crushed shell as experience has shown that such samples rarely yield a conclusive result.
- **Feathers:** 6 plucked feathers are required for medium to large birds and 10 plucked feathers for smaller birds. Please note that we do not accept cut feathers.
- **Blood:** We ask for 3 drops of blood sent in a tube or absorbed onto a cotton swab (we can send you the appropriate sampling materials in a collection kit).

Step-By-Step Guide

1. Complete the Personal Details & Payment Form

2. Complete the Sample Submission Form

Provide each sample you collect with a unique sample ID.

3. Sample Collection

- a. First, complete the information on the grip seal bag's label with your name, date and the sample's ID.
- b. Please wash your hands and any equipment (e.g. scissors/tweezers) you may use to collect your sample.
- c. Collect the sample then enclose it in the bag provided.
- d. If you are submitting more than one sample for analysis, please wash your hands and any equipment you use between bagging your samples. Please also ensure that the sample in the bag corresponds to the sample ID on the bag's label and the sample ID field on the Sample Submission Form.

4. Please enclose the following into a secure envelope/Jiffy bag:

- a. Labelled sample(s)
- b. The completed Sample Submission Form
- c. The completed Personal Details & Payment Form

5. Send your samples to:

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The Durham Genome Centre
Park House
Station Road
Lanchester, DH7 0EX

