



Museum of Natural Science

**Specimen Loan Request Protocol
Section of Ornithology**

Information requests

The specimen holdings in the LSUMNS ornithology collections may be searched on the Museum website (<https://www.lsu.edu/mns/collections/ornithology.php>) or in VertNet. However, we are in the process of updating and moving our collection data to Specify, so these online sources may not be u

possess a valid USDA Transport Permit. Because we process as many as 100 loans per year, typically there is a backlog. So, please be patient. Unfortunately, we are extremely reluctant to send specimens internationally because of the increasing difficulty in dealing with courier services, in obtaining legal clearances, and risks of loss or damage during import/export through customs.

2. Loans for scientific illustration: Same as above, except that we require the illustrator to sign an agreement in advance that includes a guarantee that the LSUMNS will receive a gratis copy of the book or article in which the illustrations appear.

3. Loans for commercial or personal artwork: We do NOT loan specimens for these purposes. However, we are more than willing to let artists use certain specimens if they arrange to visit the collection and to use them on-site.

Tissue Sample Requests

Requests for frozen or chemically preserved tissue samples should be directed either to Dr. Robb T. Brumfield or Dr. Frederick H. Sheldon, Curators of Genetic Resources. Generally, such requests are granted only if the samples cannot be obtained from populations of living birds.

Destructive sampling from specimens for tissues

The Section of Ornithology will allow destructive sampling only if the material cannot be obtained from living populations because of permit issues (e.g., endangered species, political problems). Under spBT/F1 12 Tf.00000912 0 612 792 reW*ñBT/F512 Tf1 0 391.3 Tmot be1.00000912 0 612 91