



Vashon Owls



134 kinds of owls around the world..... How many on Vashon?

1. BARRED OWL (most common)
2. GREAT HORNED OWL
3. BARN OWL
4. NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL
5. NORTHERN PYGMY OWL
6. WESTERN SCREECH OWL
7. LONG-EARED OWL
8. SHORT-EARED OWL
9. SNOWY OWL (uncommon)
10. SPOTTED OWL (historical)

Owls are Nocturnal Raptors

Nocturnal = Active at night

Raptor = Bird of Prey

Features include:



Hooked
talons



Sharp,
pointed
beaks



Forward
facing eyes



Large,
round facial
discs



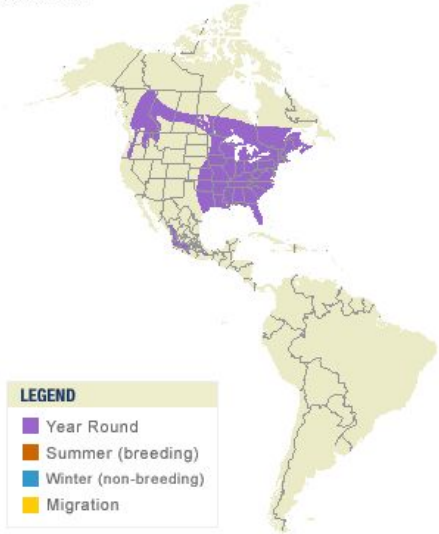
Specialized
feathers
for near
silent flight

BARRED OWL



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Barred Owl
Strix varia



Map by Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Range data by NatureServe

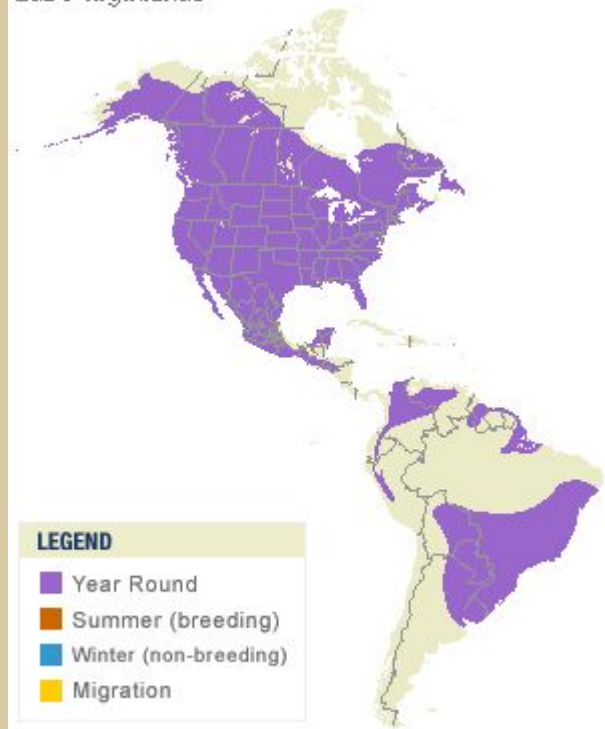
Juvenile barred owl vocalizations and tree climbing technique.



Great Horned Owl



Great Horned Owl
Bubo virginianus



LEGEND

- Year Round
- Summer (breeding)
- Winter (non-breeding)
- Migration

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BARN OWL



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Barn Owl
Tyto alba



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Barn owl preening at nest box.

Vashon Nature Center WildCam Network Camera



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Barn Owl or Snowy Owl?



