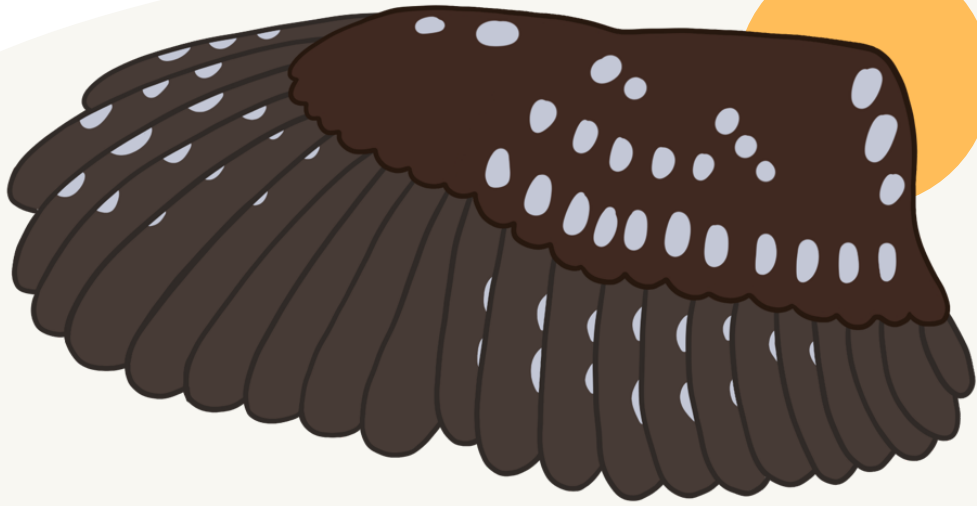
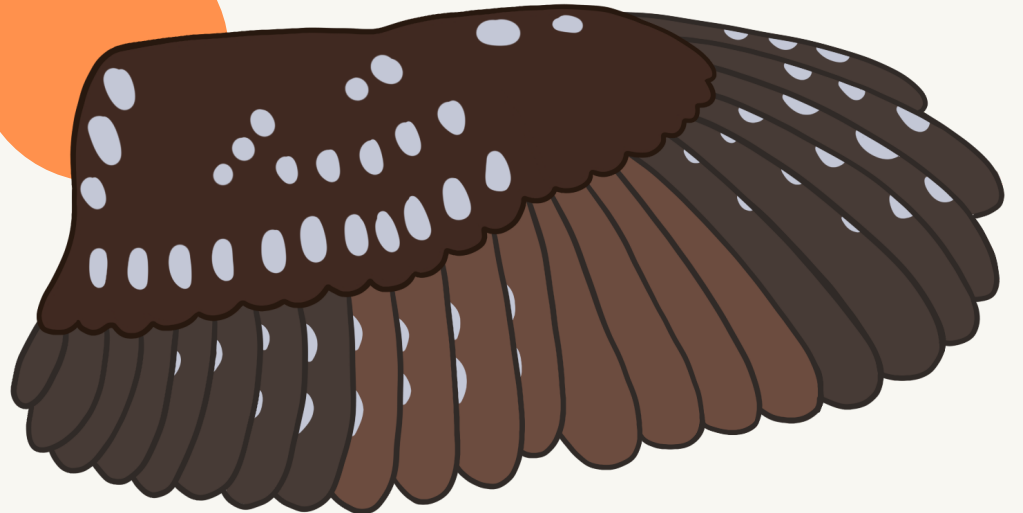


Northern Saw-whet Owl Fall Ageing



HY (FCF)

Primaries and secondaries uniformly juvenile, pp often with narrow white edges when fresh.



