

Greater Roadrunner

Habitat: scrub deserts of southwestern North America

Size: 20-24 inches long, 6-24 ounces

Lifespan: 5-9 years

Eats: insects, lizards, snakes, small birds, mice, seeds, and fruit

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The roadrunner can fly, but usually prefers to run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour.

It is New Mexico's state bird.

It is a member of the Cuckoo family.

Their speed lets them prey on fast-moving rattlesnakes. They grab them and whip them against rocks.