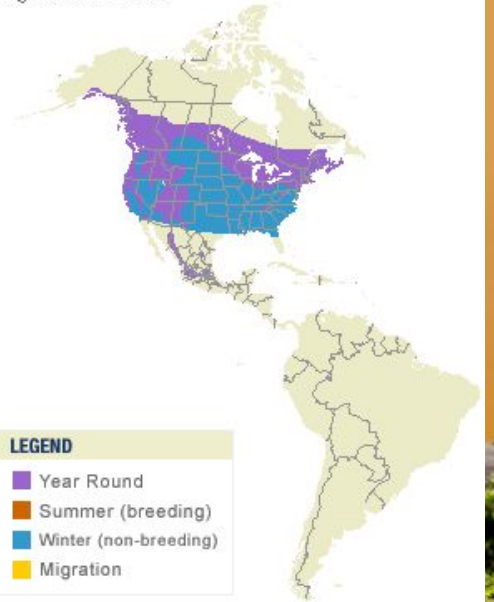
[Irruption map](#)

NORTHERN SAW-WHET

OWL



Northern Saw-whet Owl
Aegolius acadicus



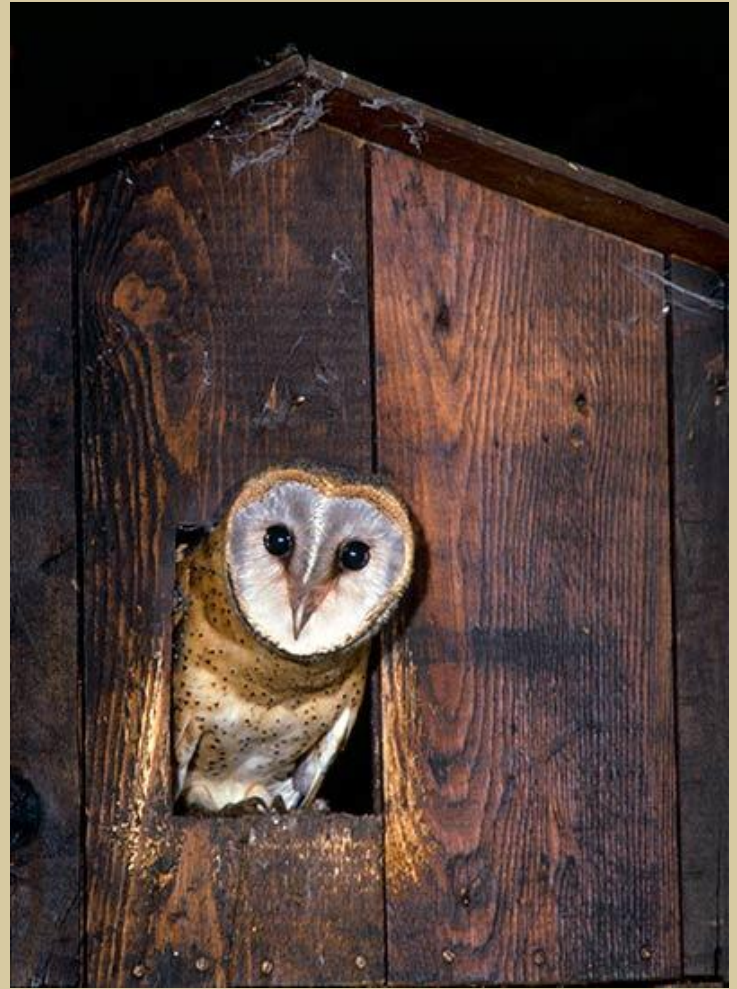
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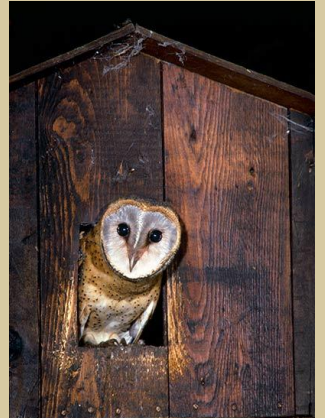


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What can YOU do to help owls?

1. Install nest boxes around your home.
2. Share the information you learn about owls with those around you.
3. Help adults remember to turn off outdoor lights at night.
4. Remove all types of netting from your yard at night.
5. Encourage adults to not use pesticides to control rodents.
6. Join VNC on an owling expedition at next summers BioBlitz.
7. Find an organization which allows you to adopt an owl for a donation fee.



Thank you Gary Shugart!



Nights at the Museum

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