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**Dusk**

**Eastern Screech-Owl**



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**Type:** Owl

**Species:** Eastern Screech-Owl

**Name:** Dusk

**Disability:** Broken wing

**Food:** Small animals, including: insects, crayfish, frogs, and lizards.

**How can you help birds like him?**

Many raptors die from being hit by cars, just like Dusk. When we throw our trash on the side of the road, even things like apple cores and pieces of hamburger, it attracts rodents. With all those mice on the roads, it is practically a buffet for raptors! We can stop this by never littering on the road and picking up trash, even if we didn't put it there.

**Cool Facts:**

- The Eastern Screech-Owl hunts a variety of songbirds, including the European Starling. Despite this, sometimes starlings will kick the owls out of their nest and use it for themselves!



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**Dawn**

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**Type:** Owl

**Species:** Western Screech-Owl

**Name:** Dawn

**Disability:** Broken shoulder

**Food:** Small animals, including: insects, crayfish, frogs, and lizards.

**How can you help birds like her?**

Dawn was found on the ground during her hatch year. Lucky for her, she was able to feed on grasshoppers until she was rescued by concerned humans. You can help birds like Dawn by keeping part of your yard naturally grown. This attracts grasshoppers and insect eating birds. Many small raptors feed on grasshoppers !

**Cool Facts:**

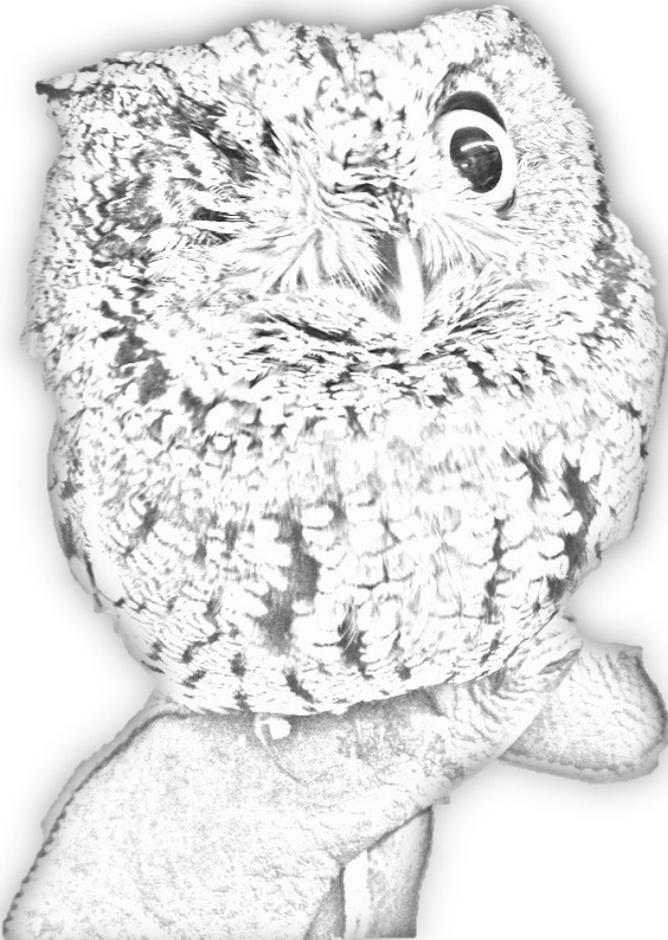
- Western-screech owls can hunt mammals that are larger than itself! It can prey on cottontail rabbits and even mallards.



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### Kenna Western Screech-Owl



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**Type:** Owl

**Species:** Western Screech-Owl

**Name:** Kenna

**Disability:** Blind in one eye

**Food:** Small animals, including: insects, mice, frogs, lizards, and other birds.

### **How can you help birds like her?**

A veterinarian decided to take out one of Kenna's eyes because she had an infection. Screech owls like Kenna often get hurt or sick when there is not enough space for them to live. Planting trees or putting up nest boxes will help Screech-Owls find a place to live because they live to live in cavities like those in tree trunks.

### **Cool Facts:**

- Western Screech-Owls like to nest in holes. They will find a hole in a tree, or wall, or a nice nest box to lay their eggs in. In Arizona, some Western Screech-Owls actually nest inside of saguaro cactuses.



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### Shadow

### Western Screech-Owl



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**Type:** Owl

**Species:** Western Screech-Owl

**Name:** Shadow

**Disability:** Broken wing

**Food:** Small animals, including: insects, crayfish, frogs, and lizards.

### **How can you help birds like him?**

We aren't quite sure how Shadow was injured, but it's possible he flew into a window hard enough to damage his wing. You can help keep birds from hitting windows in many ways. One thing you could do is put screens on the outside of the windows. Another way to help is to cut out pictures of hawks, eagles, or owls and tape them to the windows. Other birds won't want to come near those birds of prey!

### **Cool Facts:**

- Western-screech owls can hunt mammals that are larger than themselves! They can prey on cottontail rabbits and even ducks such as mallards.

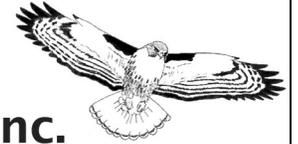


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### Aztec & her foster chick Great-Horned Owls



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**Type:** Owl

**Species:** Great-horned Owl

**Name:** Aztec

**Disability:** Broken radius and ulna

**Food:** Broad diet of animals, including: small mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and insects.

#### **How can you help birds like them?**

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#### **Cool Facts:**

- Great-Horned Owls are one of the only animals that regularly eats skunks. They can do this because they are completely silent when they fly.
- Great-Horned Owls will hunt large prey, including other raptors such as Peregrine Falcons!



