

# GREAT-HORNED OWL

**Plumicorns** aren't ears but feather tufts that aid in camouflage and communication.

They have **14 vertebrae** in their necks. Twice as many as we do!

They don't have a great sense of smell and are one of the few species that eats skunks.



## Nest type



They reuse stick built nests from other bird species with clutches of 1-4 eggs.



These owls can rotate their heads **270 degrees**.



They are active at night, dusk and dawn making them **nocturnal** and **crepuscular**.

The foot structure is **zygodactyl** with two toes in front and two toes in back. Toe 4 can rotate both front and back.



Their talons have 28 pounds of grip strength!

## Diet



Small and large mammals, amphibians, reptiles and even other owls are on the menu!

## Habitat



They are widespread. Living in forests, deserts, wetlands, grasslands, suburban and urban environments.



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