

Identification Guide

Age Class 0 - 1

Female



Male



Age class 0 - 1 is easily recognized by the white, fuzzy feathers. Females are usually larger and have longer tail feathers typically with more than 3 bands.

Age Class 1 - 2

Female



Male



Age class 1 - 2 owls are smaller with rounded faces and a lot of white on the face. Males are usually smaller, their tails are shorter but wider and are more rounded at the base.

Age Class 2 - 8

Female



Male



Age class 2 - 8 owls are larger, faces are wider with more distinct patterns on plumage. Females are usually larger and have longer, more-narrow tail feathers typically with more than 3 bands.

Age Class 8 - 13

Female



Male



Age class 8 - 13 owls are a little larger, face is more square, white on face is reduced, spots on breast are less defined. Males are typically smaller with rounded, shorter tails.

Age Class 13 - 18

Female



Male



Age class 13 - 18 owls are slightly larger, face is more square, white on face is reduced, spots on breast are less defined. Females are typically larger with longer less-rounded tails and tail feathers with more than 3 bands.

Banded Owls



Many of the owls have been marked with color-coded bands on their lower legs. Codes are read from outside in. This band is coded as green, red, yellow.

Dead Owls



Dead owls will either be in the talons of a predator such as this Great Horned Owl or they will be on the ground with a few tears to indicate death.

