

about the **Owl**

night hunters | adapted for silent flight

Owls hunt mostly small mammals, insects, and other birds (a few species specialize in hunting fish) found in all regions of the Earth (except polar ice caps and some remote islands)



Owl's sharp talons are efficient in capturing prey specific to their environments

short, curved, downward-facing beak with hooked tip to grip prey

large, forward-facing eyes
feathers around the eyes that can focus sound to the ears

Owls rotate their heads up to 270° and have 14 neck vertebrae making their necks very flexible

adaptations to their circulatory systems permit rotation without cutting off blood to the brain

