



DOUGLAS REYNOLDS GALLERY



**HOLLIE BARTLETT
EAGLE FEATHER**

\$350 CAD

Height	2.25
Width	0.5
Medium	Sterling Silver, 14kt Gold

Feathers and eagle down are often used in ceremonial contexts and are symbolic of supernatural powers. Feathers may also symbolize communication, healing and hospitality. The most common feather in Westcoast Artwork is the Eagle feather, it is meant to be given as a welcoming gift and to honour guests. The style of a feather often incorporates a split u-form.

The bald eagle is common all along the Northwest Coast, while the golden eagle lives mainly in mountainous regions. Eagles are large birds of prey with impressive hunting and fishing skills. Eagle is one of the most important beings in the art and mythology of the Northwest Coast. It is respected for its intelligence and power, as well as its extraordinary vision, in both the literal and figurative senses. Eagles in myth are, likewise, usually noble characters. Eagle spirits are associated with lofty ideals and the pursuit of freedom. Eagle is revered as a powerful hunter. Groups of mythical Eagles may gather for co-operative whale hunting expeditions, since, unlike the giant Thunderbird, Eagle is not strong enough to hunt whales alone. Eagle may often be depicted with Salmon, one of its favourite foods, with a hooked beak and small ears.



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