

HOOT

IF YOU KNOW!

Read “The Great Horned Owl: Silent But Deadly” carefully, then test your knowledge by answering these questions:



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1. How big is a Great Horned Owl?

(Include its height, weight, and wingspan.)

2. What kinds of habitats do Great Horned Owls live in?

(Name at least two types of areas mentioned in the article.)

3. Why can Great Horned Owls fly so silently?

(Hint: It has to do with their feathers and wings.)

4. How does the shape of the owl's eyes help it see at night?

(Explain what makes their eyes different from ours.)

5. What do Great Horned Owls eat, and what surprising animal are they one of the few predators of?

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ANSWERS:

1. It stands 18–24 inches tall, weighs 2–5.5 pounds, and has a wingspan of 40–60 inches.
2. They live in forests, swamps, deserts, cities, and suburbs. Anywhere with trees and open areas.
3. Their soft, fluffy feathers and special wing edges reduce noise when they fly.
4. Their cylindrical eyes work like telephoto lenses and help them see far in low light.
5. They eat mammals, birds, and other animals, including skunks, since they can't smell them.