

Barred Owl Activity Book



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Barred Owl Quick Facts Sheet



The Barred Owl's scientific name is *Strix varia*.

Appearance: This medium-sized, gray owl has horizontal, white barring on its chest and vertical, brown barring on its white belly. Some may have a brown wash.

Look for an owl with no feather tufts on the head, a yellow beak, and brown eyes.

Fun Facts! Male and female plumage (feather color and pattern) looks the same.

Females are much larger than males; this is called reverse sexual dimorphism.

From beak to tail they can be from 16 to 25 inches long. But they only weigh between 1 and 2 1/3 pounds.

Sound: Its distinctive hooting call sounds like "who-cooks-for-you, who-cooks-for-you-all".

Flight: The Barred Owl flies silently thanks to soft, fringe-edged wing feathers.

What it eats: Almost everything! This versatile eater feeds on a variety of prey, including rodents, squirrels, rabbits, and birds.

Snakes, lizards, bats, salamanders, beetles, crickets, and grasshoppers... yes, all these too.

Fun Facts! Some hang around campfires and lights looking for large insects to eat. They will even wade into water to capture fish, turtles, and crustaceans.

The belly feathers of some Barred Owls look pink, maybe because they have eaten a lot of crayfish.

How it hunts: Barred Owls mainly hunt at night (nocturnal hunters). They find their prey using very sensitive hearing that can locate rodents through vegetation and under snow.

Fun Facts! Barred Owls have asymmetrical ear openings - one high up on the skull and the other much lower. These help the owl find exactly where a sound is coming from, including how far away and how high off the ground it is.

Where you will see one: They live in the eastern half of the United States and in some areas of the Pacific Northwest.

Look for them in "wet" woodlands such as flood plains, river bottoms, and lake margins. They nest in tree cavities, old crow or hawk nests, and even man-made structures.



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Barred Owl Word Find

Find the words forward, backward, or diagonally!

J	E	C	M	E	D	G	Q	X	U	P	N	W	S	Y	E	L	L	B	S
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Medium Owl	Yellow Beak	Brown Eyes
No Ear Tufts	Silent Flight	Rodents
Squirrels	Crustaceans	Rabbits
Nocturnal	Woodland Owl	Flood Plains
Lake Margins	Cavity Nester	Strix varia



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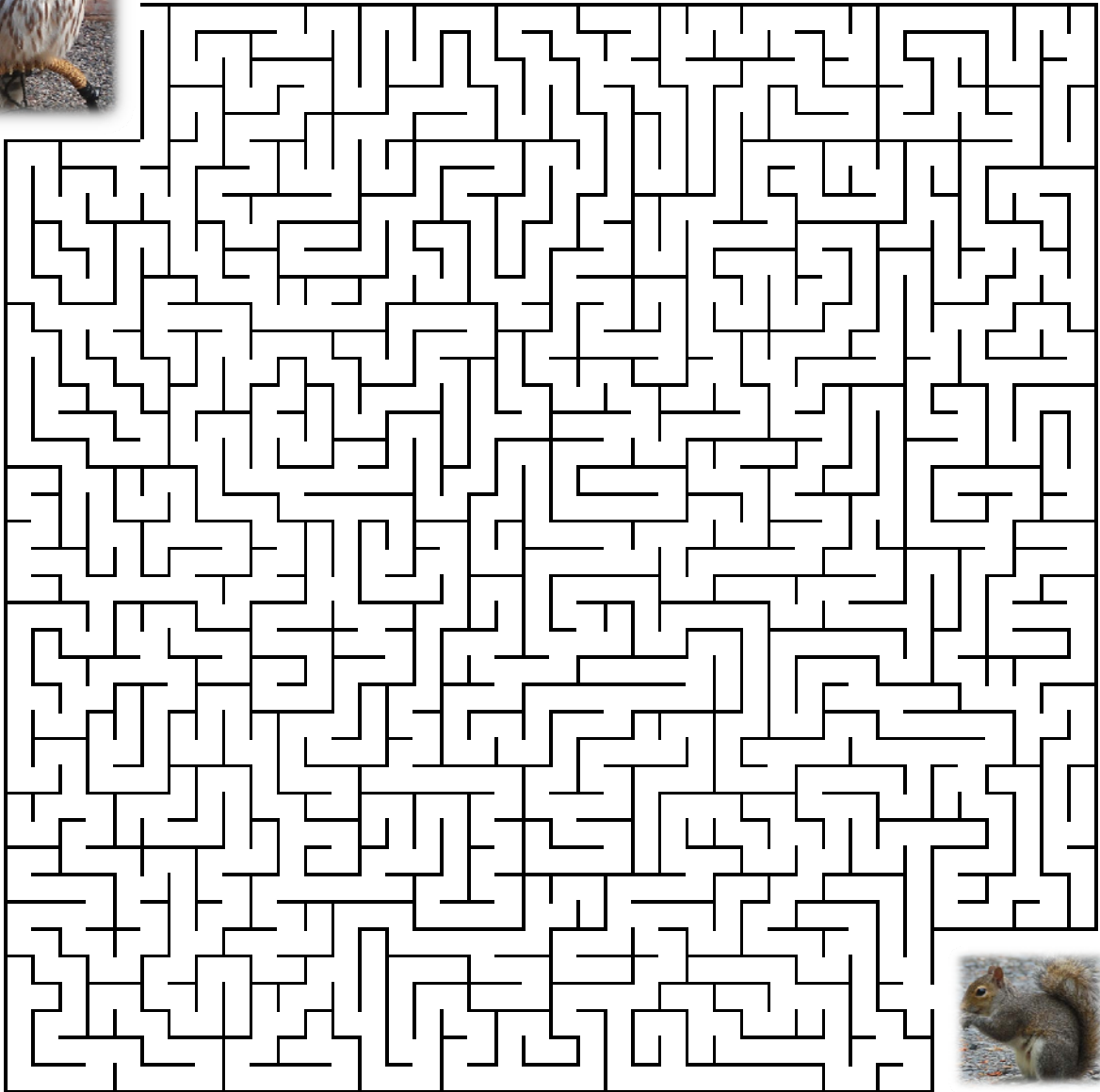
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Barred Owl Maze



