



Long Eared Owl

[Rescued from the wild – attacked by a cat - SSPCA]

MALE

Asio otus

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“Ben”

SECURE

A little character, never know what he's thinking.

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

A medium sized, long winged owl with prominent “ear” tufts. The upper-parts are a mottled mixture of black, buff, brown and white. Below, the colour is whitish-grey with brown streaks and barring. A large prominent facial disc with white eyebrows. Penetrating orange eyes .

HABITAT & LOCATION

Prefers open land near to tree or hedge cover, including pasture, grassland, forest with clearings. Fairly widespread from Europe and northern Africa across to China and Japan and as far south as Egypt and south China, found in north America and Mexico.

NATURAL DIET

Small mammals, mice, voles and birds.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : 6 oz, (170 g), - 15.5 oz, (440 g).

Height : 14”, (35 cm), - 16”, (40 cm).