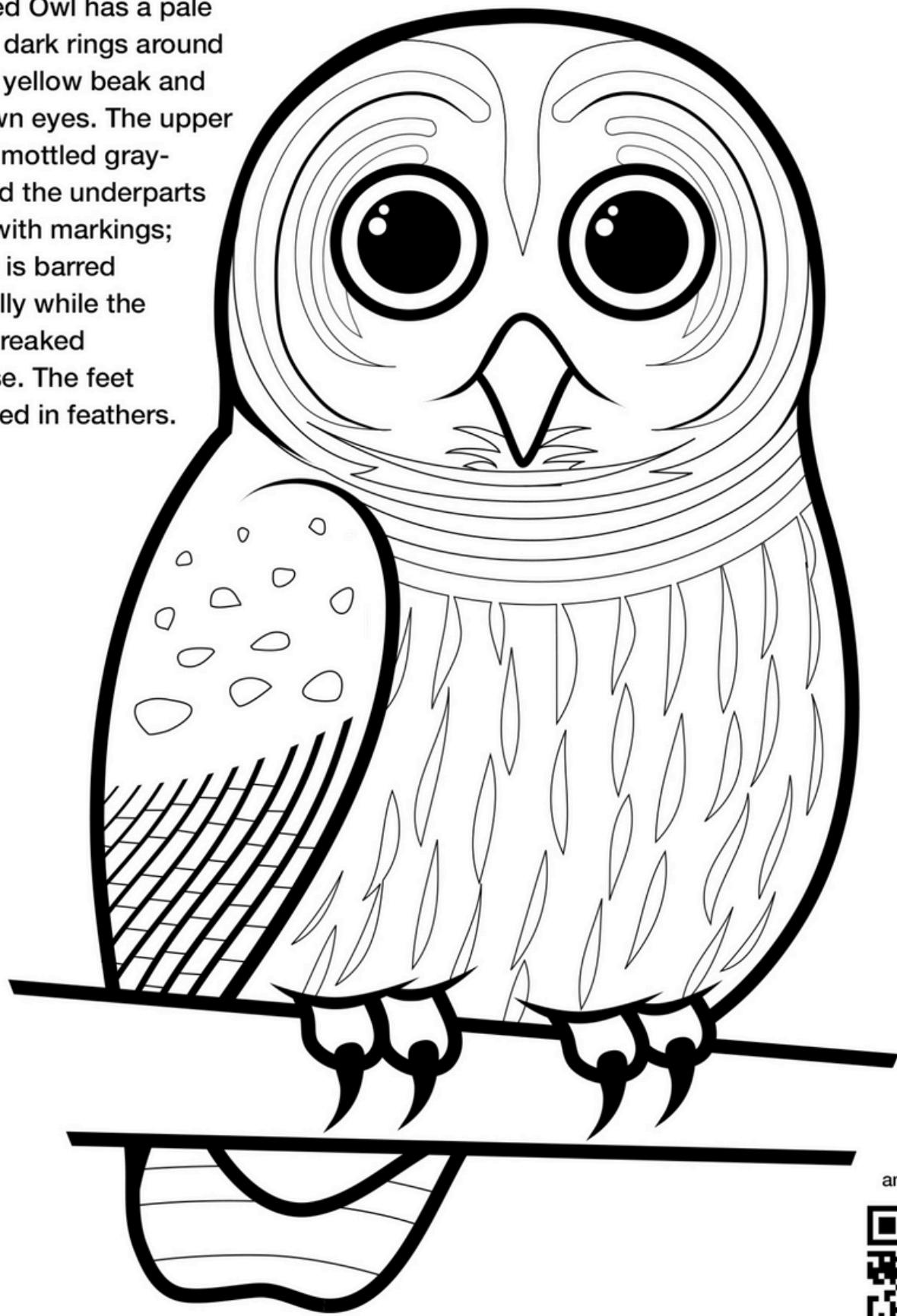


# Barred Owl

The Barred Owl has a pale face with dark rings around the eyes, yellow beak and dark brown eyes. The upper parts are mottled gray-brown and the underparts are light with markings; the chest is barred horizontally while the belly is streaked lengthwise. The feet are covered in feathers.



