

20 Barn Owl Facts

Ages 7 to 9 · Fun facts about barn owls



What They Look Like

- 1 Barn owls have a white, heart-shaped face.
- 2 Barn owls are white underneath, with golden-brown backs and wings.

Super Senses

- 3 Barn owls fly so quietly that you can't hear them coming.
- 4 A barn owl can hear a tiny vole moving under the grass.
- 5 One of a barn owl's ears is higher than the other. This helps it work out exactly where a sound is coming from.
- 6 Barn owls can't move their eyes, so they turn their heads instead, up to about 270 degrees.

Hunting & Food

- 7 Barn owls mostly hunt at night.
- 8 Their favourite food is the field vole, a small furry animal like a mouse.
- 9 Barn owls swallow their food whole!
- 10 Barn owls catch their food with their feet, using sharp, curved claws.

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- 11 A barn owl eats around three to five small animals every night.

Owl Pellets

- 12 Barn owls cough up the fur and bones they can't digest. These are called pellets.

Eggs & Owlets

- 13 Baby barn owls are called owlets.

- 14 A barn owl usually lays four to six white eggs.

- 15 Young owlets are covered in fluffy white down.

- 16 Barn owls don't build nests. They lay their eggs on the bare floor or on old pellets.

Daily Life

- 17 Barn owls screech. They don't hoot! It's tawny owls that hoot.

- 18 Barn owls live in old barns, hollow trees and nest boxes.

- 19 Barn owl feathers aren't waterproof, so they don't like hunting in the rain.

Around the World

- 20 Barn owls live on every continent except Antarctica.

My favourite fact is number because