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GREAT HORNED OWL

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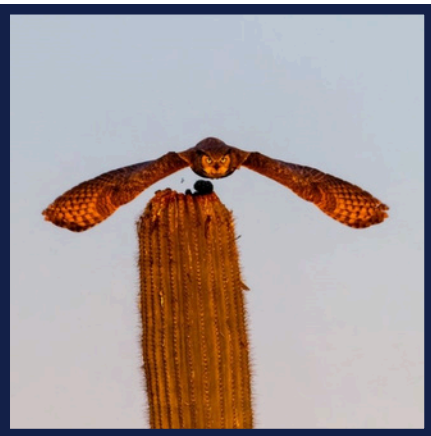
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This month, we are learning all about the Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*). Here are some fun and key facts:

- Great Horned owls are adapted to extreme temperatures and can thrive in a variety of ecosystems.
- Owls have extra vertebrae in their neck, allowing them to turn 270 degrees and at speed.
- Owls are stealthy nocturnal hunters due to their fringed feathers with serrated edges on their wings, allowing them to fly silently, sneaking up on their prey.

Sources:

- [Great Horned Owl Fact Sheet \(desertmuseum.org\)](http://desertmuseum.org)
- <https://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/great-horned-owl>
- https://www.desertmuseum.org/visit/rff_greathornedowl.php