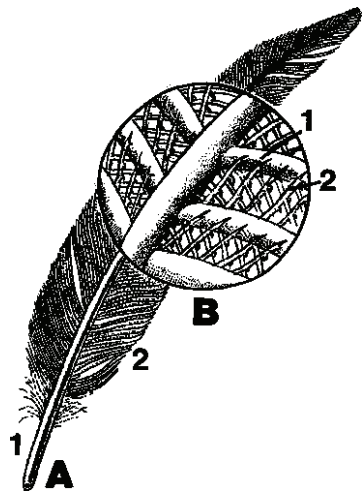
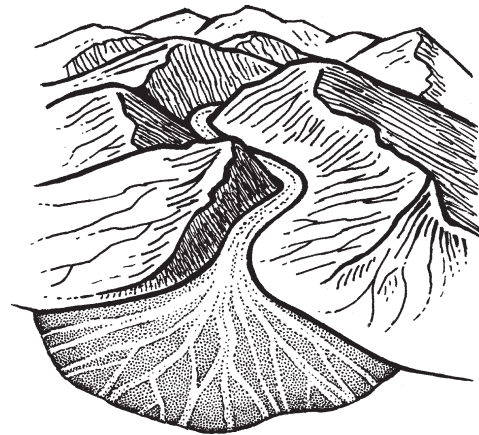


**feath·er** \ˈfe-θər\ *n* [ME *fether*, fr. OE; akin to OHG *federa* wing, L *petere* to go to, seek, Gk *petesthai* to fly, *piptein* to fall, *pteron* wing] (bef. 12c) **1 a** : any of the light horny epidermal outgrowths that form the external covering of the body of birds and that consist of a shaft bearing on each side a series of barbs which bear barbules which in turn bear barbicels commonly ending in hooked hamuli and interlocking with the barbules of an adjacent barb to link the barbs into a continuous vane **b** *archaic* : PLUME **2 a** : PLUMAGE **b** : KIND, NATURE <birds of a ~ flock together> **c** : ATTIRE, DRESS **d** : CONDITION, MOOD <woke up in fine ~> **e** *pl* : COMPOSURE <some ~s had been ruffled —D. J. Blum> **3** : FEATHERING **4** : a projecting strip, rib, fin, or flange **5** : a feathery flaw in the eye or in a precious stone **6** : the act of feathering an oar — **feath·ered** \-θərd\ *adj* — **feath·er·less** *adj* — **a feather in one's cap** : a mark of distinction : HONOR

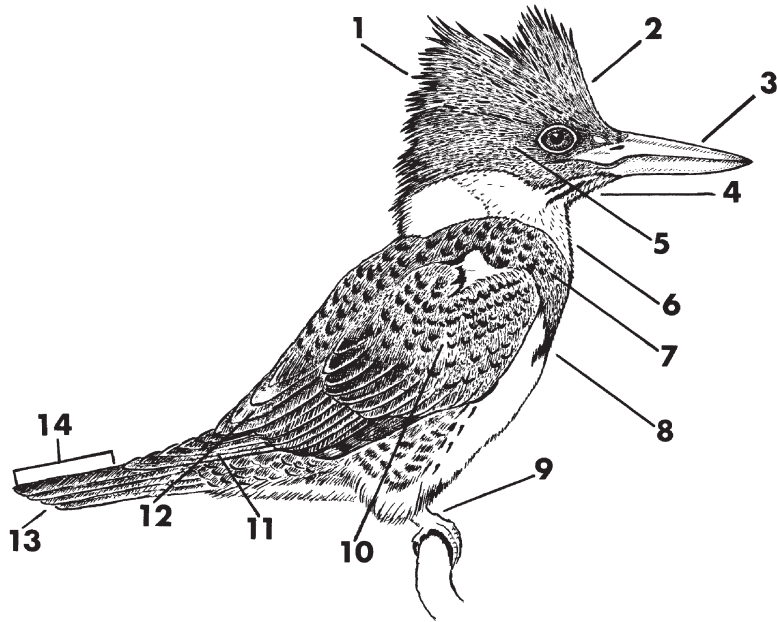


feather 1a: A: 1 quill, 2 vane;  
B: 1 barb, 2 barbule, 3 barbicel  
with hamulus

**al·lu·sion** \ə-ˈlü-zhən\ *n* [LL *allusion-*, *allusio*, fr. L *alludere*] (1612) **1** : an implied or indirect reference esp. in literature; *also* : the use of such references **2** : the act of alluding to or hinting at something — **al·lu·sive** \-ˈlü-siv, -ziv\ *adj* — **al·lu·sive·ly** *adv* — **al·lu·sive·ness** *n* **1** **al·lu·vi·al** \ə-ˈlü-vē-əl\ *adj* (1781) : relating to, composed of, or found in alluvium <~ soil> <~ diamonds> **2** **alluvial** *n* (1816) : an alluvial deposit **alluvial fan** *n* (1862) : the alluvial deposit of a stream where it issues from a gorge upon a plain or of a tributary stream at its junction with the main stream **al·lu·vi·on** \ə-ˈlü-vē-ən\ *n* [L *alluvion-*, *alluvio*, fr. *alluere* to flow past, deposit (of water), fr. *ad-* + *lavere* to wash — more at LYE] (1536) **1** : the wash or flow of water against a shore **2** : FLOOD, INUNDATION **3** : ALLUVIUM **4** : an accession to land by the gradual addition of matter (as by deposit of alluvium) that then belongs to the owner of the land to which it is added; *also* : the land so added



alluvial fan



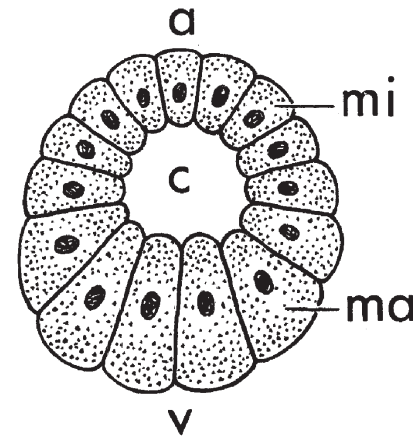
bird 2 (kingfisher): 1 crest, 2 crown, 3 bill, 4 throat, 5 auricular region, 6 breast, 7 scapulars, 8 abdomen, 9 tarsus, 10 upper wing coverts, 11 primaries, 12 secondaries, 13 rectrix, 14 tail

**blas·tu·la** \ 'blas-chə-lə\ *n*, *pl* -las or -lae \ -,lē\  
 [NL, fr. Gk *blastos* bud — more at -BLAST] (1879)  
 : an early metazoan embryo typically having the form of a hollow fluid-filled rounded cavity bounded by a single layer of cells — compare GASTRULA, MORULA — **blas·tu·la·tion** \,blas-chə-'lā-shən\*n*

**blat** \ 'blat\*vb* **blat·ted**; **blat·ting** [perh. alter. of *bleat*] *vi* (1846) **1** : to cry like a calf or sheep : BLEAT **2 a** : to make a raucous noise **b** : BLAB ~ *vt* : to utter loudly or foolishly : BLURT — **blat** *n*

**bla·tan·cy** \ 'blā-tən(t)-sē\*n*, *pl* -cies (1610) **1** : the quality or state of being blatant **2** : something that is blatant

**bla·tant** \ 'blā-tənt\*adj* [perh. fr. L *blatire* to chatter] (1596) **1** : noisy esp. in a vulgar or offensive manner : CLAMOROUS **2** : completely obvious,



section of blastula:  
*c* blastocoel, *ma* macromere, *mi* micromere, *a* animal pole, *v* vegetal pole