

Life Cycle of a Owl

Owls lay on average 3 -4 eggs but this can range between one and thirteen eggs



Owl eggs are rounded and white



Incubation of the eggs lasts around 30 days for most owl species

Eggs

Owl chicks hatch with the aid of an Egg Tooth
They lose their egg tooth a week or two after hatching

Hatchling

Owl chicks are blind
When they hatch they have a thin coat of natal down.



Chicks

In 1-2 weeks a second heavier coat of down appears, called the mesontile

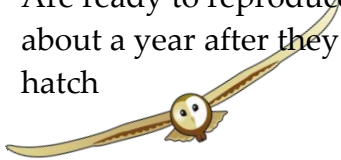
Owlets

Venture outside the nest when they are just two weeks old



Adult Owl

Are ready to reproduce about a year after they hatch



Take their first flight



Fledglings

Fledgling is the stage where they learning to fly.

Some owls reach this stage as early as 4-5 weeks, others it can take 8, 9 weeks



Classification:

Domain: Eukaryota (*Organisms with complex cells*)

Kingdom: Animalia (*Animals*)

Phylum: Chordata (*Having a hollow dorsal nervecord and flexible skeletal rod*)

Sub-Phylum: Vertebrata (*Having a backbone*)

Class: Aves (*Birds*)

Order: **Strigiformes** (*Owls*)

Owls have long been scene as a symbol for wisdom

Symbol: stands for something

Wisdom: intelligence, good sense



An owl is a type of bird

There are over 200 species of Owls

A group of owls is called a parliament

Owls belong to a group of birds called Strigiformes.

That group is divided into two smaller groups, known as families.

The family called Tytonidae includes Barn Owls, which have heart-shaped faces.

The second family, Strigidae, includes all other owls, most of which have round faces.

Smallest to Biggest Owls

The smallest owl is the Elf Owl which is around 13.5 cm long and weighs aprox 30 grams

The largest owls is a tie with two eagles measuring in at aprox 70 cm long with wingspans of 190 cm and weighing in at 4.2 kgs.

They are the Blakiston's fish owl and the Eurasian eagle-owl

Owls are **RAPTORS** - which are also known as **BIRDS OF PREY**

