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Teacher Notes

**Activity: Exploring the effects
of oil spills on birds**

Bird feathers

**Barb (one of the
main branches
off the central
shaft)**



**Barbule (one of
the secondary
branches off a
feather barb)**



**Rachis (the stiff
central shaft)**



**Calamus (the
hollow barbless
base of a
feather)**

