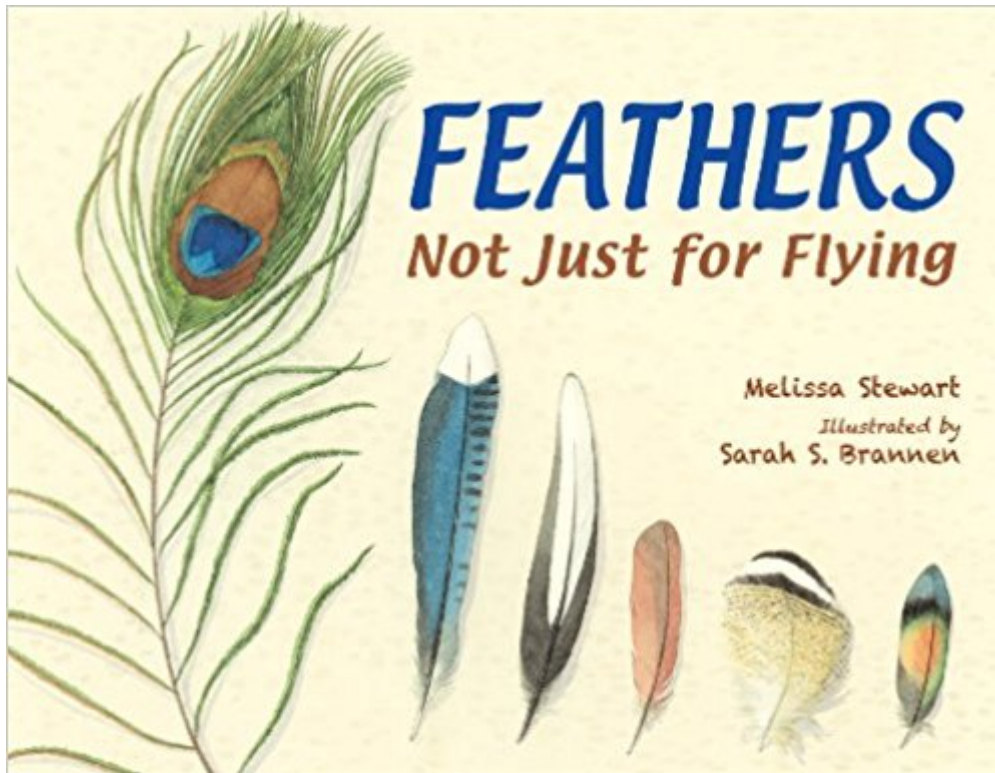




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# Feathers: Not Just For Flying



## Synopsis

Young naturalists meet sixteen birds in this elegant introduction to the many uses of feathers. A concise main text highlights how feathers are not just for flying. More curious readers are invited to explore informative sidebars, which underscore specific ways each bird uses its feathers for a variety of practical purposes. A scrapbook design showcases life-size feather illustrations.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 1-4 •Depicting birds from around the United States as well as South America, India, Africa, and Antarctica, Stewart illuminates the various functions of feathers. Presented in a scrapbook format with images and text that appear to be taped, stapled, or pinned to the pages, the book explains that feathers can provide sun protection, assist in carrying nest materials, or attract a mate with sound or color. All of these functions are subtly compared to everyday objects with which young readers will be familiar, such as backhoes and forklifts or umbrellas and sleds. Brannen's captivating, lifelike illustrations bring each bird's feathers to life. An author's note explains Stewart's main sources. With its simple text and captivating art, this title could be featured in a group storytime or in a unit on birds. •Meaghan Darling, Plainsboro Public Library, NJ --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Feathers are deceptively simple marvels of adaptation, providing not just locomotion for birds, but also protection, warmth, decoration, and comfort. This book celebrates the amazing versatility of these easily recognizable objects, which young readers might find right in their own backyards. Vividly rendered watercolor illustrations of feathers in life-sized scale complement the straightforward text that describes 16 species of birds and the unexpected functions of their feathers. Common birds, such as jays, cardinals, penguins, and swans, share pages with more exotic species, like the rosy-faced lovebird of Namibia and a type of sandgrouse found in the Gobi Desert. Stewart describes how chicks suck on the wet feathers of their parents to quench their thirst and how males of some species can play a type of high-pitched, squeaky love song by shaking their wings to attract female mates. Part science journal, part read-along nonfiction, *Feathers* succeeds in what such science books for young readers should strive to do: help young minds spot the extraordinary in the seemingly mundane. Grades 1-3. --Erin Anderson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I love it when I discover picture book nonfiction that teaches me something new. While picture book nonfiction is, of course, designed to teach children, I'm always extra impressed when I learn something new as well. To me that means the author and illustrator have done their homework and made the book as good as possible. The author has done a fabulous job sharing information about feathers that I'd never heard before. For example, I had no idea that some birds use some of their feathers to dig out a burrow or that the Club-winged manakin uses some of its feathers to whistle. The comparison of feathers to other objects also makes the book a great teaching tool as well. The illustrations are beautiful and I love the design which makes the book look like a scrapbook. The large text is perfect for reading out loud with younger children while the smaller text adds details for older readers. All in all a fabulous addition to picture book nonfiction in all libraries.

love it. so much about feathers i never knew. many more functions than i ever learned. feather help birds go up, go down, give water to young, dive deep, etc, etc. altho i'd now like a collection of specimens, there is also caution that sometimes feathers are appropriated illegally which probably endangers birds.

Wonderful book! We just finished a bird study. This book was a great addition.

This book does a very nice job explaining the different structures and functions of feathers. It's

beautifully illustrated and very informative, yet written for elementary students. It helps explain how adaptations help different types of birds, making a Big Picture connection for readers.

Beautiful illustrations and thought-provoking text, linking the role of feathers on birds to humans' needs. Deserves all the awards it has won.

my 6 year old grandson loved it ! TY

This book deals with comparisons which caught my eye. I don't believe that children get enough exposure on that topic. The illustrations are beautiful.

This book was wonderful for a unit we did on feathers with 4-5 yr olds, very informative but easy to understand and great drawings!

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