



BIRD SEXING

Dear bird enthusiast,

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 all over the world.

Our DNA sexing rates are as follows:

€17 per bird for sending us (1 to 3 birds) or
€14 per bird for sending us (5 to 20 birds)

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)

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



DNA SEXING FROM FEATHERS

AVOID TOUCHING THE VERY TIP OF THE FEATHER.

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

1. Label a envelope (or plastic seal bag) for each bird to be sexed with a form of identification (or name). eg. Ring Number or name..
2. Copy the identification from the envelopes (or bags) on the form on the next page.
3. Pull two feathers from each bird with one swift motion and place them in the envelope prepared for that bird. You do not need to lick the 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
ALEXANDRA HOUSE
THE SWEEPSTAKES, BALLSBRIDGE
DUBLIN 4**



DNA SEXING FORM

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
 Fax: _____

	Bird Species	Bird Identification	Office Use (sex)
1			
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Payment Options:

Check Money order Cash
 Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number : _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry Date: _____ / _____

Name on Card: _____ Signed : _____