

'DUSK' BARN OWL...

DISTRIBUTION



was rejected as an egg and pushed out of the nest. After being incubator hatched in May 2010 Dusk was handreared, by foster mum Dawny, here at the zoo.



The Barn Owl has a very light buoyant flight, it tends to have a slow wing beat and is capable of gliding and hovering, the flight is virtually silent.



Left: Dusk is now fully grown but still receiving training and you can meet him during some of our owl encounters and displays.

The Barnowls ability to locate prey by sound alone is thought to be the best of any animal that has ever been tested. It can catch mice in complete darkness, even when they are hidden by vegetation or heavy snow.



FACTS & FIGURES	
Where found	Widely throughout the world
Habitat	Grass habitats, including lightly grazed pastures, hayfields & abandoned agriculture fields
Diet	Very small mammals, beetles and insects
Average height	32-40 cm
Average weight	400-700 g
Number of eggs	3-9
Incubation	32-34 days
Maximum lifespan	Captivity around 20 years Lucky to reach 2 years old in the wild!

The Barn Owl is one of the most widely distributed owls in the world, although this does not mean it is safe from extinction. There are several subspecies throughout its range from America, throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, Russia and Australia.

International Union for Conservation of Nature RED LIST for the Barn owl



THE RISK OF EXTINCTION FOR THIS SPECIES HAS CURRENTLY BEEN ASSESSED AS *LEAST CONCERN* IUCN RED LIST