

Great Horned Owl

Scientific name: *Strix varia*



Facts:

Height	17" - 25"
Wingspan	Up to 5'
Weight	2 - 5.5 lbs (females are larger)
Lifestyle	Solitary, Nocturnal (active at night)
Lifespan	Wild: 10+ years, Captivity: 30+ years



Diet: **Carnivore**

Great horned owls have the most diverse diet of all North American raptors. Their prey ranges from small rodents and amphibians to skunks and geese.

Behavior:

Great horned owls are nocturnal but when food is scarce, they will hunt during the day. Pairs are very territorial and will threaten intruders with bill-claps, hisses, and screams.

Did you know?

Owls cannot move their eyes within their sockets. They must turn their entire head (up to 270 °) to see in different directions.

Habitat:

Great horned owls have adapted to various places and climates. They occur in areas from dense forests, deserts, and plains to city parks.

Range:

Widespread year-round throughout North, Central, and South America.

