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# Meet a Roadrunner

It's a hot summer day in the **desert**.

A roadrunner speeds across the rocky ground.

The bird is chasing a cricket.

The insect tries to hop away, but the bird is too fast.

The roadrunner catches the cricket and gobbles it up.





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Roadrunners are often seen running along roads and paths. That's how they got their name.

cricket





# A Desert Home

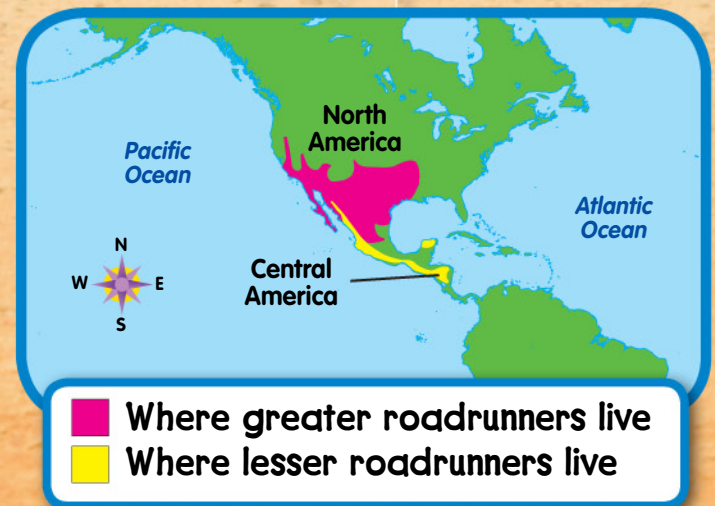
Roadrunners live mostly in the deserts of North America and Central America.

Some live on **grasslands** or on the edges of woods.

Very little rain falls in deserts and grasslands.

Only a few plants can grow in the dry soil, such as cactuses and sagebrushes.

There are two kinds of roadrunners. The greater roadrunner is the larger of the two. It measures around 22 inches (56 cm) long from the tip of its beak to the end of its tail. The lesser roadrunner is around 16 inches (41 cm) long.







greater  
roadrunner



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It's a hot summer day in the desert. A roadrunner spots an enemy—a hawk flying overhead. The roadrunner can fly, but it's much better at running. It zooms across the desert sand and hides under a cactus until the hawk flies away. Welcome to life in the desert!

Look inside to learn all about this intriguing desert dweller, including where the roadrunner lives, what it eats, and how it survives in its hot, dry home.

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