



## BARRED OWL ANSWERS

1. B. These owls are called “barred” because of the horizontal streaks around their necks. Scientists call this kind of marking “barring”.
2. A. True. Barred owls can live to a maximum of 20 years but they typically live under 10 years.
3. D. Barred Owls are often prey to other owls or birds. Their own cousins, Great-horned Owls, will eat Barred Owls. Some other predators include marten, fisher, and forest hawks.
4. A. An owl pellet consists of undigested bones and fur. Owls swallow their prey whole, but they can’t digest bones or fur. All this stuff gets separated out in their gizzard (a digestive organ that some birds have between the stomach and the throat). Once it’s separated, owls regurgitate a pellet of all the undigested bones and fur.
5. A. True. Owls have circular patterns of feathers on their faces, called facial disks, which direct sound waves to their ears.
6. B. False. When the chicks hatch, the males hunt for food and both parents raise the young for about 5 months, until they can survive “owl” on their own.
7. B. False. Owls swallow prey whole. This is why they need to produce owl pellets to get rid of things they can’t crush and digest like bones and fur.
8. B. Barred Owls are part of the largest branch on the owl family tree, known as the “typical owls”.
9. C. The famous Northern Spotted Owl is the Barred Owl’s closest relative.
10. A. There is nothing like the call of the Barred Owl. They have different courtship, contact, and territorial hoots.