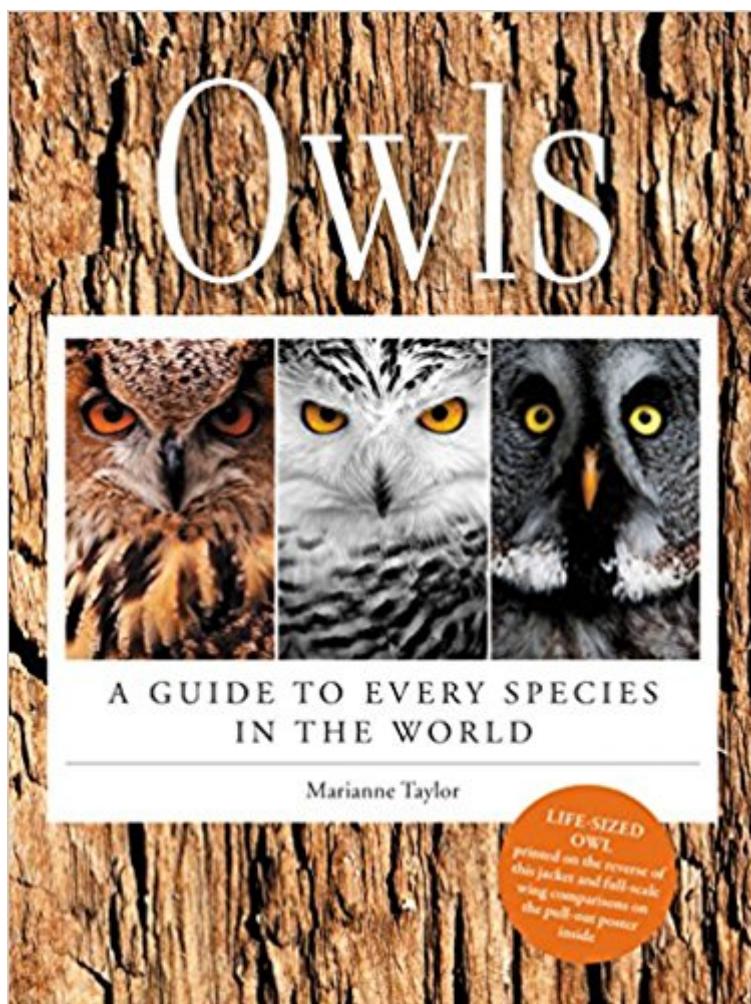


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# Owls: A Guide To Every Species In The World



## Synopsis

Discover the fascinating and mysterious world of owls with this stunning full-color, encyclopedic visual guide that explores all 225 known species, packed with maps, photographs, illustrations, informative scientific details, and a bonus 35" x 12" accordion poster illustrated with the true-to-size wing length of the largest owl, overlayed with the wing length of the smallest owl and several owls in-between. Humans have long been fascinated by owls. From prehistoric cave paintings to popular modern children's stories, these magnificent predators have been seen as harbingers of good fortune and impending disaster, as icons of fear and wisdom, and as the powerful sidekicks of magic-makers, including the beloved Harry Potter. Scientists have faced tremendous challenges trying to document the lives of these solitary, nocturnal, and highly elusive creatures. New species are still being discovered, as are new insights into the habits of even the most familiar varieties. Visually spectacular and authoritative, *Owls* includes full descriptions and maps of key viewing locations for all 225 owl species in the world, and is illustrated with drawings and stunning full-color images from some of the leading wildlife photographers from around the world which capture these birds' breathtaking beauty and power. The book also features a special section on the art of hiding—a highly honed skill set of the owl. Throughout, Marianne Taylor provides a wealth of detail on each type of bird's hunting and breeding behavior, habitat, and conservation. Inside, are dozens of fun facts, such as: Only nineteen of the 225 known species of owls are found in North America; Owls can be found on all continents except Antarctica; Owls, like humans, have binocular vision; Owls cannot turn their eyes, but are able to rotate their heads up to 270 degrees; Owls are carnivorous and are known to eat rodents, small mammals, nocturnal insects, fish, and other birds. Lavishly illustrated and educational, this breathtaking volume is essential for readers interested in natural science, devout birders, professional ornithologists, and all owl lovers.

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This attractive book details 41 species of owls, with color photographs and essays ranging from one to two pages. The first nine chapters (including "What Makes an Owl?", "From Egg to Adult," and "Owls of the World") cover the biology, diversity, and way of life of owls in an easy-to-read manner. Libraries needing more detail will be better suited with *Owls of the World: A Photographic Guide* (2012), but those needing a secondary resource or more introductory material on these birds will be well served by this work. For most libraries. --Rebecca Vnuk --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

"This fascinating owl encyclopedia was written by Marianne Taylor . . . Apart from detailed profiles and images of each of the species, Taylor provides a lot of fascinating information about how owls see, hear, fly, hunt, mate, and more. (National Geographic) "Lavishly photographed. (Washington Post) "If you're looking for a readable introduction to each of the world's owls, along with some great photos this is the book you want. (The Birder's Library) "Taylor's comprehensive guide includes photographs and illustrations of all 225 known species and comes with a great bonus: Printed on the other side of the book jacket is a fold-out poster of a Great Gray Owl. (Miami Herald) "One super-amazing feature of this book is its paper jacket: Remove it from the book, unfold it, and the reverse side is a jaw-dropping photo of a great gray owl, shockingly tall and bulky, but life size. (Bird Watcher's Digest) "Taylor makes a gallant effort to be up-to-date on owl taxonomy and nomenclature despite their ongoing flux . . . encyclopedic, offers condensed information about a plausible version of all the world's species of owls. (The New York Review of Books) "In size and tone, *Owls* aims as much for the celebratory as the encyclopedic . . . (Wall Street Journal)

Very informative if you can read the writing. Much of the text is printed in gray and is hard to read.

all the photos in this book appear to be "washed out" looking...not what I expected for the cost of this book.

This book is really well put-together, beautifully photographed and informative. It's a great coffee table book and conversation starter. The author put a lot of thought into the subject matter and research. I wish it was more comprehensive but it's a really great "starter" owl book!

This is just an amazingly beautiful book. I recommend it to everyone. I hated to send it off with my granddaughter after she opened it for Christmas. I could look at this every day.

Great quality and very informational.

Absolutely beautiful & informative book. Photography makes it worthy of your coffee table, but informative enough to serve as a reference book in your library.

I gave this as a gift to my daughter-in-law. She was thrilled. The extra surprise inside of the full size wing-span was a definite plus. Great book for all owl lovers.

Great book

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