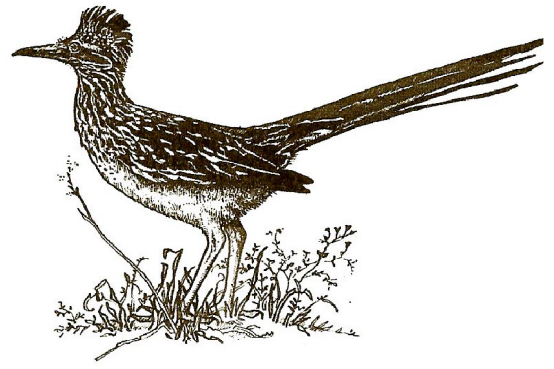


Roadrunners

Roadrunners are part of the cuckoo family. They are able to kill and eat rattlesnakes and other posionous prey like Black Widow Spiders and scorpions. They can run up to 15 MPH which is their favorite way to travel but they can fly.



Although it's tempting, please don't start feeding a roadrunner that's in your area. Like any wildlife that catches prey for it's food, they need the bones and organ parts to stay healthy. Feeding hamburger or pieces of steak or chicken will cause serious nutritional problems. Also, the bird starts to associate humans with food. Wildlife needs to remain wild around people in order to survive.



Roadrunner eggs are incubated as they are laid so nest mates can be of different sizes. Hatchlings have black skin and course white hair. Eyes, legs, and feet are black. The mouth is bright red with pink gape flanges (lips). Check for foot pattern of two toes facing forward and two toes facing backward.

