

EAGLE VALLEY RAPTOR CENTER

caring for nature's injured and orphaned wildlife

FLIGHTS OF FANCY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 2005

Current Developments at EVRC

We've had a lot going on these past few months.

Listeners of B98 FM may have already heard our new radio spots. B98 has created some terrific commercials for us, which will be running through the end of this year. We really hope this radio promotion will generate some tours and donations for us.

Our big project this quarter has been finishing up the rehab clinic area. New Kansas regulations require a quarantine and treatment area for the injured birds we receive, and we've been working hard to make a first-rate clinic take shape. We've painted the walls and floor, installed cabinets, and are in the process of securing an exam table, lighting, and some shelving. Once it's all put together, it will look really sharp.

We also got a big group of wonderful volunteers together one Saturday to stain the bird and flight pens. The ice storm earlier this year and regular wear-and-tear had taken its toll on the first coats. The new coat of stain makes them really look sharp for programs and tours.

I also spent a week in Minneapolis/St. Paul, training at the Minnesota Raptor Center. It was a terrific experience and I received some great ideas to use here. That week-long course also satisfied a new Fish & Wildlife rehabilitators regulation for continuing education hours.

We've also had a few volunteer project days to repaint the bird pens and de-weed and re-mulch the seating area and flight pen. Other than that, it's been business as usual!

Ken Lockwood, Program Director

Adopt-a-Bird

Eagle Valley's largest single expenditure is food – keeping a single bald eagle fed for a month costs \$75! And with the winter months coming up fast, we need to be able to provide rich, high-protein food for our birds, such as quail.

Consider adopting a bird – your support helps provide care for the birds, as well as allowing them to travel to schools, libraries, and other public venues as ambassadors for environmental education.

With your adoption, you'll receive a photograph of your bird, with a short biography and facts about the species. We'll also send you an official Eagle Valley Raptor Center "Feathered Friends" membership card and a certificate for a free tour, so you can meet the bird you've sponsored in person!

Small Owl – \$30

Lucy (screech owl)

Small Falcon – \$30

Turnpike (American kestrel)

Medium Owl – \$50

Miles (barn owl)

Templeton (great horned owl)

Annie (barred owl)

Tundra (snowy owl)

Hawks & Vultures – \$50

Large Owl – \$75

Tara (Eurasian eagle owl)

Eagle – \$300

Wasu (bald eagle)

Talon (golden eagle)

Party on the Prairie!

Eagle Valley Raptor Center is the *perfect* place for birthday parties, company picnics, family get-togethers, and church, Scout, and senior groups! We have a pavilion that seats up to 50. Grill your own food, or have a catered meal brought in. For information and pricing, call 393-0710. This includes a private tour of our facilities, so don't forget to bring your camera!



To Our Donors

We'd like to extend our most heartfelt thanks to the people who have donated their time and money last quarter:

Lindy Chambers – Birmingham, UK
Mike & MaryAnn Smith
Bob & Angie Whiteman
White's Foodliner
David & Laura Bucholz
J.R. & B.K. Cole
Dennis & Roberta Shogren – Hutchinson
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Randy & Marsha Varbel
Goddard Veterinary Clinic
Wyldewood Cellars
EquiShare Credit Union
Virginia Sanders
Mary Rippy
William Morrison

Don't forget – you can donate to Eagle Valley online! Visit www.eaglevalleyraptorcenter.org and click on "Support". You can make a difference in the lives of children in the area by helping us educate them about the importance of these birds.

Coming Up....

Saturday, November 12th, we will hold a garage sale at our center, 927 N. 343rd W. Stop by for some good deals!

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire opens on November 18. We'll be at the Warren Theater on 21st Street with Tara, our Eurasian eagle owl to promote EVRC. If you're a Harry Potter fan, stop by. If you're not...stop by anyway!

Next newsletter...meet our "Raptor of the Month!"

Fun Facts!

A great horned owl could read the bottom line of an eye-chart from 1 mile away.

A barn owl can hear a mouse moving over 100 yards away.

Owls have about 7,000 feathers.

