



Tawny Owl

[Rescued from the wild – abandoned by parents]

MALE

Strix aluco

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“Bernie”

Cute, and totally loveable.

SECURE

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

The Tawny is a medium sized owl which has no “ear” tufts. The eyes are dark brown. The upper colour is generally grey-brown above with darker mottling and distinctive white-cream spots on the upper wing covert feathers. Under colour is lighter with darker streaks and barring. Eyebrows are noticeably shorter, crown is dark, bordered with white. Call is what everyone recognises as an owl.

HABITAT & LOCATION

The Tawny owl is widespread throughout Europe, with the exception of Ireland. Inhabits throughout eastern Europe across to eastern China.

NATURAL DIET

Mice, voles, frogs, birds, insects earthworms, and even fish.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : *Adult Female* - 13oz, (380 g), - 23oz, (660 g).

Height : 14” - 18”, (36 cm – 46 cm).