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### FALCON FACTS

**Length:** 15-21 inches (wingspan of 42 inches).

**Weight:** About 2 lbs.; females are slightly larger than males.

**Lifespan:** 7-15 years; some can live as long as 20 years.

You may have heard of the dinosaur called a raptor, but did you know that the word raptor means “birds of prey”? A bird of prey is a bird that hunts and eats other animals. Birds of prey can be diurnal (meaning they hunt during the day) or nocturnal (meaning they hunt at night). An example of a diurnal raptor is the Peregrine Falcon. Peregrine falcons are the most common bird of prey in the world. They live on every continent except Antarctica. They can be found in every land biome. Sometimes they even live in cities, making nests on bridges and skyscrapers! An example of a nocturnal raptor is the Mexican Spotted Owl. They are the most widely distributed of all the spotted owls. They live in forested mountains in the southwestern United States, as well as in northern and central Mexico.

1. Which of the two raptors is nocturnal?

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2. Which raptor can have the larger wingspan?

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3. Which raptor lives longer?

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4. Which raptor can be found living in cities?

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5. Which raptor is more widespread?

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### MEXICAN SPOTTED OWL FACTS

**Height:** 16-19 inches.

**Length:** 17 inches (wingspan of 42-45 inches).

**Weight:** 1.2-1.4 lbs; females are slightly larger than males.

**Lifespan:** 16-17 years in the wild.

## **Answer Key**

1. Mexican Spotted Owl
2. Mexican Spotted Owl
3. Mexican Spotted Owl
4. Peregrine Falcon
5. Mexican Spotted Owl