

O for OWL

Owls are mysterious birds.
They like lonely places.
In many countries the owl
is a symbol of wisdom.



The mother owl lays her eggs 2-3 days apart.

The father owl and mother owl sometimes take turns sitting on the eggs.

Owls sleep during the day and hunt during the night.

They hunt and eat rodents, insects, frogs and birds.

Owls are silent in flight.

They have the most highly developed sense of hearing of all birds.

Owls see mostly in black and white.

Their large eyes face forwards. Other birds have eyes on the sides of their heads.

Owls have eyes that are ten times as light-sensitive as human eyes.

They are short-sighted, so they can hunt near the ground.

Owls cannot move their eyes.

Instead, they can turn their heads as much as 270 degrees to follow a moving object.

A wise old owl
Sat in an oak.
The more he heard
The less he spoke,
The less he spoke
The more he heard.

Why aren't we all
Like that wise old bird?