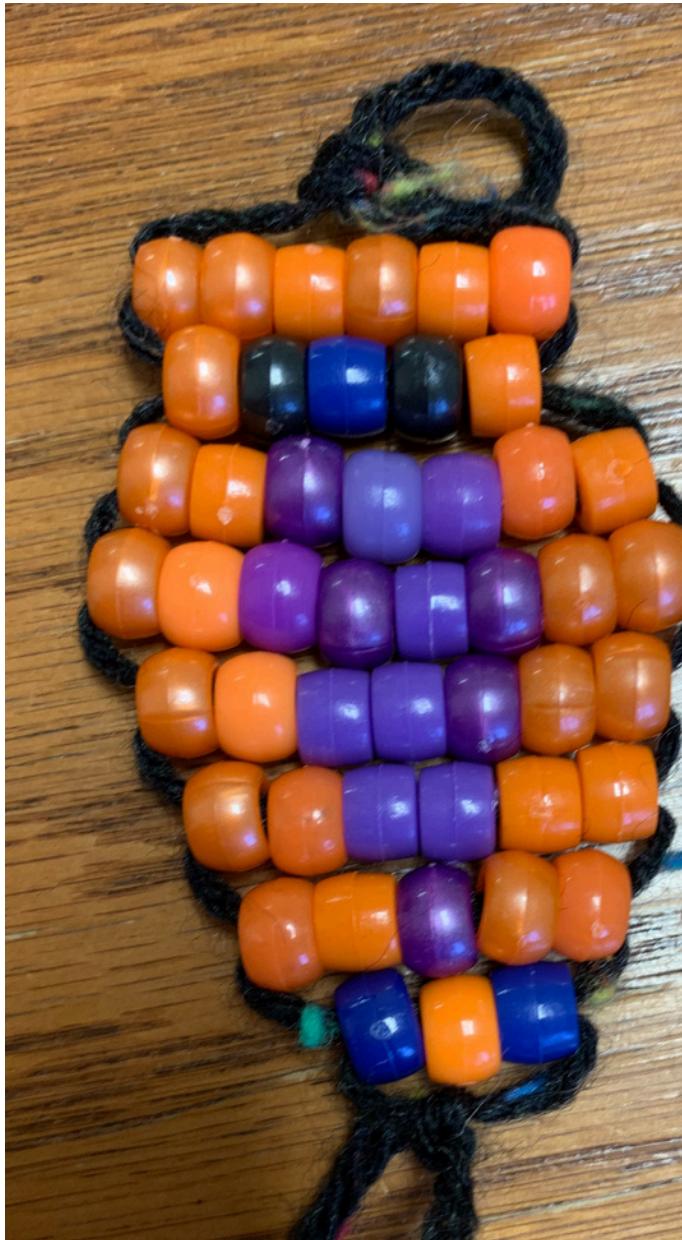
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# Owl Kit