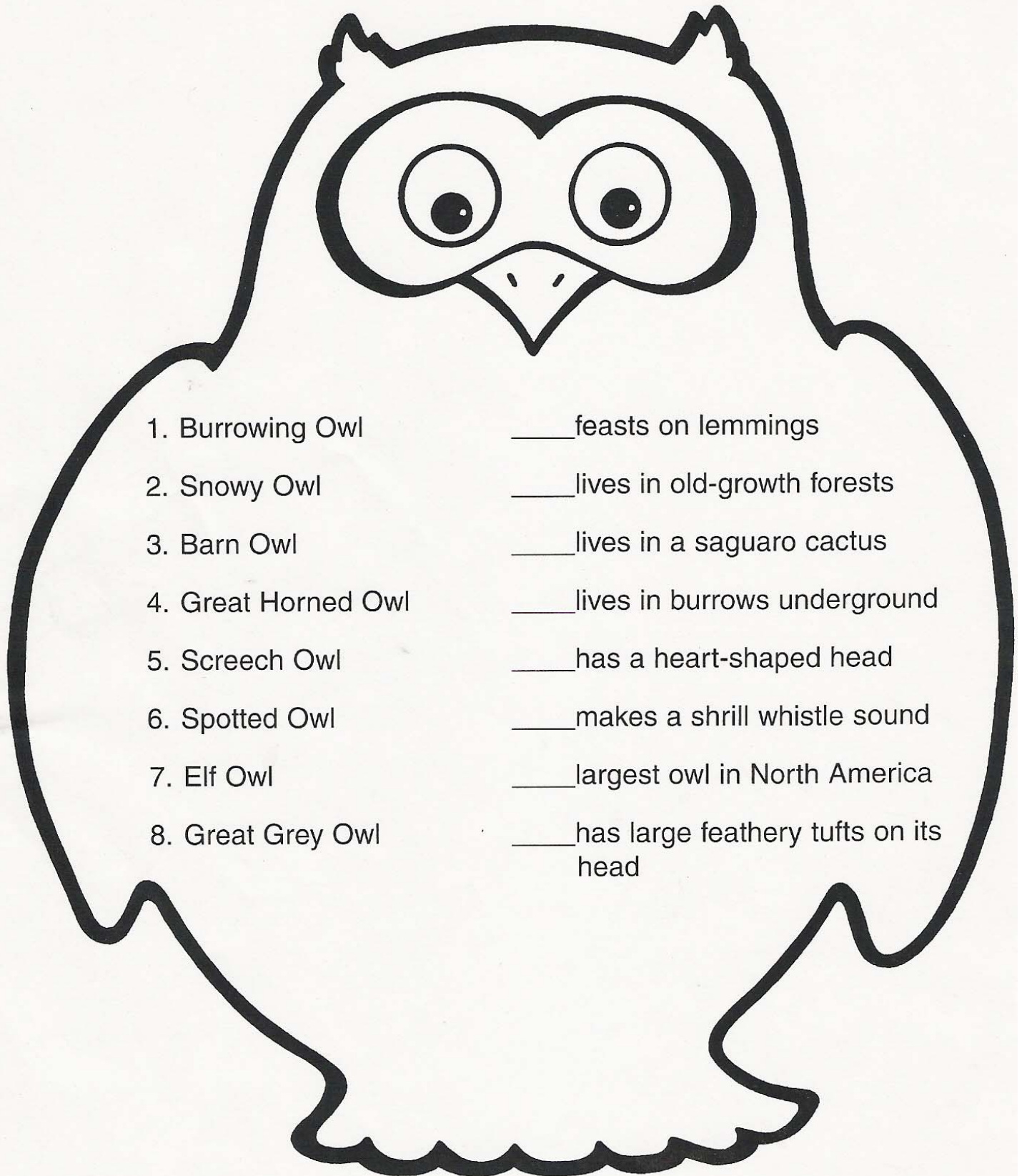
There are over 200 species of owls in the world.

The word "owl" comes from an Old English word that means "to howl".

How much do YOU know about owls?

Owl Matching

Match the owl names to the owls' descriptions.



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| 1. Burrowing Owl | _____ feasts on lemmings |
| 2. Snowy Owl | _____ lives in old-growth forests |
| 3. Barn Owl | _____ lives in a saguaro cactus |
| 4. Great Horned Owl | _____ lives in burrows underground |
| 5. Screech Owl | _____ has a heart-shaped head |
| 6. Spotted Owl | _____ makes a shrill whistle sound |
| 7. Elf Owl | _____ largest owl in North America |
| 8. Great Grey Owl | _____ has large feathery tufts on its head |

Wish List

- Small microwave
- Autoclave sterilizer (for rehab room)
- Desktop printer (ex: HP PSC 1300)
- Copy of Microsoft Office Professional (version 2000 or later, pref. 2003)
- Pine bark mulch



Eagle Valley Mission Statement

Our Mission Is:

- To promote conservation of birds of prey through public education
- To provide injured and orphaned raptors food, shelter, and vet care to allow for their release back to the wild
- To cooperate on a national level with other rehabilitation centers
- To develop a teaching center for staff, volunteers, educators, rehabilitation specialists, and other professionals who work in environmental education
- To establish a stable financial environment with which Eagle Valley Raptor Center can effectively achieve these goals.

Volunteer Spotlight

Alex Cox is not your typical teenager. On a rainy Saturday morning when most people his age are still in bed, Alex was up and working hard at Eagle Valley. He dug holes for planting trees, laid down mulch, helped weed the flight pen, and stained boards, without a single word of complaint.

Ken treated him to a hamburger afterwards, and as a reward for his hard work and diligence he got a chance to hold Miles the barn owl. Alex gave a total of fifteen hours of volunteer time to Eagle Valley.

Way to go, Alex! And, thanks.



Yes! I'd like to help!

Enclosed is my donation for \$ _____

Please add me to your mailing list.

E-mail address: _____

I'd like to volunteer with special projects at EVRC.

I am interested in Board of Directors/Committee membership.

I am interested in scheduling a school/church visit or group tour at your facility.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



Cut out and mail to:

Eagle Valley Raptor Center
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Cheney, KS 67025



Schedule your private tour at Eagle Valley Raptor Center! Give your children and yourselves a learning experience you will never forget!
Call (316) 393-0710

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