

Roadrunner

If you live in the southwestern United States, you've likely seen a roadrunner. These common birds are ground-dwelling members of the cuckoo family. They are found in the American southwest and Mexico. Roadrunners are starting to spread to the central United States as well.

A roadrunner can grow to two feet in length. It is mostly brown with white markings. The roadrunner has a large crest and a very long tail. In addition, it has long legs for chasing its favorite prey - lizards, scorpions, and rodents. Roadrunners can reach speeds of more than 20 miles per hour and would rather run away from threats than fly. Roadrunner sometimes show up in backyards and gardens!

1. How would a roadrunner most likely escape from a predator?

- A. It was run away
- B. It was would fly away
- C. It would hide in the bushes
- D. It would try to attack

2. Which is not true about the roadrunner?

- A. They are cuckoos
- B. You can find them in Mexico
- C. They eat scorpions
- D. They live in the southeastern United States

3. What could be a title for this story?

- A. The Roadrunner's Diet
- B. The Basics About Roadrunners
- C. Birds of America
- D. Cuckoos

4. Why do Roadrunners have long legs?

- A. To chase their prey
- B. To stay cool in the desert
- C. To blend in to their environment
- D. Because they don't like to fly.

