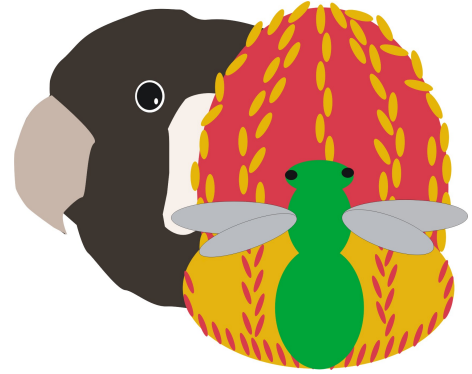


Avian Testing: Flat-Pak Postal Blood Spot Kit

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Instructions for Avian Flat-Pak Postal Blood Spot Kit

1. Wearing a fresh pair of gloves, sample a small drop of the bird's blood using the sterile lance in the kit. We recommend using the bird's foot.
2. Peel back the Flat-Pak Blood Spot Kit envelope, which contains the filter paper strip.
3. Grasp one end of the exposed filter paper strip and ease out of the sterile pack. Ignore the indicator strip (black stripes).
4. Absorb the droplet of blood onto the end of the filter paper strip. The blood spot should be sufficient to fill the width of the strip.
5. Gently fan the end of the filter paper strip with blood spot to air dry. Avoid putting the filter paper strip down.
6. When the blood spot has dried, ease the filter paper strip blood spot end first into the "return" sterile pack.
7. Seal the sterile pack by closing the white tab on the pack.
8. Using the supplied label, add the sample name to the outside of the return sterile pack.
9. Repeat with any further birds, using clean gloves each time.
10. Complete the Avian Testing spreadsheet and sample submission form, available for download on our avian testing portal: <https://www.smithsonenvironmental.com.au/dnalabs-services/avian-bird-gender-and-disease/sample-testing-portal/>
11. Print out the Avian Testing spreadsheet, Place both the Flat-Pak kit and printout inside an envelope, and post to us at the above address.
12. Our portal will advise you as your samples are received and processed. We aim for return of results in 5 days.