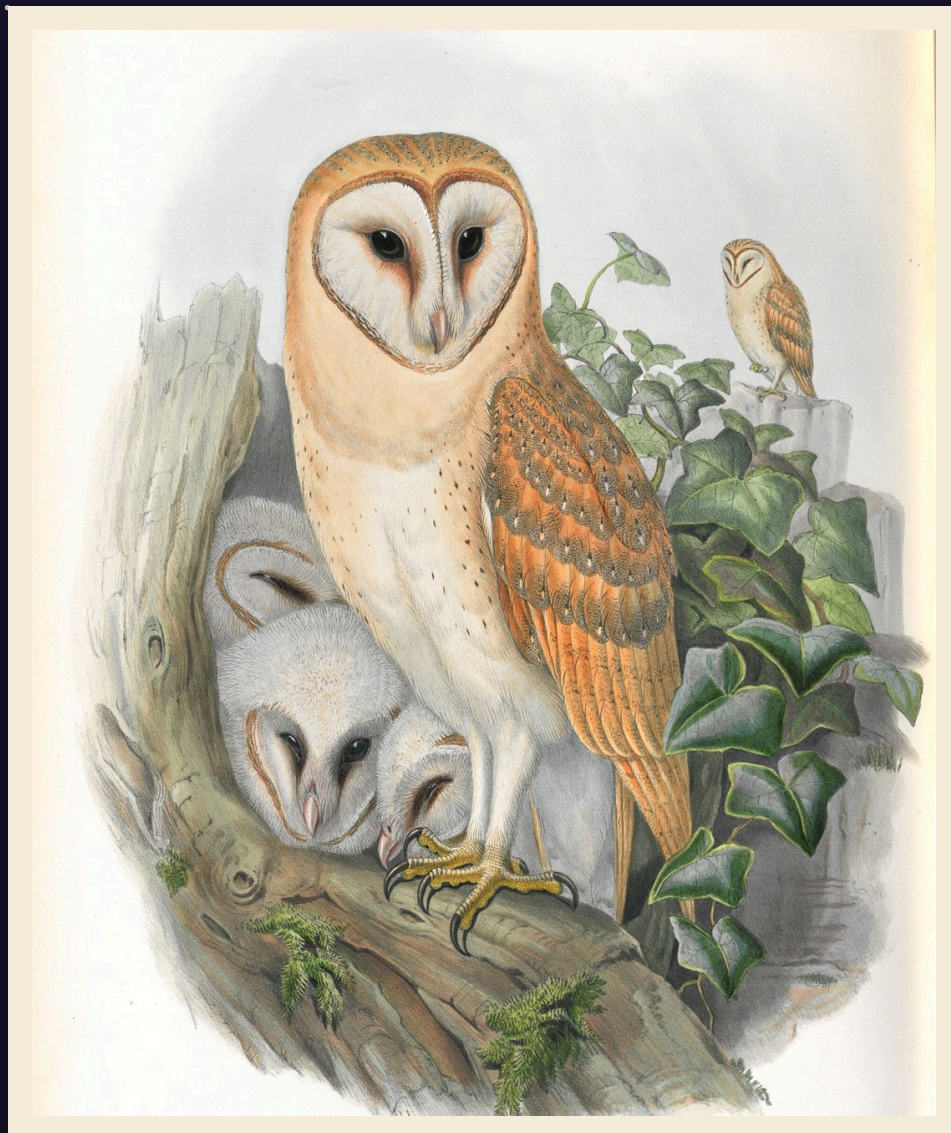


Owl Printables Free Sample

A taster from the owls.animals.im printables collection



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4 ACTIVITIES

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Hello, owl explorers!

