

# Cal/Ecotox Exposure Factors for Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*)\*

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Endpoint Type	Endpoint Value	Error	Range	Units	Sex	Life Stage	Location	Note	Reference
Body Weight - Mean	1,588	147		g	F	Adult	Lab	a	1
Body Weight - Mean	1142.2 (pallascens), 1312.4 (pacificus), 1555.1 (occidentalis), 1768.5 (virgianus), 1556.0 (wapacuthu)			g	F	Adult	Lab	b	2
Body Weight - Mean	1,229	106		g	M	Adult	Lab	c	1
Body Weight - Mean	914.2 (pallascens), 991.7 (pacificus), 1154.3 (occidentalis), 1317.8 (virgianus), 1238.6 (wapacuthu)		319-372	g	M	Adult	Lab	d	2
Body Weight - Mean	1615			g	NR	Adult	Lab	e	3
Body Weight - Mean			46-56	oz	NR	Juvenile	Lab	f	4
Clutch or Litter Size	2.5		2-4	eggs/clutch	F	Adult	AZ	g	5
Clutch or Litter Size	3.0	0.56	2-4	eggs/clutch	F	Adult	WA	h	6
Clutch or Litter Size	2.2	0.2 SE	2-3	eggs/clutch	F	Adult	MT	i	7
Clutch or Litter Size	2.2		2-3	eggs/clutch	F	Adult	WY	j	8
Clutch or Litter Size	1-4			young/nest	NR	Juvenile	OH	k	9
Dietary Composition	mammals (47.0%), birds (5.2%), reptiles (15.7%), arachnids (8.7%), centipedes (7.0%), insects (16.5%)				B	Adult	MEXICO	l	10
Dietary Composition	Dipodomys ordii (0.13%), Microtus montanus (0.14%), Perognathus parvus (0.02%), Peromyscus maniculatus (0.50%), Thomomys umbrinus (0.21%)				F	Adult	NV	m	11
Dietary Composition	Dipodomys ordii (0.11%), Microtus montanus (0.12%), Perognathus parvus (0.03%), Peromyscus maniculatus (0.63%), Thomomys umbrinus (0.10%)				M	Adult	NV	n	11
Dietary Composition	wolf spider (1), centipede (2), tarantula (3), grasshopper (1), walking stick (2)				NR	Adult	TX	o	12
Dietary Composition	rodents (98.5%), birds + insects + reptiles + lagomorphs (1.5%)				NR	Adult	ARGENTINA	p	13
Dietary Composition	meadow vole and jumping mouse (11.3%), juv. white-tailed jackrabbit (9.4%), horned or eared grebe (5.7%), American coot (22.6%), sora and Virginia rails (3.8%), duck (26.4%), sharp-tailed grouse (9.4%), blackbird (11.3%)				NR	Nestling	ND	q	14
Dietary Composition	Sylvilagus spp. (1.0%), unident. lagomorphs (0.2%), Peromyscus maniculatus (42.2%), Microtus monatus (23.7%), unident. rodents (2.9%), Myotis spp. (1.9%), unident. mammal (1.5%), Podiceps nigricollis (1.0%), unident. rail (0.2%), Larus californicus (1.7%), unident. owl (0.4%), unident. blackbird (0.4%), unident. large bird (4.6%), unident. medium bird (1.2%), unident. small bird (6.9%), unident.				NR	NR	Mono; CA	r	15

