

Birds of a Feather

Owls are one of our favorite types of birds for their stunning feathers, big eyes, and amazing ability to turn their heads backwards! They might be best known for the interesting sounds they make. Use the links below to play the songs of different species of owls (you will need internet access and speakers). Compare those to the last few links of different bird calls.

Can you guess which birds make those sounds?



Great Horned Owl: [http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Great Horned Owl/sounds](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Great_Horned_Owl/sounds)

Spotted Owl: [http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Spotted Owl/sounds](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Spotted_Owl/sounds)

Barred Owl: [http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Barred Owl/sounds](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Barred_Owl/sounds)

Western Screech Owl: [http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Western Screech-Owl/sounds](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Western_Screech-Owl/sounds)

Barn Owl: [http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Barn Owl/sounds](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Barn_Owl/sounds)

[Guess this Mystery Bird 1](#) (Hint: this bird is a great swimmer!)

[Guess this Mystery Bird 2](#) (Hint: you can find this bird by the sea!)

[Guess this Mystery Bird 3](#) (Hint: this bird of prey is named after the color of its tail!)

[Guess this Mystery Bird 4](#) (Hint: California's state bird!)

Knock, knock
- Who's there?
Who
- Whoo who?
What, is there an owl in here??

Which sense did you use while doing this activity?

Did you know that owls have an excellent sense of hearing to help them hunt for their prey?

Play this quick game to find your food just like an owl:

Have the class sit in a circle. Pick one student to be the owl and sit in the center with eyes closed (or blindfolded). Pick another student to be the mouse and they will move around the outside of the circle. After 10 seconds, the mouse must squeak, and the owl has to guess where the mouse is by pointing in its direction (no peeking!). If the owl guesses it right, the mouse becomes the owl, and the owl can pick a new person to be the mouse. If the owl guessed wrong, the mouse can keep circling until the owl can hear it correctly.

Mystery Birds: 1- Mallard Duck,
2- Western Gull, 3- Red-Tailed Hawk,
4- California Quail



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