

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 prevent crushing of the shell during transport.
7. Mark the box with identification data of the bird.
8. Put the box containing the shell in an envelope and send it to the address of our laboratory:

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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 paper envelope or a plastic bag and close it.
3. Mark the envelope / plastic bag with identification data of the bird (e.g., assigned sample number or another identification).
4. Insert the marked envelope / plastic bag with the sample into a post envelope and send it to the laboratory:

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