

GREAT-HORNED OWL

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.

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

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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