



Little Owl

FEMALE

Athene noctua

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“Smudge”

She actually demonstrates affection.

SECURE

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

The Little Owl is well named. The smallest Owl residing in Britain. The eyes are light yellow in colour. The upper colour is dark grey-brown spotted with white. Under colour is white with broad, broken streaks of grey brown. The eyes are surrounded by dark colour, with distinctive eyebrows.

HABITAT & LOCATION

The Little Owl was introduced to Britain in the 19th century. Most common in the south east of England, some have been seen as far north as Northumberland and the Scottish Borders. They prefer open farmland, but will inhabit woodland and coastal areas.

NATURAL DIET

Mice, voles, shrews, Insects, earthworms, and small fish.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : *Adult Female - 5oz, (174 g).* **Wingspan :** 21 - 24 “, (55 - 58 cm)

Height : 8 ½ ” - 9”, (21 cm - 23 cm).