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Dietary Composition	vertebrate (1.0%), insects (8.3%), scorpions (0.4%)								
Dietary Composition	Lepus californicus (0.2%), Sylvilagus spp. (6.0%), unident. lagomorphs (1.7%), Peromyscus maniculatus (69.2%), Microtus monatus (0.7%), Dipodomys spp. (0.6%), unident. rodents (0.4%), Myotis spp. (1.1%), unident. chiropteran (0.2%), unident. mammal (3.9%), Larus californicus (1.3%), unident. large bird (7.1%), unident. medium bird (1.1%), unident. small bird (0.9%), unident. vertebrate (4.3%), insects (1.5%)				NR	NR	Mono; CA	s	15
Dietary Composition	Microtus (66.7%), Peromyscus (27.6%), Dipodomys (1.1%), Sylvilagus (0.3%), Euphagus cyanocephalus (0.3%), Sorex (0.2%), Tadarida brasiliensis (0.2%), Mustela frenata (0.2%), unident. bird (1.4%), unident. small mammal (0.7%), insect (1.3%)				NR	NR	Siskiyou; CA	t	16
Dietary Composition	Sylvilagus nuttallii (12.4%), Spermophilus washingtoni (0.4%), Thomomys talpoides (29.7%), Perognathus parvus (12.5%), Dipodomys ordii (1.4%), Reithrodontomys megalotis (0.3%), Peromyscus maniculatus (6.2%), Neotoma cinerea (2.1%), Microtus montanus (7.7%), Mus musculus (0.2%), unident. microtinae (4.5%), Mustela frenata (0.4%), Anas platyrhynchos (2.6%), Phasianus colchicus (2.5%), Fulica americana (1.5%), Charadrius vociferus (0.2%), Tyto alba (10.7%), Sternella neglecta (0.2%), unident. Fringillidae (0.2%), unident. Passeriformes (1.2%), unident. snake (1.4%), Cyprinus carpio (1.3%), Stenopelmatus spp (0.2%)				NR	NR	WA	u	17
Dietary Composition	unident. snake (0.3%), Sylvilagus nuttallii (19.2%), Lepus californicus (14.3%), unident. leporid (16.1%), Spermophilus townsendii (0.6%), Thomomys townsendii (14.6%), Perognathus parvus (0.4%), Dipodomys ordii (11.1%), Reithrodontomys megalotis (0.2%), Peromyscus spp (2.3%), Neotoma cinerea (4.6%), Neotoma lepida (2.0%),				NR	NR	ID	v	18

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Dietary Composition	unident. woodrat (0.3%), <i>Microtus montanus</i> (4.7%), <i>Mus musculus</i> (0.7%), <i>Mustela frenata</i> (0.1%), <i>Falco sparverius</i> (0.1%), <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> (1.9%), <i>Callipepla californicus</i> (0.1%), unident. galliform (0.4%), <i>Fulica americana</i> (0.4%), <i>Columba livia</i> (0.9%), <i>Tyto alba</i> (0.3%), <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> (0.2%), unident. passerine (0.6%), unident. bid (3.4%)								
Dietary Composition	white-footed mice (3.6%), meadow mice (64.5%), shrews (0.3%), weasels (0.6%), red squirrel (0.3%), pocket gopher (23.5%), snowshoe rabbit (2.8%), ruffed grouse (1.4%) sage grouse (0.3%), mallard (0.6%), sm-med sized birds (1.4%), sucker (0.8%)			%	NR	NR	WY	w	8
Dietary Composition	white-footed mice (58.2%), meadow mice (28.0%), other small mammals (2.8%), medium sized mammals (5.1%), gamebirds and sm-med sized birds (4.8%), other birds (1.2%)				NR	NR	MI	x	8
Dietary Composition	<i>Neotoma fuscipes</i> (11.3), <i>Thomomys bottae</i> (36.2), <i>Mus musculus</i> (14.0), <i>Microtus californicus</i> (13.5), <i>Reithrodontomys megalotis</i> (8.7), <i>Perognathus sp.</i> (7.8), <i>Dipodomys agilis</i> (3.1), <i>Peromyscus sp.</i> (3.1), <i>Notiosorex crawfordi</i> (1.3), <i>Sylvilagus sp.</i> (0.5), <i>Sorex ornatus</i> (0.5)				NR	NR	CA	y	19
Dietary Composition	<i>Neotoma fuscipes</i> (7.9%), <i>Thomomys bottae</i> (20.7%), <i>Mus musculus</i> (25.0%), <i>Microtus californicus</i> (14.9%), <i>Reithrodontomys megalotis</i> (1.7%), <i>Perognathus sp.</i> (4.1%), <i>Dipodomys agilis</i> (4.3%), <i>Peromyscus sp.</i> (3.8%), <i>Notiosorex crawfordi</i> (0.3%), <i>Sylvilagus sp.</i> (0.8%), <i>Sorex ornatus</i> (0.1%), <i>Scapanus latimanus</i> (0.7%), <i>Stenopelmatus sp</i> (2.1%), <i>Elgaria multicarinata</i> (0.1%), unident. birds (4.3%)				NR	NR	Los Angeles; CA	z	19
Dietary Composition	cottontail (61.1%), woodrat (17.9%), kangaroo rat (4.5%), pocket gopher (4.3%), gopher snake (3.7%), ground squirrel (2.4%), other spp (birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates; 6.1%)				NR	NR	Madera; CA	aa	20

