



Three North American owls illustrate the diversity of size and hunting behavior among these night-shift raptors. Five-ounce **Western Screech-Owls** (top), among our smallest, supplement their diet of mouse-sized mammals with birds, frogs, fish, crayfish, insects, and earthworms. The mid-sized **Barn Owl** (middle) is a rodent specialist, feeding on gophers, mice, and rats, although some individuals target blackbird roosts or storm-petrel colonies. One of our largest and heaviest species, three-pound **Great Horned Owls** (bottom) can handle adult hares and skunks, waterfowl, herons, and even other raptors, along with smaller prey.

Rat poison kills owls and other raptors



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