



Turkey Vultures are featherless on their heads for sanitary reasons due to their dietary habits. Note nostril which is perforate - one can see through the beak from the side to the other.

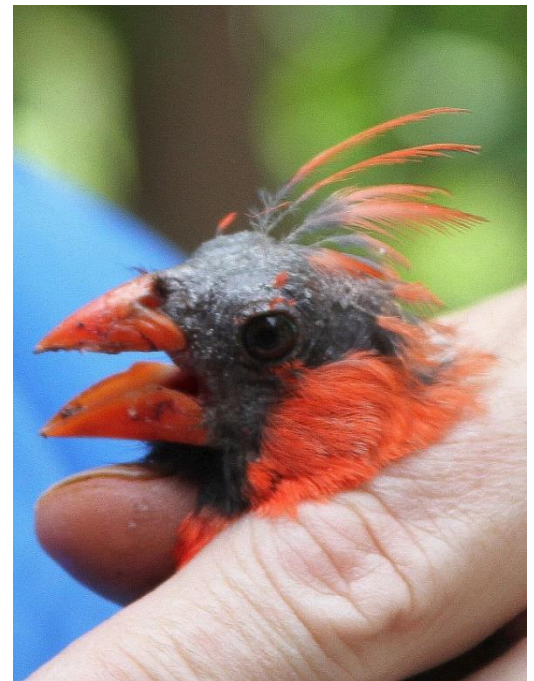


Blue Jay regrowing its head feathers after complete loss of plumage there.

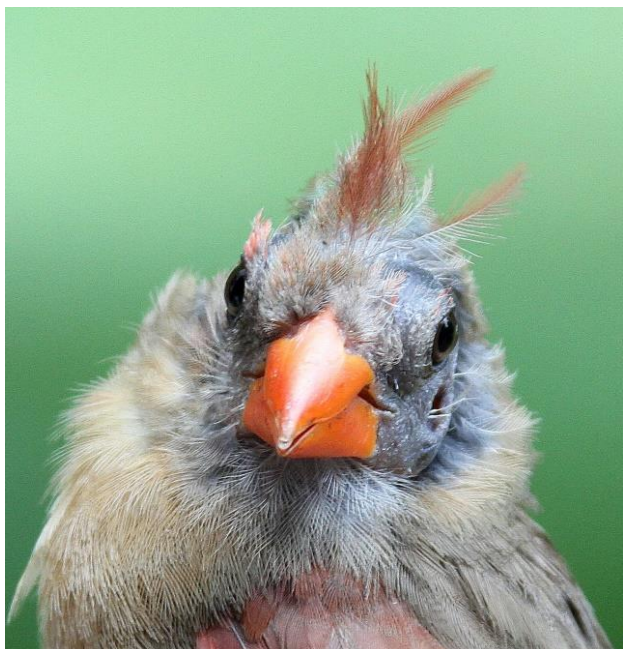


Wild Turkeys are mostly ‘bald’ although they are not scavengers like vultures. Note ear hole behind eye and caruncle (projection) above nostril.

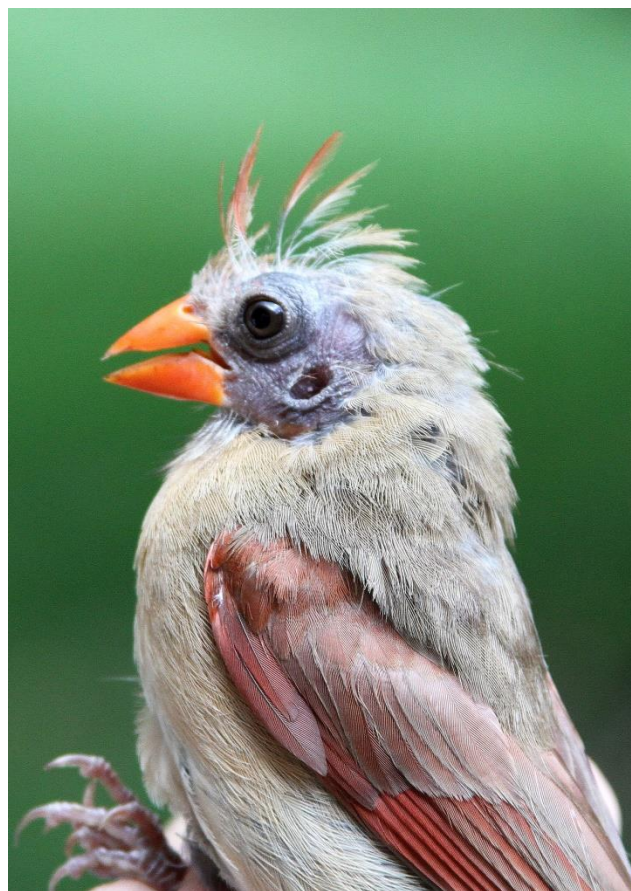
[White tip on beak is actually snow.]



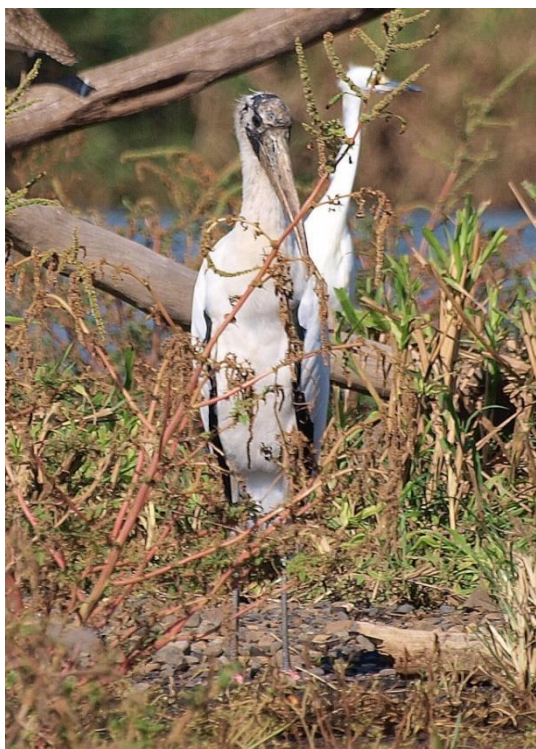
Male Northern Cardinal's feather loss reveals its charcoal skin underneath.



Female Northern Cardinal losing her head feathers after breeding.



Female cardinal’s feather loss reveals blue-gray skin and ear hole below eye.



Although no scavenger, the adult Wood Stork retains no plumage on its head. (Juvenile Little Blue Heron in rear.)

Cardinals on these pages are being banded.



Male cardinal showing feather loss only on its head. Is that a mullet?