

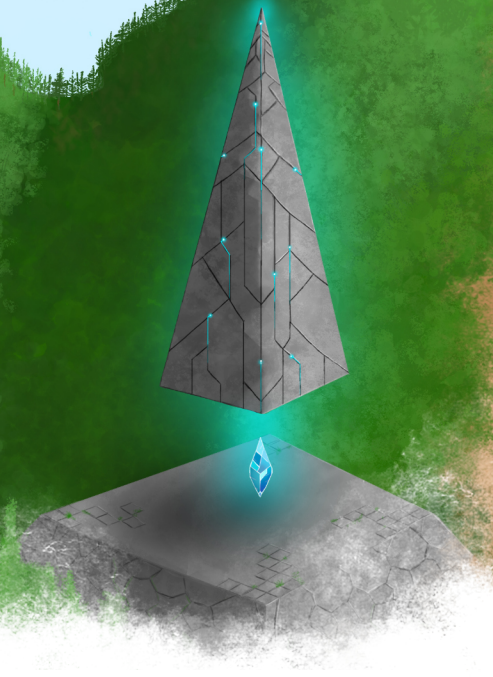


Owl Aarakocra

Commonly associated with wisdom Owl Aarakocra are armed with sharp talons, keen senses and near perfect silence while in flight making them strong and deadly predators. Naturally found in secluded dense forest away from civilization these Aarakocra are a rare sight even to other avian races. Primarily nocturnal predators these owl's can only be heard if you find yourself an unwelcome guest in their territory piercing the silence of the night with bloodcurdling screeches.

Hidden and Protective

The population of an owl flock is normally small, only numbering in a few hundred but will claim large areas of forest as their own with no regard for any pre established borders or maps by outsiders. If you were to stumble-upon a settlement of these Aarakocra more than likely you were being watched for miles as you approach. Travelers should avoid entering too deeply into flock territory if you see homes on the ground or above in the trees. Although most Owl's would just fly away or remain silent if you approach without invite or an Owl Aarakocra guide the probability of attack is extremely high if you venture too close to a nest with eggs or newborn owlets inside. Finding an Owl Aarakocra's home nest is best done with an invitation from a member of the Owl flock however such an action is rare even to other Aarakocra from other flocks. Outsiders should be respectful but prepared, an invite usually means you will be tasked with an important request or to solve a flock wide crisis.



Sunspirt, Starheart or Moonsoul?

When an owlet hatches the time of the day of hatching has traditional importance to an owl flock. If an owlet hatches during the daytime he or she is referred to as a Sunspirt; a determined avian that is eager, spontaneous and brave. A night-hatched owl is called a Moonsoul; these owls are known to be quiet, intelligent and perceptive. A Starheart, an owl that is born during the time of dawn or dusk are said to be peaceful, empathetic and careful with their thoughts and actions. The level of belief in the accuracy of this tradition can vary but every owl aarakocra knows of their birth sign. They will always keep it in mind out of respect, when speaking with flock elders or out of superstitious beliefs when out in the world that can guide their actions.



Sunspirt, Starheart, Moonsoul crystals. Often crafted from crystals found in the West Feran Mountains close to the Owl flock flocknest of Strikota.

Owl Aarakocra Names

Owl names can differ wildly and are often the choice of the mother and father much like any other race does in the world. Male names are usually longer while female names are short.

Male Names

Manusi, Kotada, Mihuga, Kataruba, Janos, Sorocula

Female Names

Si, Zani, Whoo, Anja, Libi, Hahu

Owl Aarakocra Traits

Your Owl Aarakocra character has some physical similarities when compared to the common eagle like Aarakocra known in the world but Owl Aarakocra have some traits unique to this avian species only.

Ability Score Increase. Your Dexterity score increases by 2.

Age. Owl Aarakocra reach maturity by age 3. Compared to humans, aarakocra don't usually live longer than 30 years.

Alignment. Commonly neutral by nature but some that venture from their secluded forest nests tend to be chaotic as they attempt to adapt to the sights and sounds of non-forest life.

Size. Owl Aarakocra are about 5 feet tall. They have thin, lightweight bodies that weigh between 80 and 100 pounds. Your size is Medium unless stated otherwise in a subrace.

