



**GREAT
HORNED
OWL**

The Horned Owl, or Great Horned Owl, is a large, powerful bird. Its coloring varies in lightness or darkness. It is the largest "eared" Owl. The female looks like the male, but is much larger. The feathers of Horned Owls, like those of other Owls, are rounded and downy. So they, too, are silent fliers. They usually hunt at night for rabbits, squirrels, rats, mink, opossum, game birds, poultry, ducks, and smaller Owls.

The call of the Horned Owl, heard at night, is a deep, drawn out hoo, hoo, hooooo. Horned Owls also have a weird and frightening scream.

These Owls live all over North and South America, from the Arctic regions southward-wherever there are trees. They nest in trees, on cliffs, and sometimes on the ground. Horned Owls do not usually build nests. The female lays its eggs in the hollow of a tree or in a deserted nest of some other large bird. The eggs-two to three-are white.