

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Greater Roadrunner

*Geococcyx californianus*

The Greater Roadrunner is a large, ground-dwelling bird native to the deserts and scrublands of the southwestern United States and Mexico. Known for its remarkable speed, it can run up to 20 miles pe...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Bird

**Family:** Cuculidae

**Habitat:** Desert and arid scrubland

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 7-8 years in the wild

**Weight:** 230-430 grams

**Scientific name:** *Geococcyx californianus*

### Did you know?

- The Greater Roadrunner reduces its activity at night and can lower its body temperature to conserve energy, a rare adaptation among birds.
- Greater Roadrunners can kill and eat venomous prey like rattlesnakes. Despite being able to fly, they prefer to sprint on the ground and are exceptio...

### What I learned

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