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Eagles versus Owls

If the lion is king of the jungle, who is the king of the sky? Is it an eagle? Could it be an owl? Either way, you have to admit that eagles and owls are amazing creatures.

When it comes to behavior, eagles and owls have a lot in common. First, they are excellent hunters. Both birds rely on their superior vision and hearing to find food. Like eagles, owls eat meat. They usually catch their prey alive. The one difference is that most eagles hunt during the day, and most owls hunt at night. Second, neither owls nor eagles gather in flocks the way crows or seagulls do. Instead, both birds prefer to be alone. Last, both birds make their homes in one place. The eagle builds its nest in a high, remote place, while the owl finds a hole in an old tree or a building.

Eagles and owls are both birds, so naturally they share some physical features. To begin with, they both have razor-sharp talons to grasp their prey. Their beaks are sharp too, but an eagle's is longer and heavier than an owl's. Next, both birds are covered with feathers. While an eagle's feathers are stiff and smooth, an owl's feathers are soft and fluffy. An owl's eyes are larger than an eagle's. This means its head is bigger too. Finally, an owl's eyes can't move, so its neck is much more flexible than an eagle's is.

Eagles and owls don't share many similarities when it comes to the way each moves. You often see eagles very high in the sky. They are famous for soaring in graceful circles up in the clouds. If you look closely, you'll notice that an eagle's wings don't always flap. Sometimes eagles float like paper airplanes in the wind instead. Owls, on the other hand, don't fly very high or very far, and they rarely soar. That's not to say owls aren't fast. They can swoop like rockets from a tree branch to a mouse on the ground!

One special similarity is that both birds are symbols. An owl represents wisdom. You find lots of owls in children's fairy tales. They're always giving advice or solving problems. Eagles, on the other hand, represent strength and freedom. The eagle was chosen as the national bird of the United States for these qualities. It's used a lot in the military, too, both here and in other countries.

I can't think of any other birds that are as respected as eagles or owls. Can you imagine a pelican or a parakeet being chosen as king of the sky? When it comes to behavior, looks, movement, and image, eagles and owls are extremely impressive birds.