

Barred Owl

Where do barred owls live?

These owls live throughout Canada and the eastern United States.

They mostly live in woodland swamps, dense forests, river bottoms, and lakeshores.



What does it eat???

Barred owls eat a large variety of prey, including: mice, voles, shrews, moles, rats, squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, opossums, bats, birds (including smaller owls), frogs, salamanders, lizards, snakes, crayfish, insects, slugs, and fish.



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How does it eat???

Barred owls swoop down on prey, grabbing it with their sharp talons. Barred owls swallow their prey whole. Their stomach acids will digest the soft parts of their prey, and then they will regurgitate (throw up) a pellet, with the bones and hair.



Owl pellet

What are their mating habits???

Barred owls get ready to mate in late winter.

These birds lay two to four eggs, and the female will sit on them for about a month, while the male hunts.

Young owls eat the same foods as adults.



What does a barred owl look like?

The barred owl has a round head, brown eyes, and a yellow bill. Their face is whitish/brown with dark brown trim. They get their name from the barred pattern on its wings.



Cool facts about owls!

Owls can see 10 times better than humans at night. Owls can also swoop down on their prey silently due to their fluffy feathers that muffle the sound.

Owls have binocular vision -just like humans- but cannot move their eyes in the sockets. If an owl wants to follow a moving object, it has to move its head.

Click the link below to listen to the barred owl.

<http://www.owlpages.com/sounds/strix-varia-1.mp3>

