

1. Habitat

Barn owls are found worldwide, on every continent except Antarctica. They live in moorland, deserts, forests and farmland.

2. Food

Barn owls feed on voles, frogs and insects. They also feed on animal pests like rats, shrews, moles, and mice. An adult barn owl will eat approximately 3 mice a day.

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4. Reproduction

A male barn owl courts the female by bringing gifts of food. This helps to strengthen the bond between the pair and is also preparation time for when the male will have to feed the female when she is nest bound and incubating eggs.

3. Bird of Prey

The barn owl is a bird of prey and it hunts at night. It is able to do this because it has amazingly keen hearing and its eyes are particularly adapted for night vision. The rings of fine feathers owls have around each eye help to channel sounds into the ears.

Like all owls the barn owl has powerful claws for attacking and gripping prey. The outer toe can be moved backwards and forwards to change grip. Owls carry prey in their bills, unlike other birds of prey which carry it in their claws.