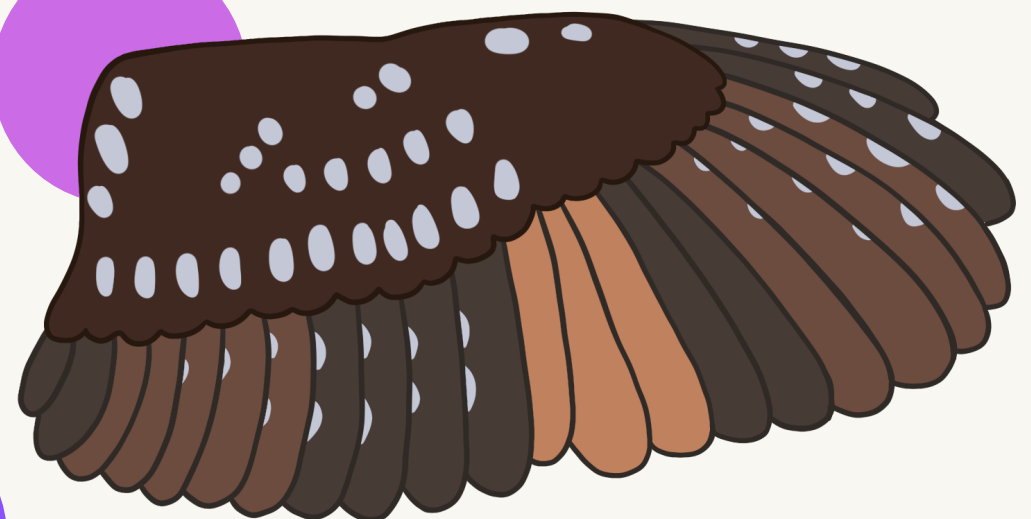
SY (SCB)

Usually 3-6 outer primaries and 6-11 secondaries replaced: fresher. Block of juvenile feathers in the middle.



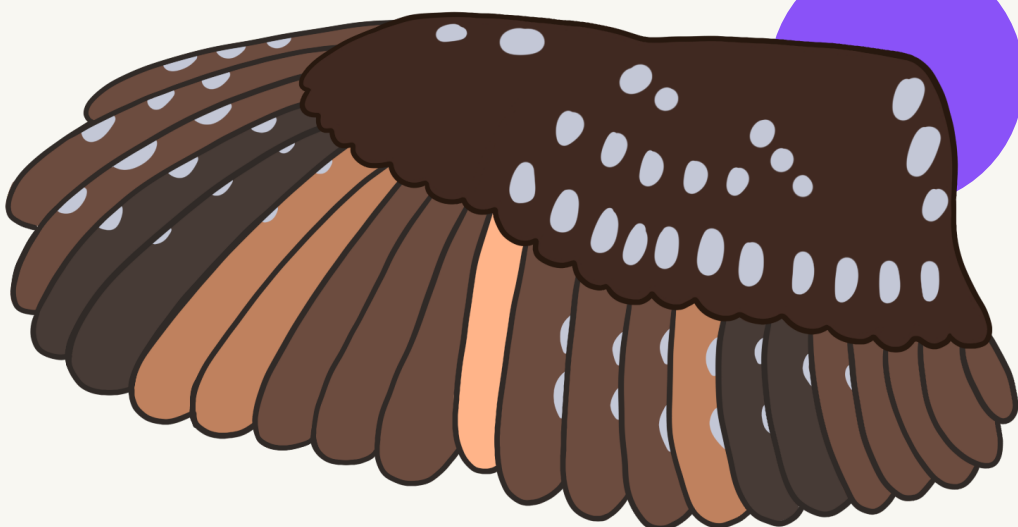
ASY (DCB)

Showing 2-3 generations of basic feathers in an atypical pattern, often asymmetrical.



TY (TCB)

Retained 1-7 juvenile pp and ss (block), two blocks of year-old feathers, and interspersed fresh feathers.



4Y (4CB)

*with caution

S1 is the only retained juvenile feather, with mixed blocks of fresh, year-old and two-year old feathers (4 gens).

References: McGill Bird Observatory, Identification Guide to North American Birds (Peter Pyle), Ageing Northern Saw-Whet Owls (*Aegolius acadicus*) from Remigial Molt Patterns (Mackentley et al. 2019)