



Liberty Wildlife

3 days.



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10 days.



Greg Beatty



Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation Foundation

2 weeks. Off-white first down.



Andrew Pernick, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation



James Driscoll

3 weeks. Medium-gray second down. Head with off-white down contrasting with darker body, creating a "mohawk" appearance.



Arizona Game and Fish Department



James Driscoll

4-5 weeks. Early contour growth.
Medium-gray down with emerging dark brown feathers that cover 5-50% of the body.



Daniel Driscoll

Note: There may be noticeable variability in feather growth among nestlings. Within broods this is related to asynchronous hatching of young, nutrition, and sibling competition. The main point is that at this stage feathering comprises a minority of body cover, whereas down makes up the majority.





5-6 weeks. Late contour growth. Medium-gray down with emerging dark brown feathers that cover 51-95% of the body.



Kyle McCarty



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James Driscoll



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6+ weeks. Covered with dark brown feathers.