

8 Things about Owls you may not know.

1. **Many owl species have asymmetrical ears.** When located at different heights on the owl's head, their ears are able to pinpoint the location of sounds in multiple dimensions. Ready, aim, strike.
2. **The eyes of an owl are not true "eyeballs."** Their tube-shaped eyes are completely immobile, providing binocular vision which fully focuses on their prey and boosts depth perception.
3. **Owls can rotate their necks 270 degrees.** A blood-pooling system collects blood to power their brains and eyes when neck movement cuts off circulation.
4. **A group of owls is called a parliament.** This originates from C.S. Lewis' description of a meeting of owls in *The Chronicles of Narnia*.
5. **Owls hunt other owls.** Great Horned Owls are the top predator of the smaller Barred Owl.
6. **The tiniest owl in the world is the Elf Owl,** which is 5 - 6 inches tall and weighs about 1 ½ ounces. The largest North American owl, in appearance, is the Great Grey Owl, which is up to 32 inches tall.
7. **Barn Owls swallow their prey whole** —skin, bones, and all— and they eat up to 1,000 mice each year.
8. **Not all owls hoot!** Barn Owls make hissing sounds, the Eastern Screech-Owl whinnies like a horse, and Saw-whet Owls sound like, well, an old whetstone sharpening a saw. Hence the name.