Speed. Your base walking speed is 25 feet.

Flight. You have a flying speed of 50 feet. To use this speed, you cannot wear medium or heavy armor.

Sharp Talons. You are proficient with your unarmed strikes, which deal 1d4 slashing damage on a hit.

Nocturnal. You have 100 feet of Darkvision and are proficient in the Stealth skill.

Languages. You can speak, read, and write Common, Aarakocra & Auran.

Subrace. Three subraces of these owl's have been found in the world. Choose one between the Great Grey, Elf or Snow Owl Aarakocra.

Great Gray Owl Aarakocra

As a Great Gray Owl Aarakocra you are armed with larger talons and have a natural boost in strength. You look larger thanks to thick layers of dark plumage that tend to match the color and pattern of tree trunks. Because of this visual appearance you are commonly referred to as a Wood Owl.

Ability Score Increase. Your Strength score increases by 1.

Large Talons. Your unarmed strikes, deal an additional 2d4 slashing damage on a hit.

Elf Owl Aarakocra

As an Elf Owl Aarakocra you are small sharing a common height with Halflings and Gnomes. Your small size may not mean you are the strongest of the Owl Aarakocra but you make up for your size with a slightly faster flight speed and flexibility when in tight spaces.

Size. One of the smaller avians in the Owl Aarakocra family that grows about 3 feet tall and weigh around 40 pounds. Your size is small.

Nimble Flyer. You have proficiency in the Acrobatics skill and gain an additional 10 feet of flight speed.

Narrow Fit. You can move through any tiny sized spaces as if your size was tiny.

Snow Owl Aarakocra

As a Snow Owl Aarakocra your snow white plumage is a product of generations of life in colder environments. Because of this you have a strong body and senses that become heightened if you ever find yourself in colder climates.

Ability Score Increase. Your Constitution score increases by 1.

Arctic Nomad. You have resistance to Cold damage. You have advantage on Perception checks if you are in an Arctic or Mountain environment.

Owl Behavior

Regardless of where an Owl Aarakocra goes owl like characteristics can be expressed on impulse or by choice depending on the situation.

d6	Owl Behavior
1	When speaking to a small or tiny creature your eyes Go wide and you do not blink.
2	You prefer to be in shade, shadows and other dim light during the day time.
3	When in combat your feathers become ruffled to increase your apparent size.
4	You will bob and weave your head when you are curious about something.
5	You enjoy bathing outdoors in the rain or shallow Water.
6	You hoot randomly at night even in your sleep.

Pellet Trinket

As a tradition in many Owl Aarakocra flocks a young owlet keeps a small part of there first pellet. Your pellet trinket can be mundane, a mystery, something worth telling a story about or strictly personal to your character.

d6	Pellet Trinkets
1	A silver shard
2	A wilted 4 leaf clover
3	A rodent's tooth
4	A pink feather
5	A patch of wolf fur
6	A bear cub claw

Cover Story: Flocknest Strikota

Strikota is the name of the Owl Aarakocra's capital settlement in the westerin mountains of the Aarakocra nation of Fera. Looking for a permanent home and land to call their own, the royal peafowl leadership at Highnest assisted the flock with searching somewhere west, preferring to be removed from the growing and more industrialized East Fera. In return the nation would have a flock watching the untamed western mountain and forest further claiming territory and help establish the borders of the nation.

The most distinctive feature of Strikota is the glowing large crystal floating mid air center of the ruin. The crystal is 30ft in the air and measures 10ft high and 6ft wide. The crystal is silent with a faint blue hue that glows dim light roughly in a 60ft radius. The magic of the crystal's levitation or even it's purpose is still unknown and all attempts to move the crystal by magical or physical means have all failed. The real mystery that has captured the attention of explorers and researchers lay at the base structure and the ground below it.

Although badly weathered and faded, Aarackoran explorers have documented Draconic language engraved on some walls inside Strikota. Some pathways lead to collapsed and rock-filled dead ends which adds credibility to a theory that the ruin is much larger underground holding more chambers and pathways. Much of the mystery surrounding Strikota remains a mystery still only because the Owl's simply do not care to look into it. A superstitious flock, the Owl considers the ruin a gift and would do best not to disturb it by prodding and digging into it's past.