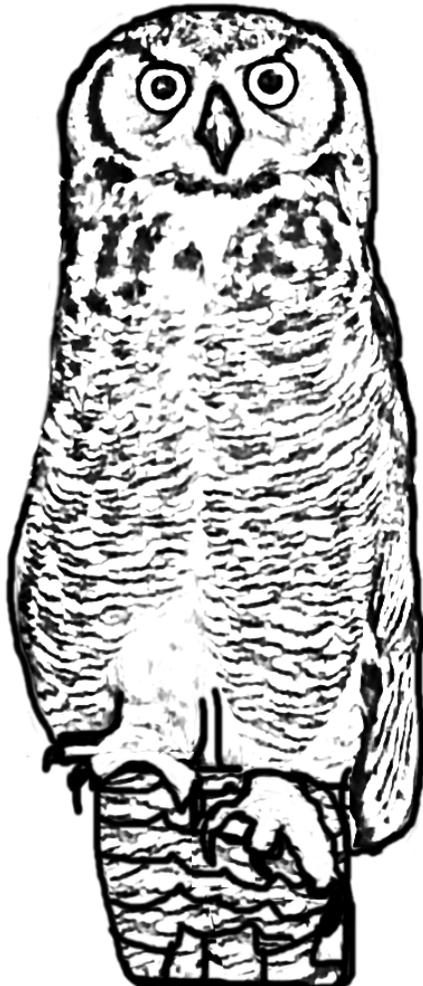
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**Bubba**

**Great-Horned Owl**



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**Type:** Owl

**Species:** Great-horned Owl

**Name:** Bubba

**Disability:** Amputation and nerve damage to his right wing

**Food:** Broad diet of animals, including: small mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and insects

**How can you help birds like him?**

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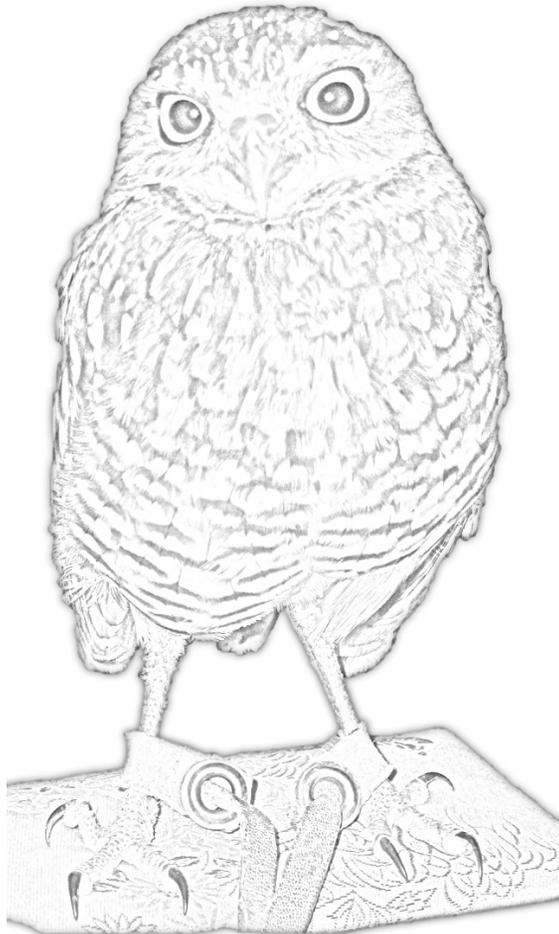


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### Terra Burrowing Owl



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**Type:** Owl

**Species:** Burrowing Owl

**Name:** Terra

**Disability:** Blind in one eye

**Food:** Small animals, including: insects, scorpions, mice, and lizards.

#### **How can you help birds like him?**

Terra lost the vision in one of his eyes after he was hit by a motorcycle. Burrowing Owls are often hit by cars because they live near the roads. Since ranchers don't like prairie dogs living on their land, they kick them out and the only places left for the prairie dogs to live is by the side of the highways. Burrowing Owls live in old prairie dog holes, so that means they live near the roads too. To help Burrowing Owls, we need to keep prairie dog colonies safe.

#### **Cool Facts:**

- Burrowing owls collect mammal dung and take it into their burrows. They use it to attract dung beetles which they then eat!
- Borrowing owls are listed as endangered or threatened in some states, mostly due to being hit by cars.



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**Type:** Owl

**Species:** Barn Owl

**Name:** Celeste

**Disability:** Blind in one eye

**Food:** Small mammals, including: mice, rats, starlings, and meadowlarks.

#### **How can you help birds like him?**

Celeste, so named for the time of day when Barn Owls are active, was hit by a car near Belen, NM. Although she is fully flighted, the blindness in her right eye makes her permanently un-releasable. Birds look for food near the road because there are lots of mice and other prey animals gathered by the trash. An easy way to help birds like Celeste is to pick up trash!

#### **Cool Facts:**

- Barn Owls swallow their prey whole and twice a day cough up pellets that contain the fur, feathers, and bones of their prey!
- Barn Owls can locate their prey using sound only. They have excellent low-light vision, but often rely on their sense of sound while hunting in the deep night.