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THE BARN OWL



GETTING TO KNOW...

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Region & Habitat	Widely distributed, found everywhere except polar and desert regions
Classification	Bird
Size	Length: 13-16in, 0.95-1.4lbs.
Nocturnal or Diurnal	Strictly nocturnal
Conservation Status	Least Concern
Average Lifespan	4 years
Diet	Small mammals, bats and rabbits
Scientific Name	Tyto Alba
Fun Fact	They swallow their food whole.

Barn Owls are the most widespread terrestrial bird in the world. They are exclusively nocturnal and are the origins behind the phrase “night owl”. These silent predators are found year-round in their natural habitats, hunting at night in open fields and meadows while nesting in buildings and barns which is how they got their name. The Barn Owl has excellent low-light vision, and can easily find prey at night by sight. But its ability to locate prey by sound alone is the best of any animal that has ever been tested. It can catch mice in complete darkness, hidden by vegetation or snow.

These birds are unique compared to other owls. They do not hoot, instead they let out a raspy, coarse cry while they hunt. Their soft feathers and wings enable them to fly without making a sound so their prey isn’t alerted. Barn Owls do not clean or chew their food, they prefer to swallow it whole with the skin and bones still included. As a result, they cough out pellets of indigestible matter. The pellets that females cough up are shredded with her feet so that she can mold it, after which she arranges it into the shape of a cup. Their nests are placed in the holes of trees, cliffs ledges, crevices, structures like barns, nest boxes, haystacks and other buildings.

On average, barn owls raise six chicks at once—and sometimes as many as nine. But they don’t all hatch at the same time, which means the older owlets are generally larger and healthier than their younger brothers and sisters.

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Feathers

Brood

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Nestling

Owlet

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Hearing

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