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Barred Owl Hidden Message

A Barred Owl will also eat these surprising snacks.



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9 20 25 5 7 6 25 23 9

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Barred Owl Word Scramble

*Adult Barred Owls have few predators...
except for this one.*

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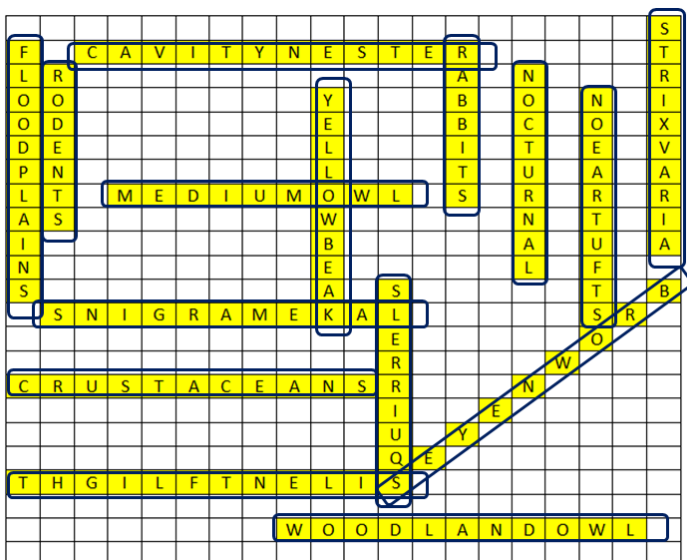
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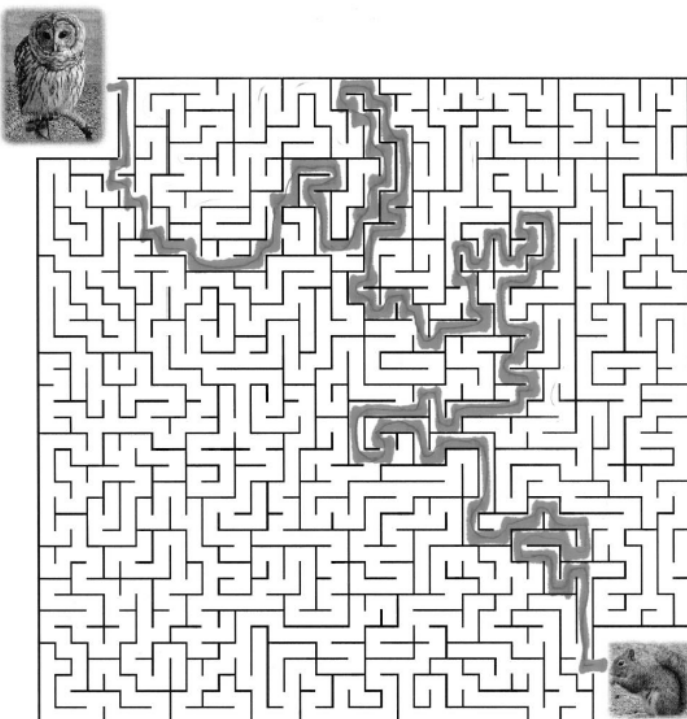
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Barred Owl Activity Book - Answer Key

Word Find



Maze



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Hidden Message

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Word Scramble

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