

A VISIT FROM THE WILD LIFE.

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Have you ever seen an owl? I have, he had lived under my garage roof for a day. The kind of owl I saw was called an Eastern Screech Owl.

It all started when my dad and I were waiting for my sister to change. My Dad said Oh look at what those birds did to the garage roof. All of a sudden WOW COOL ITS AN OWL. WOW I said. When my sister came out, my dad said quick go get the camera. We got some good pictures. It was awesome. We had to go some where. We were afraid it would leave, but when we got home it was still there. We invited our neighbors to come see the owl. One of my neighbors named Gale asked, "What is his name?" That was a tricky question the first name that popped to my head was Charles. After the neighbors left my mom got home. She thought it was pretty cool. Unfortunately it was not there in the morning the next day. I was sad it left but glad it found a better home. I will never forget Charles. Seeing this Owl made me want to know more about it. I research on the internet about the Eastern Screech Owl and I found some interesting facts.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the male Eastern Screech Owl eats from one-quarter to one-third of their own body weight in food each night, but sometimes skipped a night and stored food instead?

The Eastern Screech-Owl eats a variety of small animals. The Eastern Screech-Owl is found in nearly every habitat throughout the eastern United States and southern Canada. They like to build they're nests in nest boxes.

Description: these are small owls; they have feathered ear turfs, they range in color from gray to brownish gray, or reddish-brown. The average size is about 6-10 in, the Wingspan is about 19-24 in, this Owl weighs is about 4.27-8.61 ounces.

