

# CAN YOU SORT THESE FEATHERS?

Birds of prey have feathers that have evolved to suit the conditions and lifestyle of each bird.

However, they do all have some things in common. We've given you some information below about feather types so that you can work out where on the body these feathers have come from.

## Wing feathers

These are long and stiff with an interlocking windproof surface which is able to cut through the air when the bird is flying.

### **Tail feathers**

These have a similar structure to wing feathers but are usually more symmetrical and are arranged in a fan shape to help with precision steering in flight.

### **Body feathers**

These are to keep birds warm and are arranged to make a birds' body more streamlined in flight.

Bird feathers have other functions too, including camouflage, recognition and display.



# WING, TAIL OR BODY? Restrel feathers Peregrine Falcon feathers Peregrine Falcon feathers