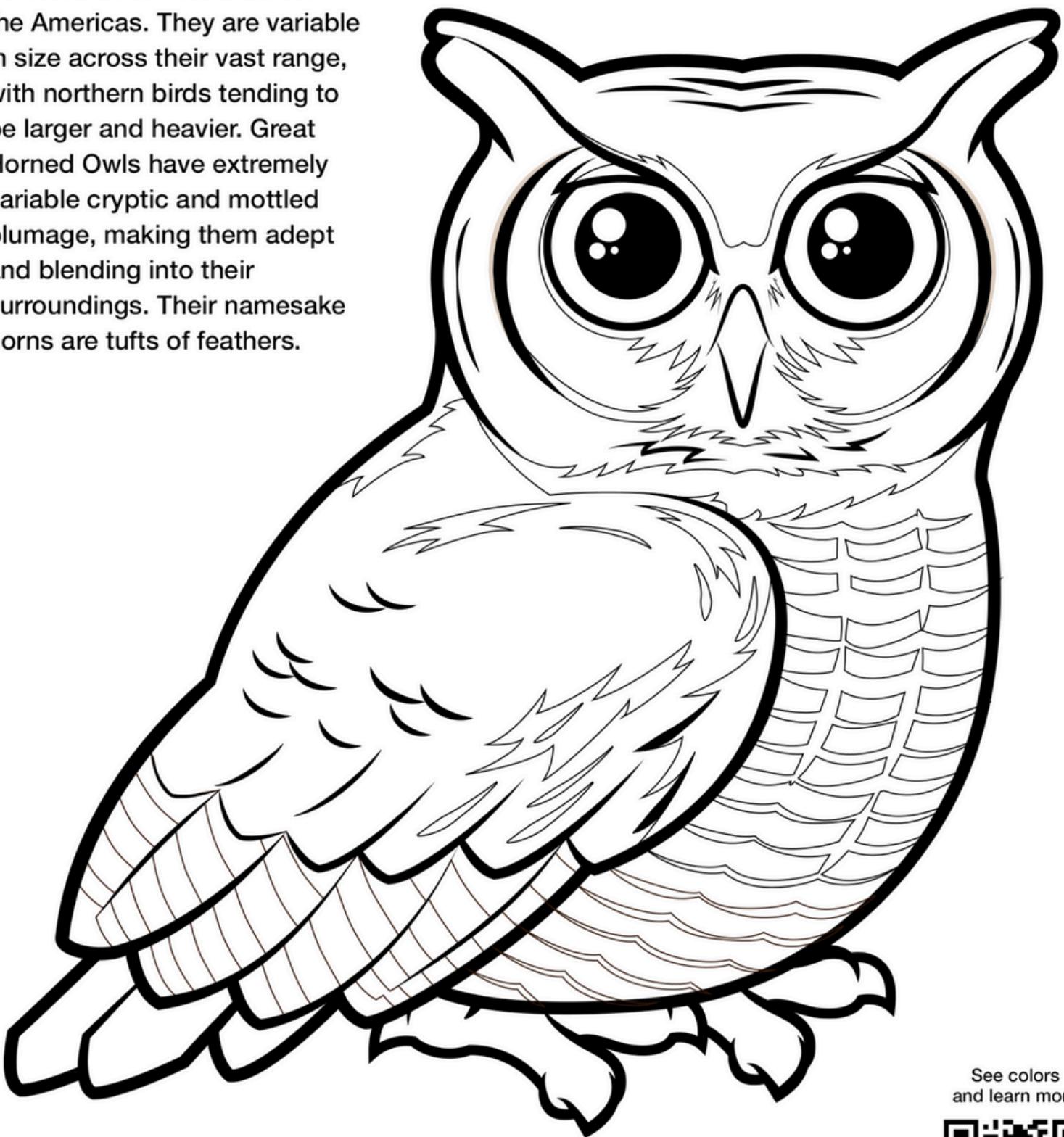
# Owl Craft

Colors of beads may vary whatever color you have the most of (28 total) use as the orange color above, the least (3) of as the color blue, and then the one with the 2 beads as eyes/black beads, 13 beads for the purple.

Use the beads and string to create your very own bead owl! You might need some help to get your string through the beads, but the ends of the string are taped to try to help make them easier to thread. To get them to stay together you will need to guide one string through from right to left and the other string from left to right to make a loop around each layer of beads. Tie a know when you're all done to secure.

# Great Horned Owl

Great Horned Owls are large and powerful birds found across the Americas. They are variable in size across their vast range, with northern birds tending to be larger and heavier. Great Horned Owls have extremely variable cryptic and mottled plumage, making them adept and blending into their surroundings. Their namesake horns are tufts of feathers.



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# Owl Activity

Owls are adapted to be excellent hunters. Try out these challenges to test your owl skills!

## Challenge #1

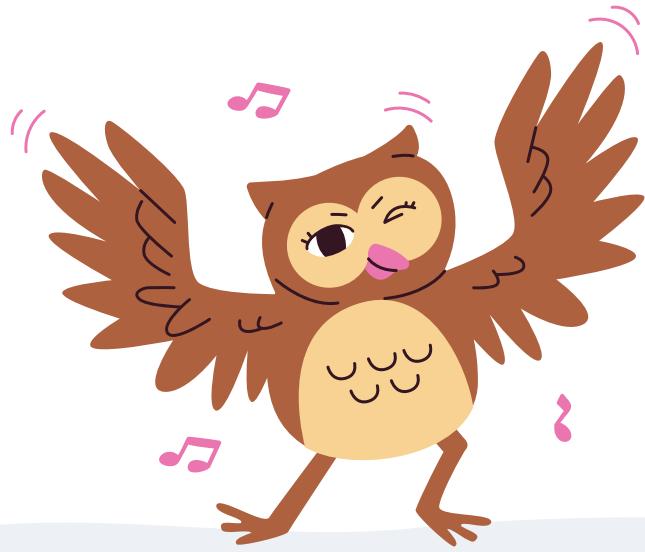
### Camo Challenge

Take the owls you colored in this booklet and find a place to hide them and see if someone can find them.

