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BARN OWL

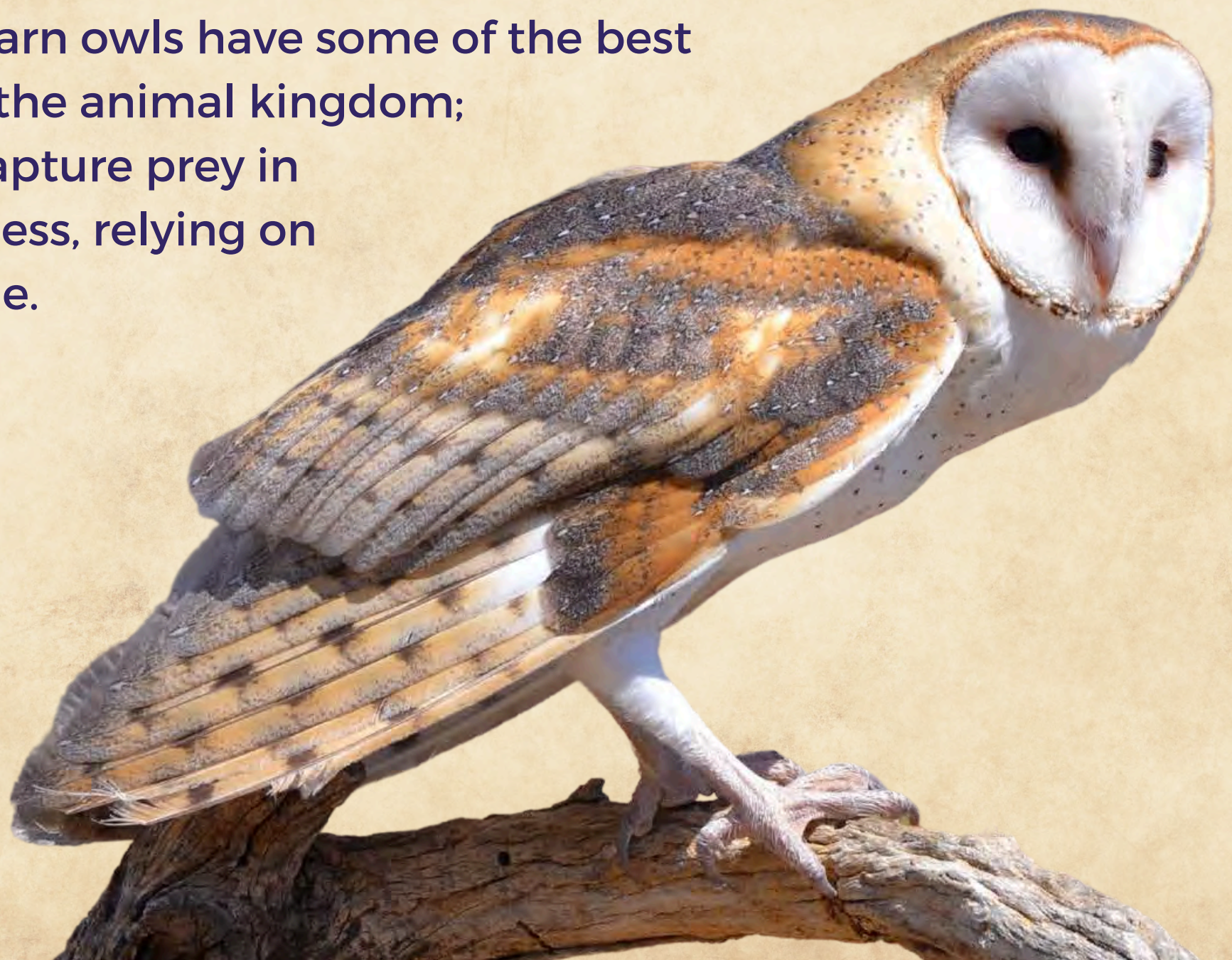
Description: Pale body with tan head, back, and upper wings. Long legs, round head, and dark eyes on a heart-shaped face.

Size: 12 - 16 inches tall; 40 - 50 inch wingspan.

Diet: Mostly rodents; rarely birds, lizards, insects, frogs, fish.

Lifespan: Typically 4 years in the wild.

Fun fact: Barn owls have some of the best hearing in the animal kingdom; they can capture prey in total darkness, relying on sound alone.



