



Barn Owl

MALE

Tyto alba

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“Oscar”

VULNERABLE

Spoiled rotten, loves to be on your shoulder.

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

The Barn owl is easily distinguished from other owls by its unique shape, colour and call. It is primarily white with buff, yellow and tawny shadings. The Barn owl has no ear tufts, the eyes and beak are completely encircled by a unique, heart shaped facial ruff of white, rimmed with tan, while slightly curved feathers radiate from the small dark eyes. Extremely silent predator.

HABITAT & LOCATION

The Barn owl is widespread throughout Europe, America, India, Australia, and most of Africa. Ideally inhabits open countryside with mixture of grassland, marsh, scrub, hedgerows and woodland.

NATURAL DIET

Mice, voles, shrews and young rats.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : *Adult Female* - 14oz, (400 g), - 25oz, (710 g).

Height : 15” - 20”, (38 cm – 50 cm).