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**GREAT CRESTED NEWT (GCN) FORM**

**\*Required Fields**

**LABORATORY SAMPLE ID**

Your results will be sent to you via email

**\*Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **\*Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Email:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Result Turnaround:** Fast Track - 2working days Standard - 4 working days

**\*Paid Online? Yes No \*Payment confirmation number:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Business customers only - Purchase order number \_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Sample** | **Species** | **Date collected** | **Notes** |
| **1** |  |  |  |
| **2** |  |  |  |
| **3** |  |  |  |
| **4** |  |  |  |
| **5** |  |  |  |

**Feathers must be plucked freshly following these instructions to provide the necessary cells for effective DNA isolation. For best results, post samples within 24 hours of sample collection.**

*Results will be provided by email within the requested deadline.*

**SAMPLE COLLECTION**

1. Fill in the table above, whilst clearly labelling each bag/container to identify each sample.

2. Once you have gained control of your bird, **pluck at least 3 small chest or breast feathers**. Blood, flight or primary feathers are not required. Some birds may twitch slightly when feathers are plucked but will not be harmed by this procedure. Small birds like finches and small parakeets require additional feathers (+5). If you are plucking feathers from more than just one bird, make sure you sanitise your hands in between each bird, to avoid contamination. We recommend using gloves for plucking the feathers.

3. Place the feathers in the zip-lock bag and label with the sample number, species and sex (if known). Because there is no bleeding, birds may be released immediately.

4. Return samples to the address on the top of this form.

To ensure collection of cells, please pluck here:

**Bird Sexing Service**

