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OWLS!

Oregon Owl Facts for Kids text from the Oregon Fish and Wildlife's brochure "Whoooo Am I?"

https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/docs/Whooo_Am_I_Owls_Bro.pdf

"There are 14 species of owls in Oregon. Five of them are listed in the Oregon Conservation Strategy as species in need of conservation help. Most owls are nocturnal, hunting for insects, fish, frogs, birds, mice and other small mammals in the night. It's fun to listen to owls hooting, screeching and calling after dark or early in the morning. Interestingly, owls do not build nests; instead they use tree cavities, nests created by other species, naturally occurring structures or man-made nest platforms."

What families can do to help owls

1. Use the links below to listen to different owl calls. Try to listen for them at night or in the early morning; spring and fall are especially good times to hear them.
<https://www.audubon.org/news/learn-identify-five-owls-their-calls>
https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Great_Horned_Owl/sounds
2. If you spot an owlet (a young owl)- leave it alone! Owlets can spend several days or even weeks on the ground while learning to fly. Don't worry, their parents will care for them until they can fly!
3. Some owls will nest in man made nesting boxes or on nesting platforms. Do some research to find out what owls in your area will do this and think about how you could build a box or platform in your yard.
4. Read about owls in the news or at the library and talk with your family about what you've learned.
5. Pick one type of Oregon owl you find most interesting and find out more about it. Do some research on some things that could help or hurt that owl's survival.

Could you be an Owl?

Owls can rotate their necks 270 degrees (that's almost all the way around!). How far can you turn your head without moving the rest of your body?

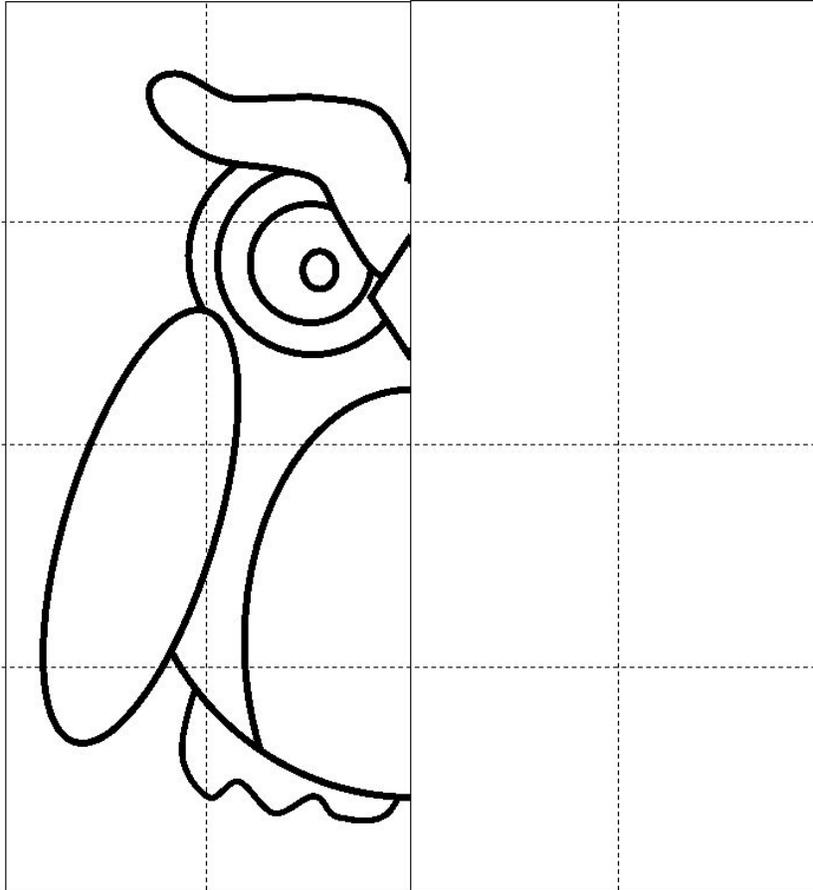
Many owls have asymmetrical ears. Because they are located at different heights in the owl's head, their ears are able to locate sounds in multiple dimensions. Close your eyes and have someone make clapping sounds in different areas of your home or yard. Can you guess where they are standing?

A group of owls is called a parliament. What is a group of humans called?

Owls have specialized feathers that alter air turbulence and absorb sound. Can you run across a room silently?

Practice Symmetry by Completing the Owl Picture Below

Try to make your part of the drawing match the half that is already there- use the grid lines to help!



For more creative learning ideas check out
www.makinglearningfun.com

Book Suggestions for Learning More About Owls at Home

Check them out from your local library and have fun learning together!



Owl Moon by Jane Yolen



The Barn Owls by Tony Johnston



Hoot, Owl! By Shelby Alinsky