

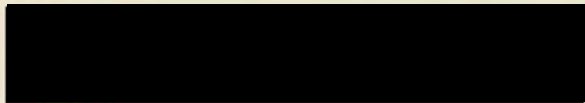
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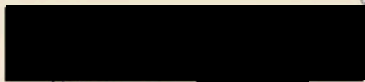
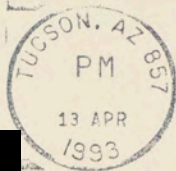
(*Tyto alba pratincola*)

The Barn Owl may be distinguished by its downy, darker upper plumage and light or white under plumage, long thinly feathered legs and distinctive, heart-shaped facial disk. The bodies of these migratory birds are generally from fifteen to twenty inches in length, with a wingspread of forty-three to forty-eight inches. The name Barn Owl refers to this creature's habit of nesting in farm buildings, although other habitats include hollows of dead trees, caves, old wells or mine shafts, dense foliage and tall grass. Barn Owls venture out prior to dusk to search for quarry with their sharp sight; their facial disks help intensify extremely keen hearing, reflecting sounds to remarkably large ears. Barn Owls prey on mice, rats, gophers and ground squirrels, and thus observers may try to attract them by high-pitched squeaking noises.

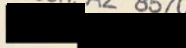
Natural history artist John D. Dawson's works appear in National Geographic magazine. Other commissions include those of The Audubon Society, The National Wildlife Association, The National Park Service and other major nature and wildlife groups and associations throughout the country.

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