



True or False?

Level III—Grades 6-8

- _____ 1. Female raptors, or birds of prey, are smaller than males.
- _____ 2. The Great horned owl lays eggs and raises its young in mid-winter.
- _____ 3. The egg of the Golden eagle takes 45 days to hatch, the longest incubation time of any North American raptor.
- _____ 4. The Red-tailed hawk builds the largest nest of any bird in the world, reaching nine feet across, twenty feet deep and weighing up to 2 tons.
- _____ 5. The Bald eagle only gets a complete white head and tail when it is 1-2 years old.
- _____ 6. Owls can turn their heads 270 degrees because of the shape and number of their neck vertebrae.
- _____ 7. The Osprey is unable to close its nostrils before diving into water after fish.
- _____ 8. Once considered raptors, vultures and condors of North and South America are now believed to be more closely related to storks.
- _____ 9. Kestrels are one of the few birds of prey that exhibit sexual dimorphism, which means the females and males look different from one and other.
- _____ 10. There are over 200 species of owls found worldwide.
- _____ 11. All birds of prey have an anisodactyl arrangement of their toes where three point forward and one points back.
- _____ 12. The fastest creature in the world is the Peregrine falcon, reaching speeds of over 200mph.
- _____ 13. The Barn owl is the most endangered species of owl in the Midwest.
- _____ 14. Birds of prey can be diurnal, nocturnal or crepuscular.
- _____ 15. There is nothing we can do to help ensure a safe future for birds of prey.

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SOLUTION

1. False. Females can be up to one-third larger than males.
2. True
3. True
4. False. The Bald eagle builds the largest nest.
5. False. The Bald eagle gets a white head and tail when it is 4-5 years old.
6. True
7. False. The Osprey has control over its nostrils and closes them before going under.
8. True
9. True
10. True
11. False. Owls and osprey can have a zygodactyl arrangement where two toes are forward and two are back.
12. True
13. True
14. True
15. False. We can do simple things every day like recycling and conserving water and energy to help birds of prey

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