



ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Owls and Other Birds of Prey

How do feathers help owls hear? What makes an owl a silent hunter? Which bird of prey flies the fastest? Read *Owls and Other Birds of Prey* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

- An example of a bird of prey is a ...
 - Cardinal
 - Cockatiel
 - Robin
 - Eagle
- A female owl usually lays ...
 - 3 or 4 eggs
 - 10 or 12 eggs
 - 20 or 30 eggs
 - 1 or 2 eggs
- Which kind of owl is as white as snow?
 - Elf owls
 - Burrowing owls
 - Snowy owls
 - Barn owls
- Kites do not eat ...
 - Insects
 - Tree frogs
 - Small mammals
 - Snakes
- What type of bird is this?
 
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TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. There are more than 140 different kinds of owls. | _____ 4. An elf owl catches all its food with its feet. |
| _____ 2. North American owls love to eat insects and rodents. | _____ 5. A hawk may take a dust bath to get rid of fleas. |
| _____ 3. Owl pellets contain the meat of the animal. | _____ 6. Kites can fly faster than almost every kind of bird. |

ANSWERS

- 1. d. Eagle.** According to section “What Is a Bird of Prey?” on page 6, we know that “Owls are birds of prey. The prey are animals that the owls catch and eat. Other birds of prey include hawks, eagles, and falcons.” So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. a. 3 or 4 eggs.** According to section “How Do Owls Start a Family?” on page 22, we know that “After mating, a female owl usually lays three or four eggs.” So, the correct answer is A.
- 3. c. Snowy owls.** According to section “Who Is White as Snow?” on page 30, we know that “Snowy owls are as white as the snow in their home in the far north.” So, the correct answer is C.
- 4. d. Snakes.** According to section “What Are Kites?” on page 40, we know that “Kites are slim birds that eat insects, tree frogs, lizards, and small mammals.” So, the correct answer is D.
- 5.** According to page 45, this photo shows a peregrine falcon.
- 6.** According to page 53, this photo shows a California condor.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section “Where in the World Do Owls Live?” on page 8, we know that “There are more than 140 different kinds of owls.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. True.** According to section “What Do Owls Eat?” on page 16, we know that “The favorite foods of North American owls are insects and rodents.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. False.** According to section “What Are Owl Pellets?” on page 18, we know that “Juices in an owl’s intestine dissolve and digest the usable parts of prey — the meat. Bones, claws, and other indigestible parts are squeezed into a hard pellet, which is spit up.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. True.** According to section “Where Can You Spot an Elf Owl?” on page 26, we know that “An elf owl catches all its food with its feet.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. True.** According to section “How Do Hawks Care for Their Feathers?” on page 34, we know that “Hawks sometimes bathe by splashing at the edge of a lake or stream. Or, they may take dust baths to get rid of fleas.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to section “Which Bird of Prey Flies the Fastest?” on page 44, we know that “A peregrine falcon can fly faster than almost every other kind of bird.” So, the correct answer is False.