



Birds of a Feather



- ① Did you know that even small songbirds have an average of 2,000 feathers? How many feathers can you count in Soga Shōhaku's painting of this hawk?
- ② How many different types of feathers do you see on Shōhaku's hawk? Different-sized feathers have different functions to help birds fly.
- ③ Download the painting [here](#) and examine a single feather. How much detail do you see? Try drawing that feather yourself. Now zoom out to look at the whole picture again. Did noticing the amount of intricate detail work change how you see the whole picture?