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## Student Journal: What makes a bird a bird? Nestlings Fledglings

### Comparing Feathers

*After examining the two feathers with the hand lens, draw them in the provided space and fill in the following information.*

#### *Contour Feather*

Where are the contour feathers on the bird's body?

What is the function of this feather?

#### *Down Feather*

Where are the down feathers on the bird's body?

What is the function of this feather?

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### Bird Feather Observations

What are the different colors of feathers you see? Which colors do you see the most?

Describe the plumage of one or two birds you observed (for example, one bird had a bright blue back with black stripe, and gray belly. I noticed white outer tail feathers while the bird was flying). Write 2-3 sentences.

How did you see birds using their plumage or feathers?

Draw or sketch one bird you saw: