

### **Brief instructions for taking bird blood samples**

Please, see general instruction for blood sampling – 0.1 ml of full blood in EDTA tube is sufficient.

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### **Brief instructions for taking samples of a shell**

1. Remove the shell from the nest immediately after bird hatching.
2. It is important to avoid confusion of shells. It must be clear to which bird the appropriate shell belongs. The shell can be marked on the outer surface.
3. Don't touch the material inside the egg. The fibre/umbilical cord on the shell inside surface is important for the genetic test.
4. If the shell is contaminated with the excrements, wipe it carefully clean with a moistened napkin.
5. Let the shell dry in the air for approx. 24 hours. It has to be dry from both sides.
6. Put the shell in small plastic or paper box. This will help prevent crushing of the shell during transport.
7. Marked a box with identification data of the bird.
8. Then, put the box containing the shell in envelope (a bubble envelope at the best) and send it to the address of our laboratory:

Genomia  
Teslova 3  
301 00 Plzen  
Czech Republic

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### **Brief instructions for taking feather samples**

1. Pull out at least 5 to 7 fine feathers. The feathers must not be lost feathers or cut ones.
2. Insert the feathers in a clean envelope and seal the envelope.
3. Mark the envelope with unambiguous identification of the sample (e.g., assigned sample number or another identification).
4. Insert the marked envelope to another envelope to which laboratory address is to be written as follows:  
Genomia  
Teslova 3  
301 00 Plzen  
Czech Republic
5. Send the sample by standard mail.