SHORT-EARED OWL

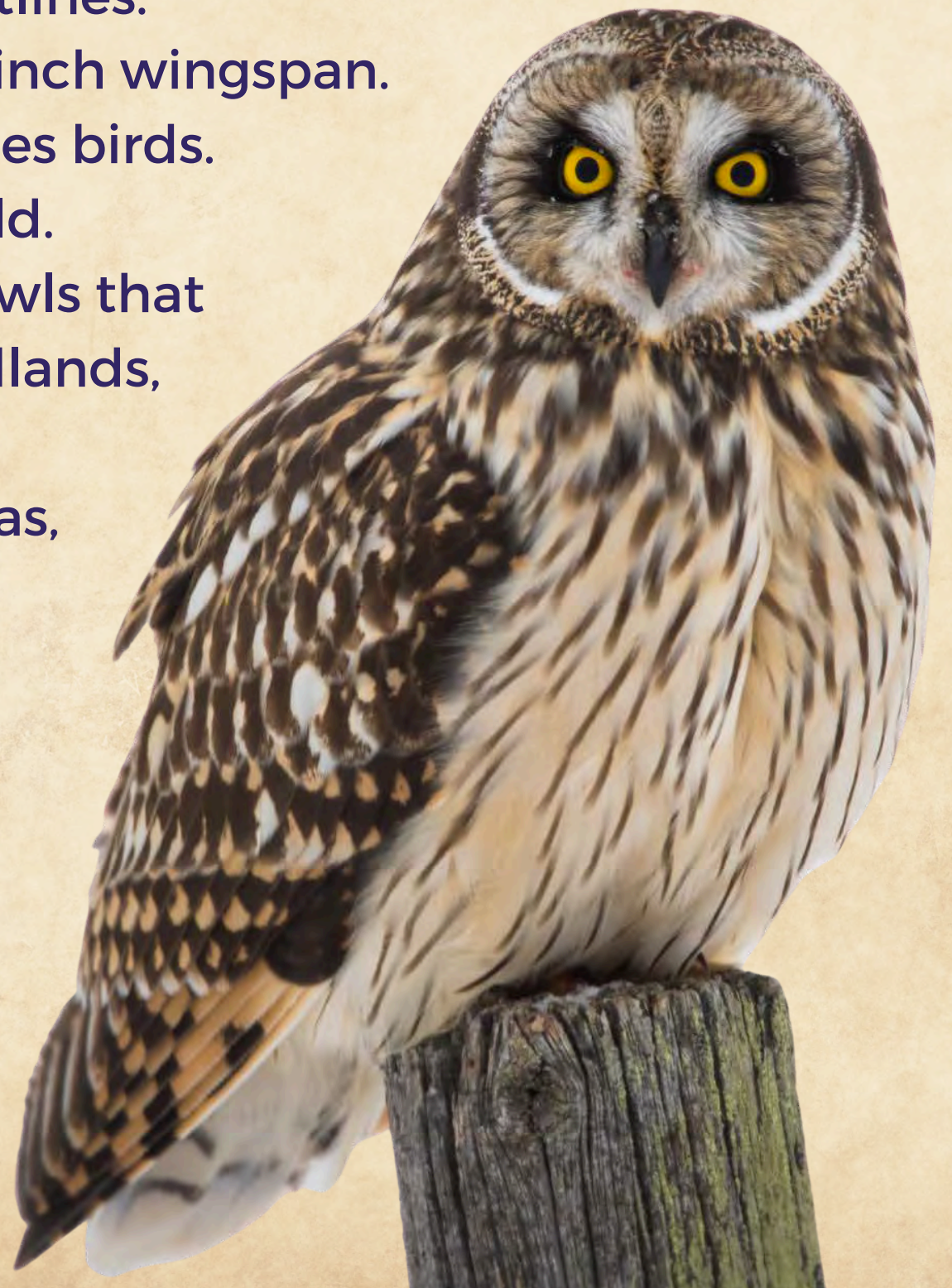
Description: Brown spotted body with pale underparts and belly, round head with yellow eyes accentuated by black outlines.

Size: 13 - 17 inches tall; 33 - 40 inch wingspan.

Diet: Mostly rodents; sometimes birds.

Lifespan: 4 - 12 years in the wild.

Fun fact: Unlike many other owls that live in dense forests and woodlands, short-eared owls prefer to live and hunt in open, treeless areas, like marshes and grasslands.