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Fledging or Weaning Rate	9/16			successful nests/total nests	B	Adult	AZ	ab	5
Fledging or Weaning Rate	2.67	1.09		fledglings/n est	NR	Fledgling	WA	ac	6
Fledging or Weaning Rate	64%				NR	Fledgling	MT	ad	7
Fledging or Weaning Rate	2			fledglings/p air	NR	Fledgling	WY	ae	8
Fledging or Weaning Rate			1.6-2.0	fledglings/n est	NR	Fledgling	WI	af	21
Fledging or Weaning Rate	1.1			young/nest	NR	Nestling	AZ	ag	5
Food Ingestion Rate	26.58	4.08		g/kg/d	NR	Adult	Lab	ah	3
Food Ingestion Rate	26.37	6.33 SD		g/kg/d	NR	Adult	Lab	ai	3
Food Ingestion Rate	115	16.9 SD		g/d	NR	Adult	Lab	aj	22
Food Ingestion Rate	114	21.4 SD		g/d	NR	Adult	Lab	ak	22
Food Ingestion Rate	62.6			g/d	NR	Adult	Lab	al	23
Food Ingestion Rate			82-85	g	B	NR	Lab	am	8
Foraging Distance	0.25			mi	B	Adult	MI	an	8
Growth Rate	0.1900				F	Nestling	OH	ao	24
Growth Rate	see figures				NR	Nestling	Lab	ap	25
Hatching Success	47.3%				NR	Juvenile	OH	aq	9
Hatching Success	2.67	1.09		hatches/ne st	NR	Nestling	WA	ar	6
Hatching Success	100%				NR	Nestling	MT	as	7
Hatching Success	11				NR	Nestling	WY	at	8
Home Range	24.8-26.1			square km	B	Adult	CANADA	au	26
Home Range			66-400	ha	NR	NR	IA	av	27
Inhalation Rate	19.1	3.28 SD		#/min	NR	Adult	Lab	aw	28
Longevity	28+			yr	F	Adult	CANADA	ax	29
Longevity	20.7			yr	NR	Adult	CANADA	ay	30
Metabolic Rate	0.343	0.044		ml O <sup>2</sup> /g bw/hr	F	Adult	Lab	az	1
Metabolic Rate	0.566	0.080		ml o <sup>2</sup> /g bw/hr	M	Adult	Lab	ba	1
Metabolic Rate	0.59			cc O <sup>2</sup> /g bw/hr	NR	Adult	Lab	bb	31
Population Density			3-5	pairs/study site	B	Adult	WA	bc	6
Population Density			11-19	individuals/ study site	B	Adult	WA	bd	6
Population Density	1			pair/3 mi <sup>2</sup>	B	Adult	WY	be	8
Population Density			0.12-0.22	pairs/mi <sup>2</sup>	B	Adult	WI	bf	21
Population Density	1			bird/100 acres	NR	Adult	CA	bg	32
Population Density			14-25	birds/2000 ac	B	Both Adult and Juv.	Madera; CA	bh	20
Population Density	1			bird/2000 acres	B	NR	MI	bi	8

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Survival/ Mortality	31%				NR	Both Adult and Juv.	CANADA; USA	bj	33
Survival/ Mortality	46%				NR	Juvenile	CANADA; USA	bk	33
Territory Size	4.83	0.40 SE	2.30-8.83	square km	B	Adult	CANADA	bl	26
Territory Size			0.45-1.11	mi <sup>2</sup>	NR	Adult	WY	bm	8
Time of Hatching or Parturition	Apr 14				NR	Nestling	WY	bn	8
Time of Mating/ Laying	February (peak), March (end)				F	Adult	AZ	bo	5
Time of Mating/ Laying	Feb 5-15				F	Adult	WI	bp	21
Time of Nesting	mid-Feb to Jun 20				B	Adult	MT	bq	7
Time of Nesting	Mar 12 - Jun 4				B	Adult	WY	br	8