*This might help you realize why owls aren't pink!*

## Challenge #2

Headout and play hide and seek! Have others be the "mouse" and the person it is the owl. *Owls can hear a mouse's heartbeat under the snow!*



## **Wide Eye Owl**

**THERE'S A WIDE EYE OWL  
(MAKE FINGERS IN LARGE CIRCLES AND CUP  
OVER EYES)**

**WITH A POINTED NOSE (USE FINGERS TO  
MAKE A TRIANGLE & POINT OUT FOR NOSE)**

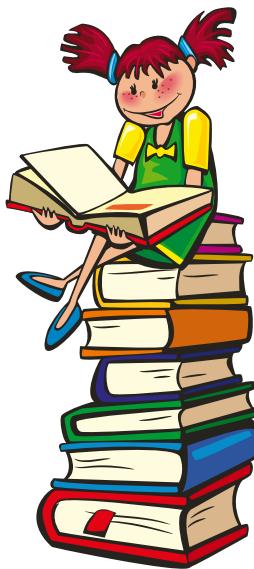
**TWO POINTED EARS (USE FINGERS FOR  
EARS)**

**AND CLAWS FOR TOES (WIGGLE FINGERS  
LIKE TOES)**

**HE LIVES WAY UP IN THE TREE (POINT UP TO  
TREE TOP)**

**AND WHEN HE LOOKS AT YOU (POINT)  
HE FLAPS HIS WINGS (USE ARMS FOR  
WINGS, AND FLAP)**

**AND SAYS WHOOO WHOOO (CONTINUE  
FLAPPING WINGS)**



# Suggested Reading

**Owl Moon**  
**Jane Yolen**

**Owls**  
**Gail Gibbons**

**Little Owls Night**  
**Divya Srinivasan**

**The Barn Owls**  
**Tony Johnston**

# Owls of Iowa



9 SPECIES OF OWLS FOUND IN IOWA

The world's smallest owl is just bigger than half this sheet of paper

Owls eyes are so big they can't move them.

They can turn their heads 270 degrees around



Eastern Screech Owls are one of the only owls with two different color patterns, Red or Gray

They also sound like horses.

They spit up pellets of fur and bones of what they ate.

Weigh 1 cup of Sugar to 3 loafs of Bread



THEY LAY 1-4 EGGS IN JANUARY

Birds Have Feathers



The Prefer to Hunt While Perched (Sitting)



Hooked Beak



Most owls don't say whoo

A group of Owls is called a PARLIAMENT



Small Owls  
Crepuscular  
Active at Dusk and Dawn

Barred Owl



9,400 FEATHERS



They eat rodents, birds, and bugs!

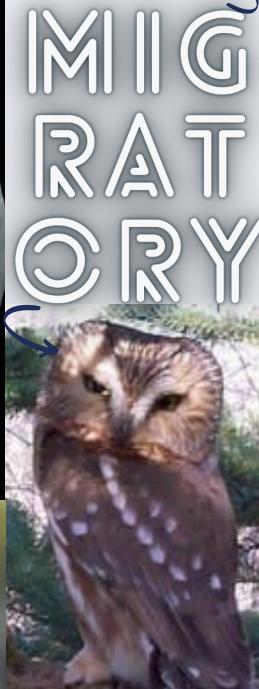
Special Feathers Enable Silent Flight



Long Eared Owl



Snowy Owl



Saw-Whet Owl



Great Horned Owl



NOT ALL RAPTORS NEST IN TREES, BURROWING OWLS NEST IN THE GROUND OFTEN IN ABANDONED BADGER HOLES AND SHORT EARED OWLS NEST ON THE GROUND.

In Iowa



Short Eared Owl



Burrowing Owl

Talons