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About 25% of barn owls will find themselves in the midst of a divorce at some point or another, *National Geographic* reports. Researchers who observed the species in Switzerland for 24 years say that although the birds are typically monogamous, [they'll part ways if breeding isn't successful](#). Even so, the study—published online this week in the *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*—notes that the owl's ultimate goal is to find a compatible mate and stick it out for the long run.

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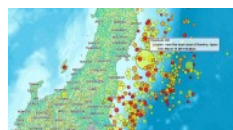
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