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Facts about Potoo's



This is a potoo

Masters of disguise: **Potoo** Birds are only active at night, and thus sleep during the day. Like most **other** nocturnal birds, their plumage acts as camouflage, making them look like a piece of tree bark or broken-off stump! Wide, large mouths:

Although Potoo Birds have small beaks, their mouths are huge.

Habitat and distribution

The Potoo have a Neotropical distribution. They range from Mexico to Argentina, with the greatest diversity occurring in the Amazon Basin, which holds five species. They are found in every Central and South American country

It's most likely habitats include dense lowland forest, woodlands and occasionally meadows. They are reliant on trees however for perching and camouflage

How big is a potoo?

The **great Potoo** is a very large bird at 19-24 inches (48-60 cm) in length and weighing 12.8 oz – 1.4 lb (360-650 g).

Potoos Can See You Moving With Their Eyes Closed

This strange bird can follow you with its eyes closed. Potoos have narrow openings along the bottom of their eyelids that let them sense movement. Even when their eyes are closed, they can track their prey. Or, even when they're sleeping, they can detect approaching shadows to escape from harm