

Owl Quiz Answers



1. Are owls more active during the day or night? Depends on the owl species. The burrowing owl is active during the day. Most species are nocturnal.
2. Can an owl move its eyes up and down, left and right, without moving head? The eye is fixed into its socket and cannot move. Owls must move their entire head to change their field of view.
3. Do owls have good night vision? Owls have excellent night vision.
4. Do owls have a good sense of hearing? The facial disc of feathers and the asymmetrical placement of owl ears create exceptional hearing.
5. Are owls noisy while flying or quiet? The serrated edge of owl wing primary feather tips allow for silent wing-beats in most owls. Fish-hunting owls do not have this adaptation as it is not needed.
6. Are there many different species of owls? Yes. There are 220-225 extant (still existing) species of owls. Indiana has nine species of owls.
7. Do owls live only in forests or do they live in a wide variety of habitats? They live in a wide variety of habitats, excluding Antarctica, most of Greenland, and some islands.
8. Are owls herbivores, carnivores, insectivores or omnivores? Depends on the species. Most owls eat small mammals, insects, other birds, and some eat fish.
9. Do owl eyes face to the side or forwards? They have forward-facing or binocular vision.
10. Can owls see prey up-close, far-away or both? Owls are far-sighted, meaning they can see exceptionally well at great distances, but not up close.
11. What is a group of owls called? A parliament.
12. What are baby owls called? Owlet
13. Are owls able to digest all animal food parts? Although they can swallow their food whole, (if not too big, ie. Great Horned Owls prefer skunk!), they regurgitate the indigestible parts of their food, such as bones, fish scales and feathers, as owl pellets.
14. Owls are classified into what Order? Strigiformes. Although there is some debate as to whether they should be in the same order as our common nighthawk, whip-poor-wills, and other Caprimulgiformes.