

OWLETS

A COUPLE OF 'OWLERS

What do owls sing when it is raining?
'Too wet to woo'!

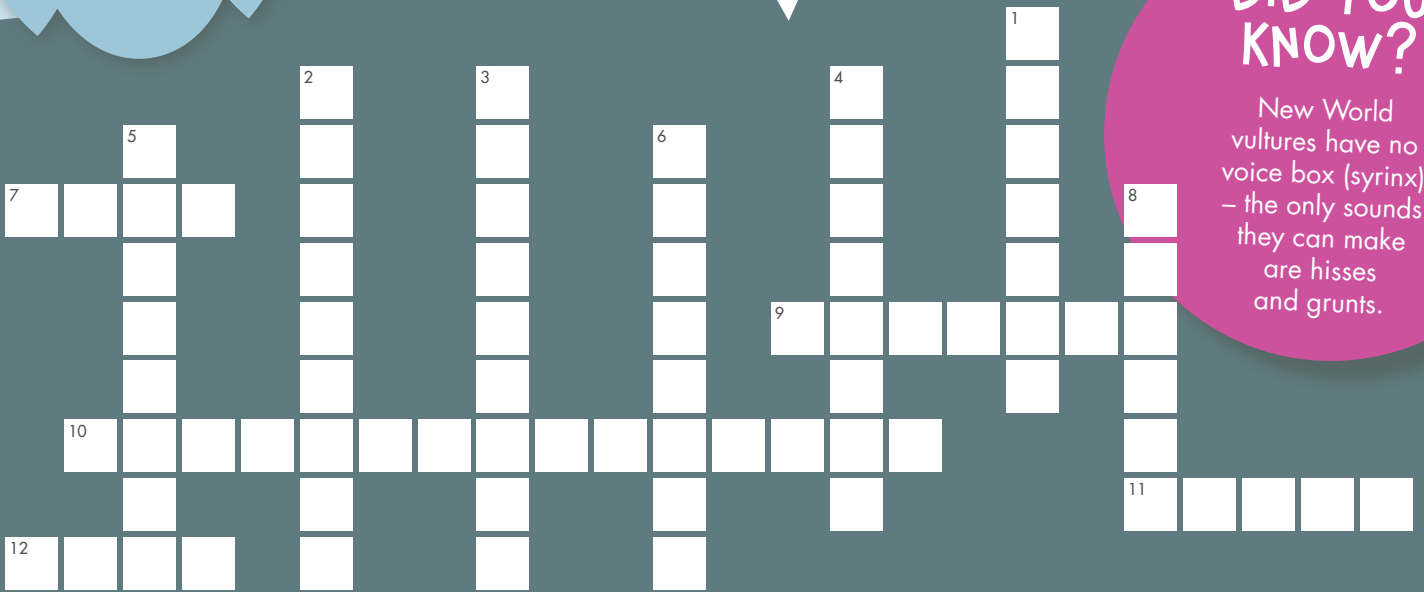
Why couldn't the owl use the computer?
It ate the mouse!



CONNECT THE DOTS AND IDENTIFY THE BIRD

DID YOU KNOW?

New World vultures have no voice box (syrinx) – the only sounds they can make are hisses and grunts.



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

7. Birds of prey use their _____ to catch their food. (4)
9. This bird of prey is an English species of owl, well known for nesting in trees and undisturbed buildings such as barns. (4,3)
10. This falcon is known best for its incredible speed, and is the fastest known animal in the world. (9,6)
11. The high speed dive of a falcon chasing its prey. (5)
12. Where birds sleep. (4)

DOWN

1. Some birds of prey, such as vultures, often eat prey which has already been killed. What are these dead animals known as? (7)
2. This bird of prey is the national bird of the USA. (4,5)
3. Some owls are well known for being awake and active at night. What are animals who do this known as? (9)
4. An animal that hunts, kills and eats other animals for food. (8)
5. Birds don't have fur or hair to keep them warm, instead they have _____. (8)
6. Some birds use hot air to take them higher in the sky. What are these pockets of hot air known as? (8)
8. Birds' sharp curved claws. (6)

ANSWERS

CROSSWORD ACROSS: 7. Feet, 9. Barn Owl, 10. Barn Owl, 11. Swoop, 12. Sleep, DOWN: 1. Carrion, 2. Bald Eagle, 3. Nocturnal, 4. Predator, 5. Feathers, 6. Thermals, 8. Talons, 9. Screech Owl, 10. Peregrine Falcon, 11. Sleep, 12. Swoop

CONNECT THE DOTS The bird is an African White-backed Vulture