**New Jersey Department of Health**

**DEAD BIRD LAB SUBMISSION FORM**

**West Nile Virus Surveillance**

*Routine testing of birds for West Nile Virus is no longer conducted in New Jersey. Limited testing is available upon request to the Vectorborne Disease Program, Communicable Disease Service at 609-826-5964. It is still recommended to report dead/ill corvids to your local Mosquito Control Agency.*

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**Health Department Name:** _____________________________  **County:** _____________________________

**Name of Contact Person Submitting the Form:** ____________________________________________

**Telephone Number:** _____________________________  **Fax:** _____________________________

**Email Address:** ____________________________________________

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### CALLER INFORMATION

**Date of Call:** _____ / _____ / _____  **Time of Call:** _____________________________

**Name of Person Calling:** _____________________________________________  **Telephone:** _____________________________

**Pickup Address:**

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<th>Street No.</th>
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### BIRD SPECIFICS AND LOCATION

**Date Bird Observed:** _____ / _____ / _____

**Location of the Bird (if different from Pickup Address):**

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**Type of Bird:**
- [ ] Crow
- [ ] Blue Jay
- [ ] Hawk
- [ ] Other: ____________________________________________

**Date of Pickup:** _____ / _____ / _____

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**Instructions for Bird Submission for WNV Testing**

- Please call the NJDOH, Vectorborne Disease Program at 609-826-5964 for questions or testing approval.
- The Vectorborne Disease Program will generate a unique ID for you.
- Specimens should be submitted in two clear Ziploc bags; one containing the bird and one with a completed Dead Bird Lab Submission Form.
  - Please write the Unique ID on the top of the Form AND on the bird bag in waterproof marker.
- Refrigerate the bird - do not freeze.
- Only use ice packs (not dry ice) for packing. Do not put the ice directly in the bird bag, or the bird will be soggy and unsuitable for testing.
- Before submitting, open the bird's mouth to check for maggots (even refrigerated birds can develop maggots). Do not submit birds with maggots.
- Remember to always wear personal protective equipment (PPE), including puncture resistant gloves, while handling and packaging dead birds.

**NOTE:** If you find sick or dead wild birds, do not handle them. Immediately contact the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife at 908-236-2118 or USDA-Wildlife Services at 908-735-5654 Ext. 2 to report observations of sick or dead wild birds.

All poultry owners, whether commercial producers or backyard enthusiasts, should immediately report sick or unexplained bird deaths to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health at 609-671-6400 or email state.veterinarian@ag.state.nj.us. For small flocks, this can include deaths of one bird per day for two days in a row.