



Part II

Order Strigiformes

Family Tytonidae **Barn Owls**

Subfamily Tytoninae
Subfamily Phodilinae

Family Strigidae **Typical Owls**

Subfamily Striginae
Subfamily Surniinae
Subfamily Asioninae

Teil II

Ordnung Strigiformes

Familie Tytonidae **Schleiereulen**

Unterfamilie Tytoninae
Unterfamilie Phodilinae

Familie Strigidae **Echte Eulen**

Unterfamilie Striginae
Unterfamilie Surniinae
Unterfamilie Asioninae

Familia / Family

Tytonidae • Barn Owls • Schleiereulen

Subfamilia / Subfamily

Tytoninae • Barn Owls, Grass Owls, Masked Owls • Schleiereulen, Graseulen

Genus

Tyto Billberg 1828

Tyto Billberg 1828, Syn Fauna Scand. 1(2): Table 1. Type by *Strix flammea* auct. = *Strix alba* Scop

Tyto alba (Scopoli) 1769

Common Barn Owl • Schleiereule • Effraie de clochers • Lechuza Común
(see Plate 1)

Length: 330–430 mm

Body mass: 320–480 g

Distribution: Widely distributed in warm and temperate regions, including many islands. Partial migrant in north. Avoids cold areas and high altitudes. Several insular forms are very distinct and may be true species

Habitat: Occurs in a great variety of habitats in mixed or open country, also in human settlements

- ***Tyto alba schmitzi*** (Hartert) 1900
Strix flammea schmitzi Hartert 1900, Novit. Zool. 7: 534;
Terra typica: Funchal, Madeira

Distribution: Madeira and Porto Santo

Museum: AMNH, MFM = BMMF, ZFMK, BMNH

Remarks: Similar to light morphs of *T. a. alba*, but larger and coarser spots below

Wing length: 268–286 mm

Tail length: 107–116 mm

Tarsus length: ?

Length of bill: 33.5 mm

Body mass: ♂ 304 g, ♀ 323 g

Illustration: M. Hulme in del Hoyo et al. 1999: Pl. 2 (head)

Photograph: ?

Literature: Hartert 1900: 534; Bunn et al. 1982: 27; Hartert 1912–1921: 1036, 1037; Vaurie 1965: 631; Schneider and Eck 1995; Hazevoet 1995; Cramp et al. 1985: 447, 448; del Hoyo et al. 1999: 71, 72; König et al. 1999: 195

- ***Tyto alba gracilirostris*** Hartert 1905
Strix flammea gracilirostris (Hartert) 1905, Bull. Brit. Ornith. Cl.: 16; Terra typica: Fuerteventura, Canary Islands

Distribution: Eastern Canary Islands: Fuerteventura and Lanzarote

Museum: BMNH, AMNH(Rothsch.), ZFMK, ZMA, ZMH

Wing length: 235–270 mm

Tail length: 94–105 mm

Tarsus length: 55–61 mm

Length of bill: 27.2 mm

Body mass: ♂ 250–400 g, ♀ 252–330 g

Illustration: H. Delin in Cramp et al. 1985: Pl. 43

Photograph: ?

Literature: Hartert 1912–1921: 1037; Vaurie 1965: 630; Cramp et al. 1985: 447, 448; Jaume et al. 1993; Schneider and Eck 1995: 92; König et al. 1999: 195; del Hoyo et al. 1999: 71, 72

- ***Tyto alba alba*** (Scopoli) 1769
Strix alba Scopoli 1769, Annus I, Hist.-Nat. 21; Terra typica: Ex Foro Juli = Friuli (Friaul), Italy

Synonym:

- *Strix kirchhoffi* A.E. Brehm 1857, Allg. Deutsche Naturhist. Zeit.: 440; Terra typica: South Spain
- *Strix hostilis* Kleinschmidt 1915, Falco 11: 18; Terra typica: England (holotype ZFMK)
- *Tyto alba kleinschmidtii* von Jordans 1924, J. Orn. 72: 409; Terra typica: Alcudia, Mallorca

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