

Whose Feathers Are These?

Look closely at the pictures of the feathers.

They all come from British birds, and all of them can be seen around Rutland Water (when it opens again!). If you think you know which species of bird they belong to, write it down, next to the number of the feather. You can ask other members of the family, or your friends online, but try to find the answers yourselves first. There are some good 'feathers' websites you can use!



Feather 1



Feather 2



Feather 3



Feather 4

When you think you know each answer, make a fact file which contains all this information :

- English name of the bird
- Scientific name of the bird
- Family of birds it belongs to
- Brief description of the birds (main colours).
- Which parts of the bird do these feathers come from?
- Its habitat (where it can be found)
- Is it a migrant or resident in UK? (Be careful)
- Its main foods. Is it carnivorous, herbivorous, insectivorous, or omnivorous?
- Its length and wingspan in centimetres
- Where and when it builds its nest
- Number, size and colour of eggs
- Description of sounds it makes

Now make a coloured picture of the bird in its natural habitat, and also a careful drawing or painting of the feather. You must draw or paint it yourself. It does not have to be brilliant, but it does have to be your own work.

It does not matter at all if your answer is wrong! It still shows you have used your powers of observation and research to try and work something out. You don't have to do them all – just the ones you like!

When you have completed a factfile for one or more feathers, ask your parents to send it by e-mail to kdavies@lrwt.org.uk, or, if you are Osprey Ambassador, they can put it on the Osprey Ambassadors Facebook page for you.

We look forward to seeing your work!