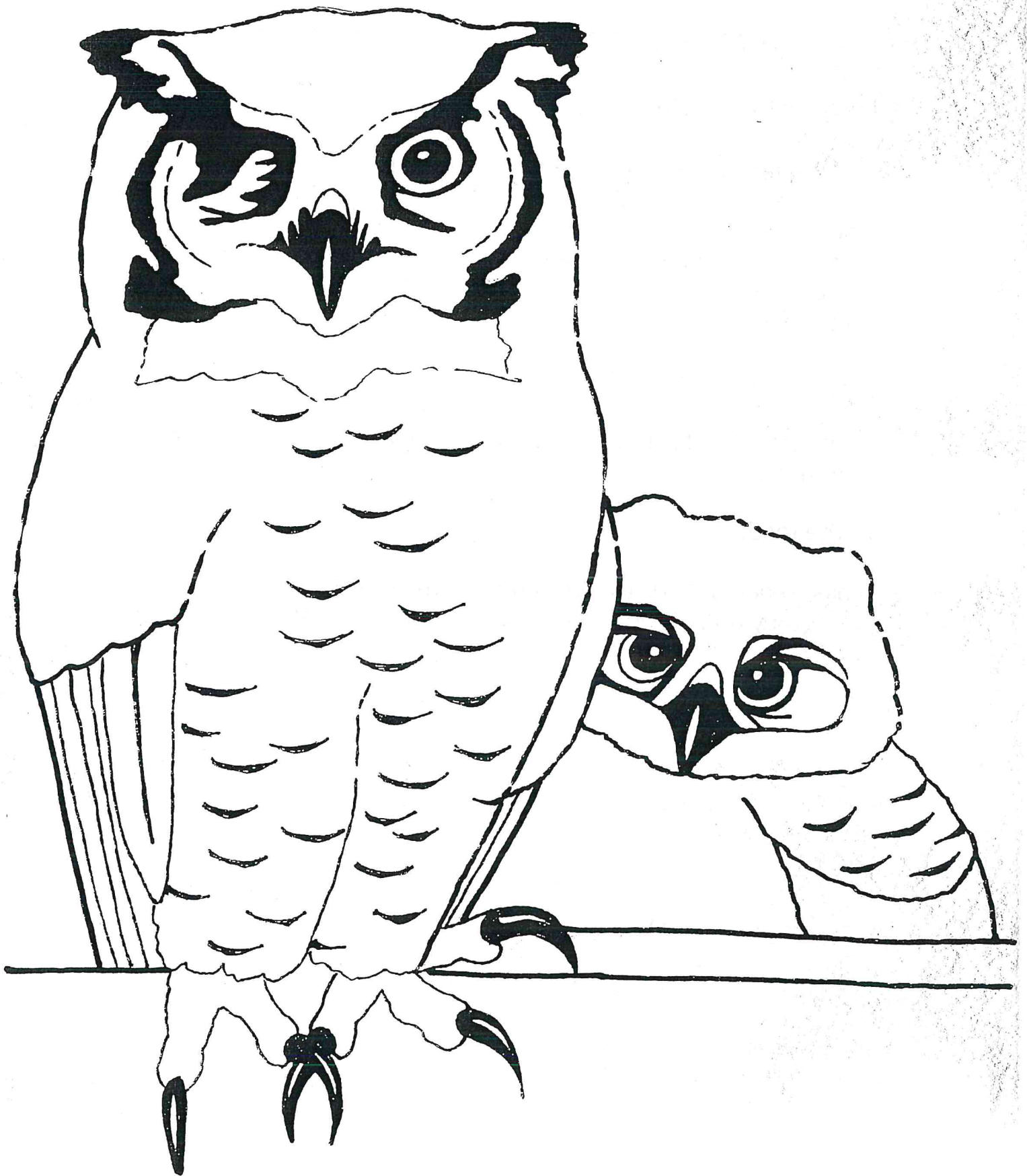


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# Rocky Mountain Raptor Program

Drawing by Cassandra Peterson

## Great Horned Owl – *Bubo virginianus*

What does this bird look like?

This raptor has large yellow eyes and also feather tufts on top of their heads that look like horns – where they get their name!! The feathers are speckled browns, whites and black making them all the better to hide in the trees – camouflage!! These birds are often called the “tiger of the woods” because of strength and the ability to fly virtually silent.

Where does this bird live?

Everywhere! Inside cities, parks, deserts anywhere there is a nice tree to nest.

Favorite food:

Rabbits, rodents, birds (grouse and herons) insects, reptiles and skunks (they don't have a good sense of smell) are also great fishers too!

Size:

Wing span - 2½ - 5 feet!!

Weight – 1.4 – 5.5 pounds

Lifespan:

12 – 15 years in the wild

How many babies do they have in a year?

Lay 2-3 eggs in mid to late January (earlier than other raptors).  
Babies hatch in about 1 month!