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Birds that consume a diet that is deficient in or over supplemented in certain nutrients may develop unusual pigmentation of feathers as they grow in during the time of the nutritional problem. Since most birds are fed a nutritionally balanced diet today, this is not as commonly seen as it was in the past when birds were fed primarily seeds.



Left: Broken tail feathers in a macaw. This usually occurs if a bird lives in a round cage and spends time hanging on the bars, resulting in feather breakage. May also occur from rough play or another bird biting off tail feathers.