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A small owl found at high elevations in the western United States. Its ear tufts are conspicuous when raised, and facial "whiskers." The owl is generally brownish-gray above with dark brown and white mottling, short streaks or spots. Under parts are dull white with dark brownish-gray streaks and crossbars. The iris is lemon-yellow and the bill is yellow to grayish or greenish-yellow.



B

This owl is found in nearly every habitat throughout the eastern United States and southern Canada. It is common in urban as well as rural areas and readily nests in nest boxes.

Adult Description:

- Small owl.
- Feathered ear tufts.
- Gray, brownish gray, or reddish-brown.



C

At the extreme northern margins of the arctic tundra lives this owl, the northernmost, heaviest, and most distinctively marked owl of North America. Largely diurnal, it spends much of its time perched still and silent on prominent lookouts, waiting to make forays for prey.

Adult Description:

- Large, white owl.
- Some dark barring.



D

A large owl of extensive woodlands.

Adult Description:

- Large owl.
- Head round with no ear tufts.
- Eyes dark.
- Underparts whitish with dark streaks.



E

A small owl of boreal and montane forests, found throughout Alaska and Canada, and across northern Eurasia, as well. It is found in the lower 48 states only in the mountains of the West, in extreme northern Minnesota, and as an occasional winter visitor to the northern states.

Adult Description:

- Small owl.
- No ear tufts.
- White face outlined in black.
- Fine spots on top of head.
- Underparts dirty white, streaked with brown.
- Bill yellow.



F

A common small owl of the West which can be found in urban as well as wild lands.

Adult Description:

- A small owl.
- Feathered ear tufts.
- Gray or gray-brown with small black streaks on feathers.



G

This is one of the most widely distributed birds in the world, found on all continents except Antarctica, and on many oceanic islands as well. It has been introduced by people to some of the few places it did not already occur, namely Hawaii, the Seychelles Islands, and Lord Howe Island.

Adult Description:

- Medium-sized owl.
- White or mostly white underside.
- Heart-shaped, white face.
- Back tawny, marked with black and white spots.
- Long legs.
- Eyes dark.
- Round head without ear tufts.



H

A huge owl of the boreal forest and western mountains which feeds on rather small rodent prey.

Adult Description:

- Very large gray owl.
- Round head without ear tufts.
- Black and white "bowtie" under face.
- Eyes yellow.



I

A small owl of all types of woodlands which can be found roosting in winter in small, dense conifer trees, sometimes even in parks and gardens. Its defense upon discovery is to sit still and not fly, leading people to perceive them as "tame."

Adult Description:

- Small owl.
- No ear tufts.
- Face white, outlined in brown and white.
- Underparts white streaked with brown.
- Eyes yellow.
- Bill black.



J

Found from the Arctic tundra to the tropical rainforest, from the desert to suburban backyards, this is one of the most widespread and common owls in North America.

Adult Description:

- Large owl.
- Prominent ear tufts widely spaced on head.