Four free pages to try at home or in class

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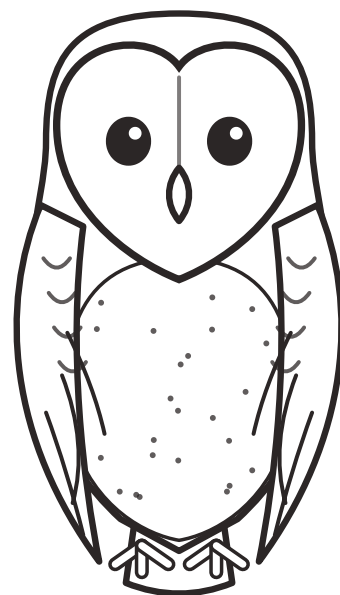
Printing tips

- Print at **100% / actual size**.
- Inside pages are light and ink-friendly; black-and-white printing works fine.
- Print the spotter card on thin card if you have it.

Five-minute owl facts to start

- Barn owls swallow prey whole but can't digest fur and bone, so they cough the leftovers up through the beak as a pellet.
- The barn owl's heart-shaped facial disc collects sound and directs it toward the ears.
- Barn owls don't hoot. They shriek, hiss and snore, and they rarely call.
- Owls can turn their heads as much as 270°. They cannot turn them all the way round.

All facts in the REALLYBYTE owl printables are checked against the Barn Owl Trust, BTO, RSPB and other sources listed on the credits page.

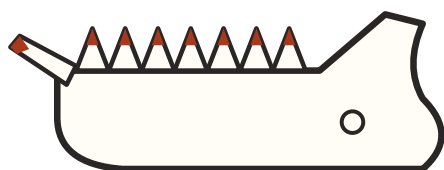


FROM THE OWL PELLET LAB PACK

Shrew, vole or mouse?

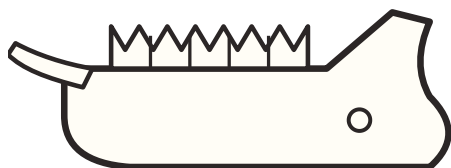
A mini jaw key for owl pellet detectives

The simplest way to identify prey is to find the lower jawbones and pair up the left and right jaws; that also tells you how many animals were eaten. Use a magnifier and compare each jaw with the drawings below.



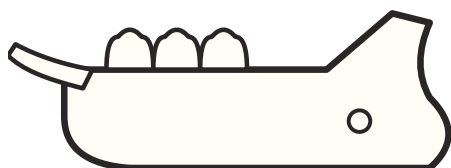
Shrew

- Shrews have sharp, spike-like teeth, whereas rodents have gnawing front incisors.
- Shrew jaws are easy to spot: common shrews have red-tipped teeth.
- A shrew looks like a long-nosed mouse, but it is not a rodent.



Vole

- Vole molars are high-crowned with angular cusps, so they look like a zigzag.
- Rodents have a gap (diastema) between their incisors and their cheek teeth.
- Field voles are the barn owl's most common prey in Britain (about 45%).



Mouse

- Mice have low-crowned molars with rounded cusps, like little hills.
- Like voles, mice are rodents, with one pair of ever-growing incisors in each jaw.
- Wood mice make up about 15% of UK barn owl prey.

Try it: no pellet? Test yourself: which jaw has red-tipped teeth? _____ (Answer: the shrew)

Barn owl on a fence post

Colour the moonlit farmland scene



DID YOU KNOW? The barn owl's heart-shaped face works like a dish: it collects sound and directs it toward the ears.

FROM UK OWLS ID & SPOTTER CARDS

Barn owl spotter card

Cut around the outside, fold along the middle line and glue the halves together



Barn owl

Tyto alba

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UK RESIDENT

Barn owl



Height	about 330 mm
Wingspan	about 900 mm
Eyes	Dark
UK status	● Green-listed

- White underneath, golden-buff above, with a white heart-shaped face and dark eyes.
- Lives in open farmland, not woodland.
- In Britain it also hunts by day, although it is nocturnal over most of its range.
- Hunts by flying low and slowly back and forth, often hovering before the pounce.

Call: Doesn't hoot. Shrieks, hisses and snores, and rarely calls.

☐ **Seen it!** Date _____ Place _____

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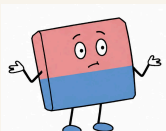
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