

GREAT HORNED OWL



WHAT DO THE ADULTS LOOK LIKE?

Great Horned Owls have yellow eyes, and tufts of feathers on the sides of their heads that look like ears or horns. They are the largest owl species in North America. Their feathers provide excellent camouflage in the trees where they live.

WHAT DO THE OWLETS LOOK LIKE?

Great Horned Owlets are covered in fluffy down. They are lighter colored than adult owls. They get their adult plumage when they get older.

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WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

Great Horned Owl can be found in North, Central, and South America. They are the most widely distributed owls in the Americas.

WHO ARE THEIR PREDATORS?

Adult Great Horned Owls have almost no predators. The young can be eaten by feral or wild cats, foxes, or coyotes.

WHAT DO THEY EAT?

Great Horned Owls eat many mammals, and have been known to attack prey 2-3 times heavier than itself! They also eat snakes, lizards, and other birds.

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER INTERESTING FACTS?

- **Great Horned Owls are sometimes referred to as Cat Owls.**
- **Great Horned Owls are nocturnal, which means they are active at night.**