



# Great Grey Owl

FEMALE

*Strix nebulosa*

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**“Birkita”**

SECURE

*Very curious, wants to look at everything.*

## DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

The Great Grey Owl is one of the largest and most impressive owls in the world, it has an enormous head of feathers, with a grey facial disc and white markings between the eyes. Sometimes called the “ghost” owl because of the ghostly appearance. The outer wings have buff patches and dark bars.

Under-parts are lighter grey streaked with white. Has small yellow eyes and a prominent black beard.

## HABITAT & LOCATION

Found in northern America, Canada, Alaska, and northern Scandinavia, across to northern Asia.

Prefers wooded land, and boggy forests. Nests in and hunts from high trees.

## NATURAL DIET

Staple diet is voles, will take other small mammals.

## WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

**Weight** : 1.7 lb (790 g), - 3.2 lb, (1,450 g).

**Wingspan** : Can reach 60”, (150 cm). **Height** : 24” (61 cm) – 33” (84 cm)