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Treetop Chick

It's early evening in a cool, quiet forest.

As the sun sets, a fluffy gray face peeks out from a broken tree trunk.

It's a northern spotted owl chick, and the broken tree is its home.

The baby bird's parents are away hunting in the forest.

Soon they will return with food for their hungry chick.





Spotted Owl Homes

There are three types of spotted owls: northern, California, and Mexican.

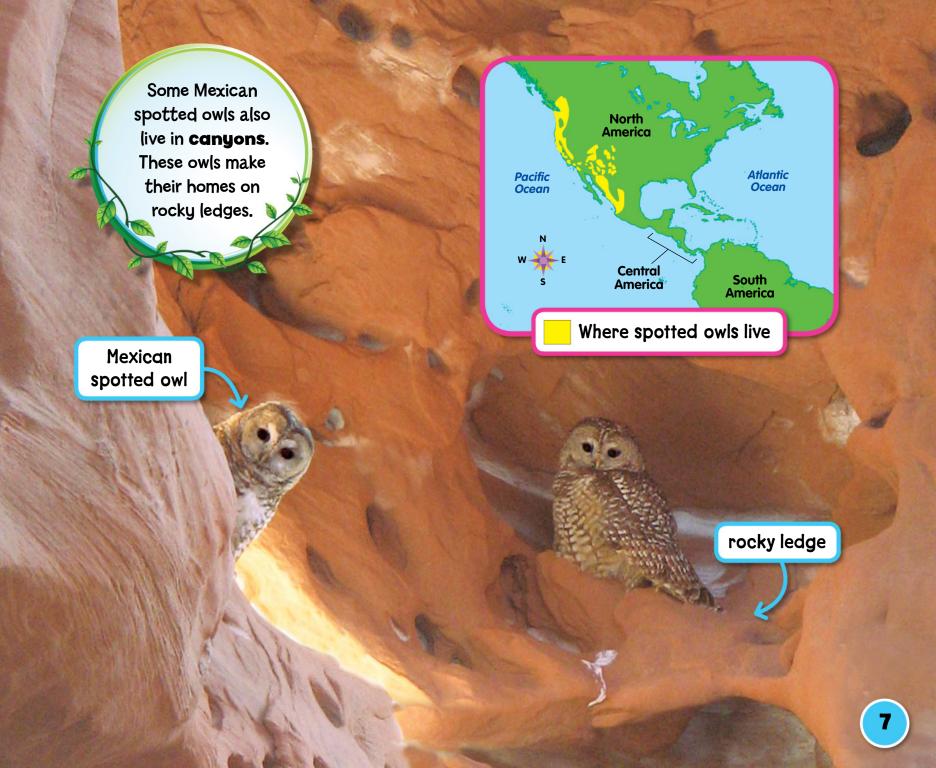
All three kinds live in forests where there are many large trees.

The owls usually make their homes in tall evergreen trees.

Some of these trees are hundreds of years old.

How do you think the spotted owl got its name?





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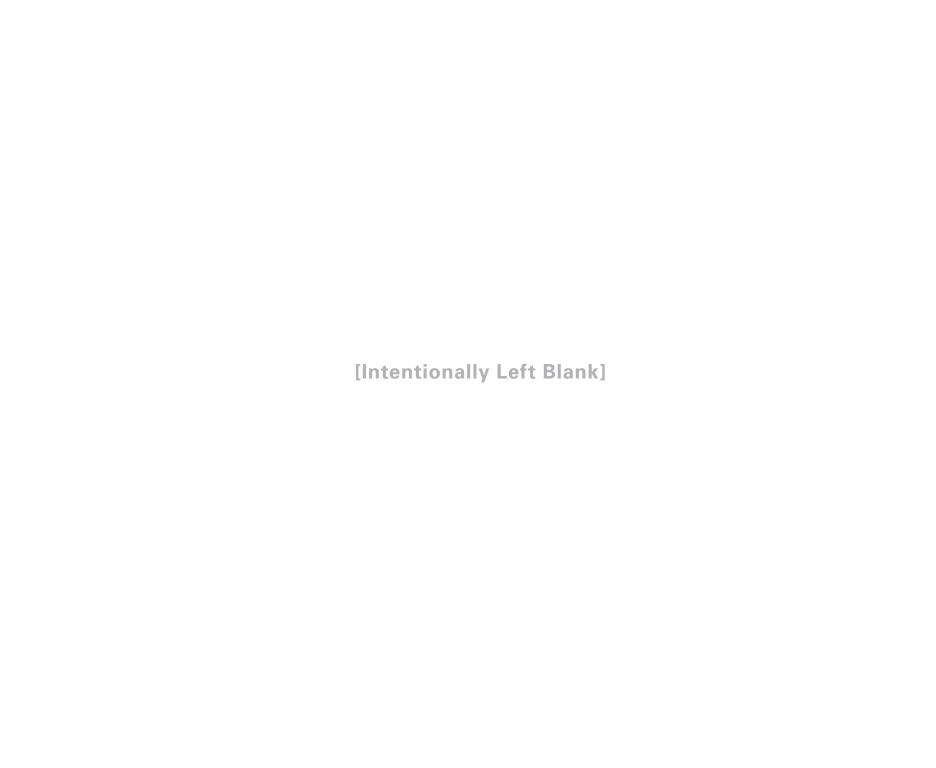
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Dee's biggest ambition is to one day walk the entire coastline of Britain—

it will take about ten months!





A fluffy face peeks out of an old broken tree trunk in a forest. It belongs to a spotted owl chick. Its parents are out hunting for mice and other small animals. Soon they will return to feed their hungry little chick. Look inside to discover more about the world of spotted owls and their life in the trees.

Flying Lemur

Spotted Out

Green Tree Python

Tree Frog

Koala

Tree Kangaroo

Spider Monkey

Woodpecker