WESTERN SCREECH OWL

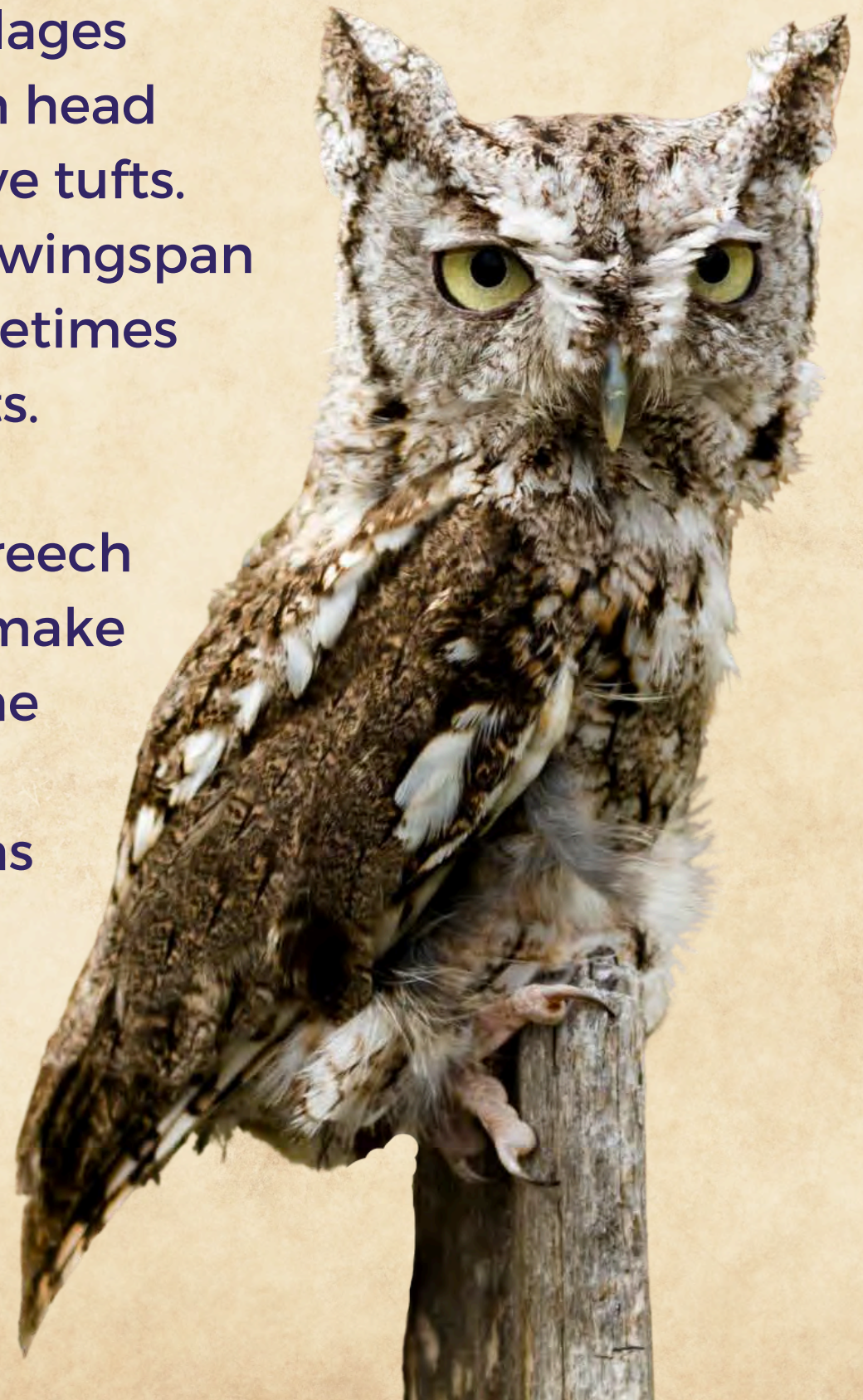
Description: Mottled grayish, brown, or reddish-brown body that camouflages extremely well into trees; squarish head with pale yellow eyes and large eye tufts.

Size: 7 - 10 inches tall; 21 - 24 inch wingspan

Diet: Mostly small mammals; sometimes birds, fish, amphibians, and insects.

Lifespan: 1 - 8 years in the wild.

Fun fact: Surprisingly, Western screech owls do not screech, but instead make a series of hollow "toots." The name comes from its close relation to the Eastern screech owl, which has more of a screeching call.



NORTHERN PYGMY OWL

Description: Dark brown and white body, with long tail, smoothly rounded head, and piercing yellow eyes.

Size: 6 - 7 inches tall; 14 - 16 inch wingspan.

Diet: Songbirds and small rodents; sometimes insects, small reptiles, and amphibians.

Lifespan: Up to 4 years in the wild.

Fun fact: Unlike most other owls, pygmy owls hunt during the day, sitting quietly and surprising their prey.



LONG-EARED OWL

Description: Slender, dark body with a buff or orange face and a squarish head with long ear turfs.

Size: 14 - 16 inches tall; 35 - 40 inch wingspan.

Diet: Mostly rodents; sometimes birds; rarely bats and reptiles.

Lifespan: 4- 20 years in the wild.

Fun fact: The hoot of a male long-eared owl can be heard almost one mile away.



NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL

Description: Mottled brown and white body, round head, catlike face with large eyes.

Size: 7 - 8 inches tall; 16 - 19 inch wingspan.

Diet: Mostly rodents; sometimes large insects and small birds.

Lifespan: Up to 7 years in the wild.

Fun fact: The saw-whet owl's name comes from the shrill "skiew" call they make when alarmed, which sounds like the whetting (sharpening) of a saw.



GREAT HORNED OWL

Description: Mottled gray-brown body with reddish brown face and two prominent feathered tufts on the head.

Size: 18 - 24 inches tall; 40 - 57 inch wingspan.

Diet: Mostly mammals; sometimes birds, snakes, lizards, and insects.

Lifespan: Up to 13 years in the wild.

Fun fact: Great horned owls are fierce and powerful predators that can take down large prey, even birds and mammals larger than themselves.



WESTERN BURROWING OWL

Description: Mottled brown body with spotted belly, long legs, and a round head with bright yellow eyes.

Size: 8 - 10 inches tall; 22 inch wingspan.

Diet: Large insects, small mammals, reptiles, and birds.

Lifespan: 6 - 8 years in the wild.

Fun fact: Burrowing owls collect animal dung near their burrows, which attracts insects that the owls then catch and eat.

