

Collection instructions - eggshell

Collection of eggshells is the most critical element to obtaining the best sample for DNA testing. It is very important that you follow this simple instructions to avoid foreign DNA sample contamination and to help minimize the possibility of failure.

We strongly recommend reading the collection instructions prior to taking the sample.

A. Preparations

1. When sampling eggshells from multiple birds, first finish completely the sample collection from the first animal before you continue with the other one. Wash hands between birds.
2. **IMPORTANT:** do not touch the inner side of the egg.
3. Be ready to send the samples one day after collection.

B. Sampling

1. Remove the eggshell immediately after the bird hatches.
2. Mark the eggshell on the outer surface to avoid confusion of eggshells.
3. Clean the eggshell carefully from excrements with a moistened paper towel.
4. Eggshell needs to be air dried for approximately 24 hours. It has to be dry on both sides.
5. Put the eggshell into a small paper or plastic box to prevent crushing during transport.
6. Write the identification data of the bird on the box.
7. If sending samples from multiple birds be sure to put the samples of each bird into separate boxes.

C. Sending the sample

1. Download the Order form by going to download section on our website. Fill in the form electronically or manually, print and sign the form. If you are filling the form manually make sure that all the information is written clearly.
2. Insert the Order form and box with an eggshell into new envelope and send it to our address:

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