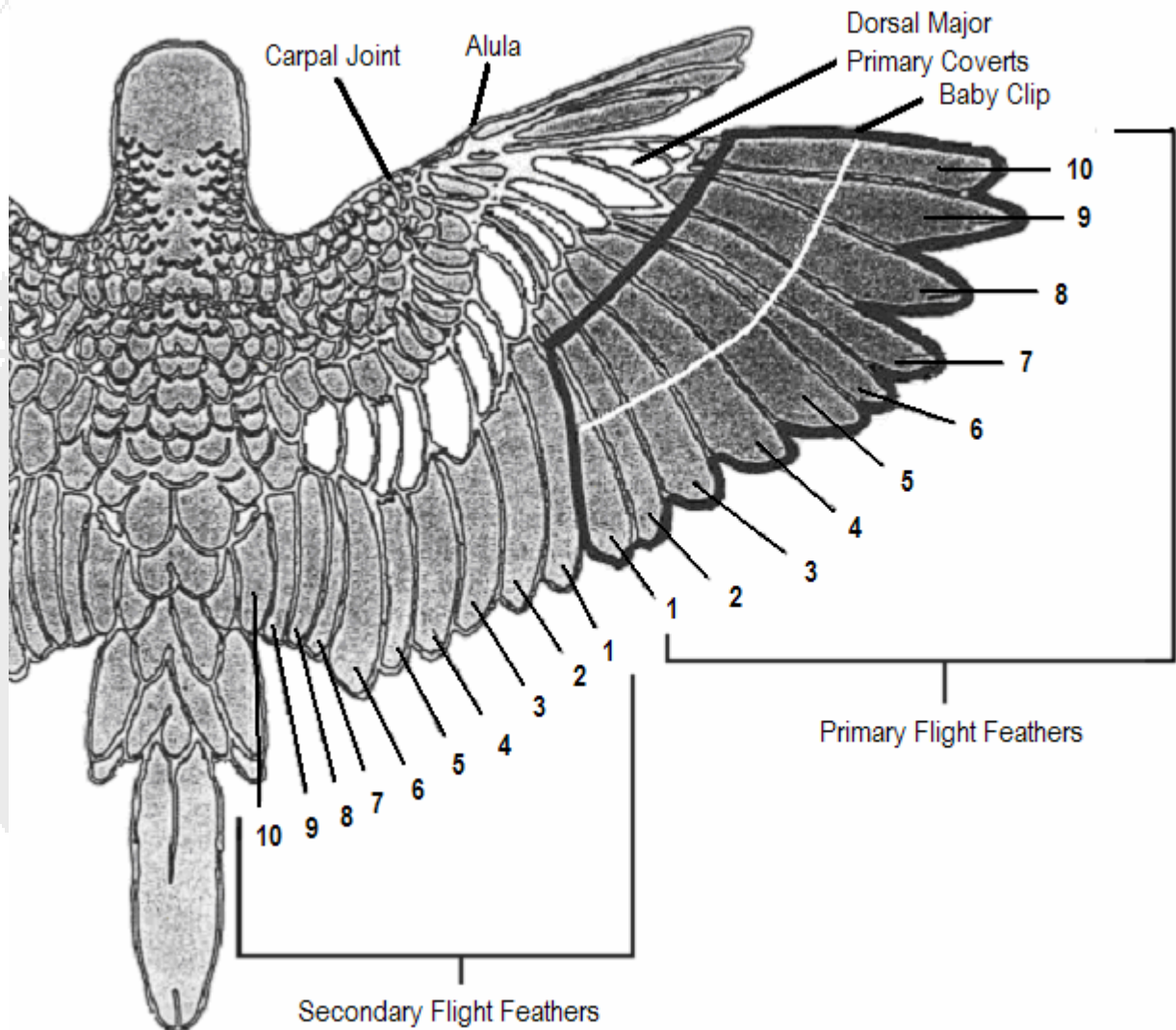




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RECOMMENDED SAFE METHOD FOR WING CLIPPING



ONLY clip the **FIRST** ten Primary Flight Feathers on **BOTH** wings at a level $\frac{1}{4}$ " longer than the end of the Dorsal Major Primary Coverts. This method protects the newly erupting primary blood feathers. **NEVER, EVER** cut or clip any Secondary Flight Feathers or Major Primary Coverts. In most species, this severely hinders the bird's ability to glide enough to break its fall and predisposes the bird to blood feather injuries or bone fractures. African species and young, heavy-bodied species (i.e., Macaws) should have a "baby clip" (clip primary flights at only 40-60% of exposed length) to further protect them.

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