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Owl Facts

- Owls have zygodactyl feet. They have two toes facing forward and two toes facing backward. Unlike most birds with zygodactyl feet, owls can pivot one of their back toes forward to help them grip and walk.
- Owls cannot move their eyes, but they can rotate their neck 270 degrees. Owl necks are more flexible, they have 14 vertebrae. Humans only have 7!
- There are at least 225 species of owls in the world. Eight of the species call Rhode Island home or just visit Rhode Island during migration: Snowy Owl, Great Horned Owl, Eastern Screech Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Barred Owl, Barn Owl, Long-eared Owl, and Short-eared Owl.
- Owls are found on every continent except Antarctica.
- Great Horned Owls have the largest eyes of any owl species.
- A group of owls is called a parliament. It originates from C.S. Lewis's *The Chronicles of Narnia*.
- Audubon has seven owls.
 - Eastern Screech Owl— Penny
 - Barred Owls— Serena, Eec, Archimedes, & Oliver
 - Great Horned Owls— Webster & Queen Solomon

