

# Animal Facts! - Owls

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- Owls are farsighted, meaning they can't see things close to their eyes clearly.

Owls are carnivores. They eat rodents, small mammals, fish, birds and insects.

- The smallest owl in the world is the Elf Owl. They stand 5 - 6 inches tall and weigh about 11.5 ounces.
- The largest North American owl, in appearance, is the Great Gray Owl, which is up to 32 inches tall.
- Owls have powerful talons (claws) which help them catch and kill prey.
- Owl ears are slightly crooked; one farther forward and one higher than the other, allowing the owl to calculate distance and direction of their prey by the sound they make.
- The eyes of an owl are more tube-shaped than round. This makes the owl's eyes immobile but increases their depth perception when looking for prey.
- Owls can rotate their head 270 degrees.
- There are around 200 different species of owls.
- A group of owls is called a parliament.
- Most owls don't make their own nest. They usually nest in a tree cavity or in an old crow, raven, or hawk nest.
- Owls do not chew their food because, just like all other birds, they do not have teeth.
- The coloring of owl feathers help them blend into their surroundings.

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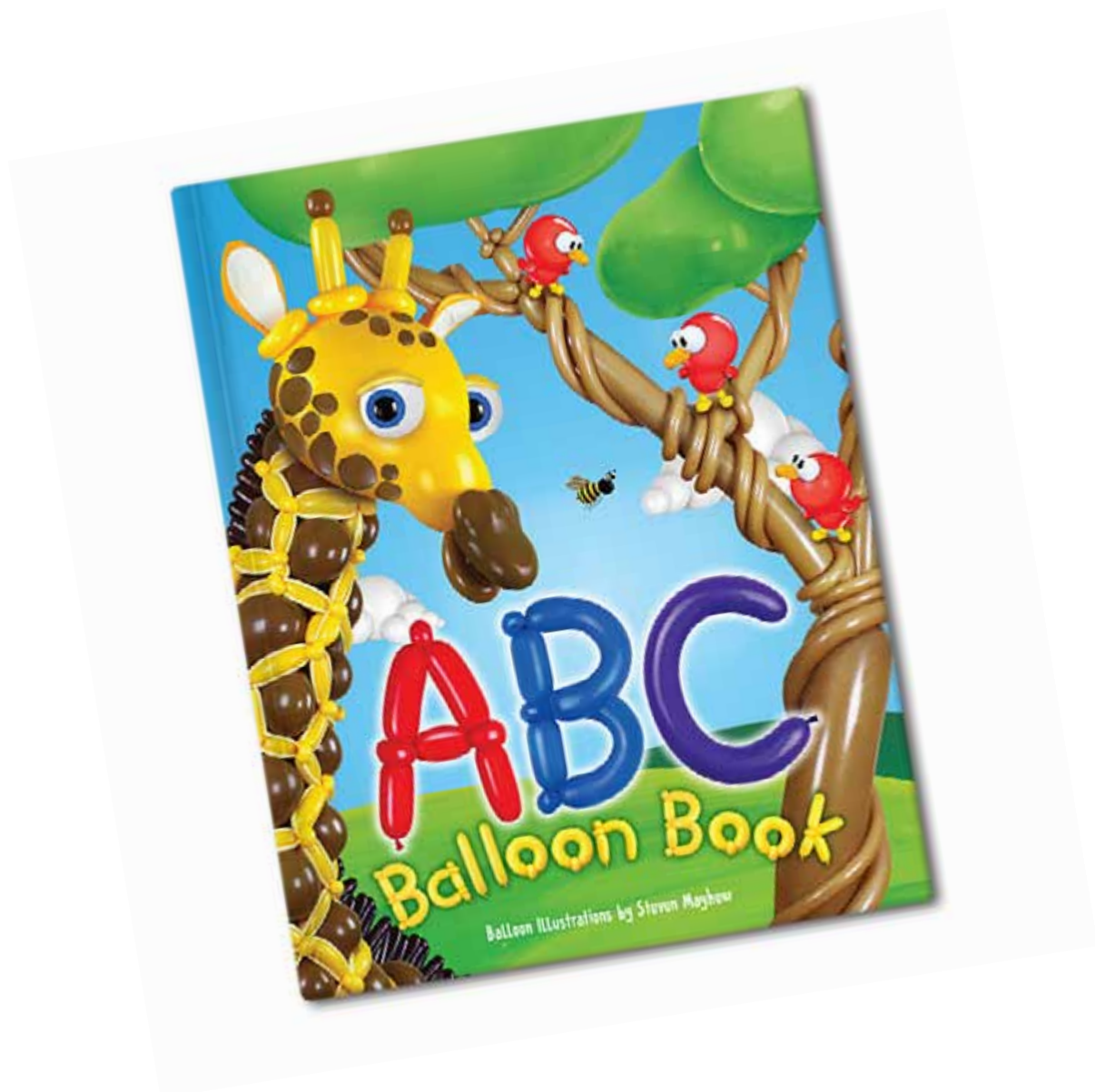
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