



Short Eared Owl

[Rescued from the wild – picked up – SSPCA]

MALE

Asio flammeus

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“Ernie”

ENDANGERED

A truly stunning Owl, and very rare.

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

A medium sized, long winged owl with short “ear” tufts. The upper-parts are mottled brown. Below, the colour is very pale, with whitish coloured under-wings. A large prominent facial disc with mainly white colouring. Yellow eyes .

HABITAT & LOCATION

Prefers to hunt over open land during the day. Many Short-eared Owls arrive in the Winter from Eastern Europe and Iceland and can be seen near the coast. Commonly seen on low lying moorland, coastal marshes and wetlands.

NATURAL DIET

Small mammals, mice, voles and birds.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : 7 oz, (206 g), - 17 oz, (475 g).

Height : 13”, (33 cm), - 17”, (43 cm). **Wingspan** : 42”, (107 cm)