

How far can they turn their heads around?

Not all the way around as some people believe but quite far – 270 degrees. We can only turn our heads about 80 degrees. Owls have special arteries and blood vessels to make sure they still get blood flow to their heads when turning it so far. We do not, so let's not try to do this ourselves!

Why do they come out at night?

They come out at night because that is when their prey (food) tends to come out too.

Do they have ears?

Yes, they do. You just can't see them as they do not stick out like ours! They are hidden by the feathers around the head that are shaped to direct sound into their ears. Their ears are "asymmetrical". This means that one ear is lower than the other. The left ear on an owl is lower than the right. This helps them pick up noises much easier than we can, helping them locate the small animals they eat.

How many babies do they normally have?

They will normally lay two to three eggs.

What is a baby owl called?

They are called Owlets up until when they fledge (start to fly).

How long do they stay with their parents?

They start to fledge at about 5 weeks old. They stay around near their parents (this is called branching) who still feed them for several weeks before flying away.