

Great Horned Owl

Great horned owls are large owls. They have bodies up to two feet long and wingspans up to five feet across! The females are bigger than the males.

Great horned owls have feathery ear tufts, which is how they ended up with the name 'Horned' owl. They have large, round gold eyes. Like all owls, their large eyes cannot move. To look up, down or to the side, the owls must move their entire heads. They are able to turn their necks to look behind them. They cannot turn their heads in a full circle.

Great horned owls are birds of prey. This means that they eat other animals. Like all hunting birds, owls have sharp, black talons to capture their prey. They have sharp beaks to tear and

eat meat. Owls have special feathers and can fly silently. This helps them surprise their prey.

Great horned owls eat small mammals like mice. They also eat other birds, rabbits, house cats, and even skunks. In fact, these owls will attack prey animals as much as three times their weight!

