

# Great Horned Owl



## Great Horned Owls in Yellowstone National Park

Great horned owls are one species of owl found in Yellowstone. They are the heaviest American owl, weighing up to six pounds. They have a wingspan of 36 to 60 inches and are 17 to 25 inches tall. The colors of these owls vary, but they are usually dark and light brown or shades of gray striped. They have reddish brown or gray face feathers, large ear tufts, white patches on their chests, and bright yellow eyes. They even have feathers on their toes! They live 13 years in the wild but can live 38 years in captivity. In Yellowstone, their diet includes rodents, rabbits, and some fish. They are also known as “tiger owls.”

Great horned owls are nocturnal and can be found perched in trees in Yellowstone watching for prey.

### What did you learn about the great horned owls of Yellowstone?

1. What is the wingspan of a great horned owl?

They have a wingspan of 36 to 60 inches.

2. What is another name for great horned owls?

They are also called “tiger owls.”

3. When do great horned owls hunt?

They are nocturnal and hunt at night.

