

# THE OWL

**Latin name** : Asio otus

**Life expectancy** : 20 years

**Description** :

- length : 34-35 cm
- weighing : 250 g to 300 g
- wingspan : 85 to 90 cm



Its plumage has the appearance of bark above brown / red marbled with dark brown and the underside is lighter, perfect camouflage ...

His head is surmounted by two great egrets often erect: he is said to "frown". And besides, they are lying when the owl is serene.

He has eyes that are yellow-orange in the center of a rounded facial disk beige / brown.

**Food** : He eats mainly small mammals (especially voles and mice), but also passerines (sparrows, finches), and sometimes beetles. He hunts from the dark. By day he hides in the thick branches where he stands motionless, and blends into the background.

**Habitat** :

It frequents especially the semi-wooded areas of coniferous scattered groves in the countryside, but also the parks. He chose an old nest or raptor or squirrel, or pie or crow.

**Place of life** :



**Reproduction** :

It looks an abandoned nest to settle after having given slightly condition. The female lays 4-6 white eggs which she incubates alone perfect for 28 days. The male, meanwhile, feeds and after hatching, feeding the family by delivering prey to the female who is in charge of distribution. The young owls leave the nest after 21 to 26 days.

