

# Barred Owl

Scientific name: *Strix varia*



## Facts:

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| Height    | 15" - 24"                             |
| Wingspan  | Up to 4'                              |
| Weight    | 1- 2.5 lbs (Females are larger)       |
| Lifestyle | Solitary, Nocturnal (Active at dusk)  |
| Lifespan  | Wild: 10+ years, Captivity: 30+ years |

## Diet: *Carnivore*

Barred owls are generalist predators consuming birds, small mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and invertebrates.

## Behavior:

Barred owls roost on branches and in tree cavities during the day and hunt by night. They are territorial all year, although they are more aggressive during nesting season (particularly the females).

## Did you know?

Barred owls are nonmigratory. Most stay in a single area their entire lives.

## Habitat:

Mature forests with deciduous trees and evergreens, wooded swamps, and woodlands near waterways.

## Range:

Widespread in North America, they occur across most of the eastern half of the continent.

