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Animal Fact Sheet

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Barred Owl

Strix varia

The barred owl is the bird behind the classic North American hoot rendered as "who cooks for you, who cooks for you-all", and unlike most owls it has deep brown-black eyes rather than yellow ones. It…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Strigidae
Habitat: Mature forests, often near water bodies
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-10 years in the wild
Weight: 470-1050 grams
Scientific name: Strix varia

Did you know?

- Barred Owls can rotate their heads up to 270 degrees to better see their surroundings and hunt prey.
- Barred owls that eat a lot of crayfish can turn pink, because carotenoids from the crustaceans tint their feathers — pink-washed owls have been recor…

What I learned

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