



Western Screech Owl

FEMALE

Otus kennicotti

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SECURE

Shy little thing, can be quite nippy.

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

The Western Screech owl is a small nocturnal owl. It has distinct ear tufts and piercing yellow eyes. Plumage is greyish variegated light and dark. This acts as camouflage against the bark of a tree. The beak is surrounded by bristly feathers.

HABITAT & LOCATION

Found along the western side on North America, from the Mexican highlands, north to south eastern Alaska and British Columbia. Prefer open woodland, or the edges of forests.

NATURAL DIET

Mainly insects, mammals such as mice, wood rats, gophers and voles. Will also take fish, worms, snails, small birds and even farmyard ducks.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : 4.3 oz, (123 g), - 6.5 oz, (186 g).

Height : 8" - 9", (21 cm – 22cm).