Notes

- a mean body weight; N=2 birds; Condition=fasted
- b body weight means for 5 subspecies; N=12-29 individuals/subspecies; Data collected from museum specimens.
- c mean body weight; N=4 birds; Condition=fasted
- d Body weight means for 5 subspecies; N=10-26 individuals/subspecies; Data collected from museum specimens.
- e mean of averaged body weights (10-13 weighings/bird); N=4 birds
- f maximum body weights achieved by captively raised chicks; N=2 birds; captured in Kansas
- g mean clutch size; N=16 nests; Condition=breeding; Pima and Pinal Counties
- h average clutch size; N=12 nests; Hanford Site, Benton and Franklin Counties
- i N=6 nests; south-central Montana
- j N=4 nests; spring; Jackson Hole
- k brood size at the time of banding; N=906 nests; near Cincinnati; 31% of nests had 1 young, 64% of nests had 2, 5% of nests had 3, 0.1% of nests had 4.
- l percent of total numbers of prey items in diet, based on pellet analysis; N=2 owls (49 pellets); Condition=nesting; May-Jun; El Comitan, Baja California Sur; See citation for breakdown of species identified.
- m relative proportion of prey species in the diet, based on pellet analysis; N=1 owl; Gund Research Ranch, University of Nevada
- n relative proportion of prey species in the diet, based on pellet analysis; N=1 owl; Gund Research Ranch, University of Nevada
- o numbers of prey items in stomach contents; N=1 owl; Jun; 13 mi NE Fort Davis, Jeff Davis County
- p percent of prey types in diet (seasonal average); N=522 pellets; February-November; near Bariloche, northwest. Patagonia; Commonest prey species was *Eligmodontia morgani*.
- q relative frequency of prey species occurrence in nests; N=78 nest visits; June; Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge; Approximately 64% of prey were species directly associated with wetlands.
- r percent occurrence of prey items in pellets; N=219 pellets, 518 remains; Aug, Apr; Paoha Island, Mono Lake
- s percent occurrence of prey items in pellets; N=188 pellets, 536 remains; May, Jun; Negit Island, Mono Lake
- t percent occurrence of prey items in pellets; N=107 pellets; Jun; Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge
- u percent of total prey biomass; N=234 pellets; Oct-Jun; Esquatzel Coulee, Franklin County
- v occurrence in diet as percent of total prey biomass, based on pellet analysis; N=14 nesting areas, 1472 prey items; nesting season; Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (42 deg, 50'N, 115 deg, 50'W)
- w percent occurrence of prey items in diet during nesting; N=361 food items, 4 nests; spring; Jackson Hole
- x percent occurrence of prey items in pellets; N=297 pellets from 14 owls; winter; Superior township
- y percent of total number of specimens identified in pellets; N=NR; Santa Monica Mountains (1 ledge)
- z percent of total number of specimens identified in pellets; N=25 lbs of pellets; Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles campus
- aa percent occurrence by weight in pellets; N=654 pellets, 1471 prey items; Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, May; San Joaquin Experimental Range; No seasonal changes in composition of pellets were observed. See citation for complete prey species list.
- ab fraction of nests that successfully raised at least one nestling to the age of 4 weeks; N=16 nests; Condition=breeding; Pima and Pinal Counties
- ac average number of young fledged; N=12 nests; Hanford Site, Benton and Franklin Counties
- ad percent of nests known to fledge young; N=11 nests; south-central Montana
- ae number of fledglings produced per pair; N=4 nests; spring; Jackson Hole
- af mean number of fledglings produced per successful nest; N=11-17 nests (3 study years); southern Green County
- ag rate of production of young at least 4 weeks old; N=16 nests; Condition=breeding; Pima and Pinal Counties
- ah daily food intake on a mouse diet, dry weight basis; N=4 owls x 5 days = 20 owl days
- ai daily food intake on a turkey poult diet, dry weight basis; N=26 owl days
- aj weight consumed per day on an all chick diet; N=4 owls; Chicks contain an average of 5.54 (0.035 SD) kcal/g (gross energy).

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ak	weight consumed per day on an all hamster diet; N=4 owls; Hamsters contain an average of 5.98 (0.007 SD) kcal/g (gross energy).
al	average daily consumption on an all mouse diet; N=1 owl; all seasons; collected in Larimer County, CO; Ingestion rate was equivalent to 4.7% of the owl's body weight. This rate is for a "sedentary" individual.
am	averages of food amounts eaten per day; N=2 birds; Condition=captive; spring
an	typical maximum distance between two roosting sites; N=11 home ranges; winter; Superior and Ann Arbor townships
ao	growth constant based on logistic growth equation; N=1 owl; Delaware County; See table in citation for body weights from 1-31 days of age.
ap	figures showing weight increase and feather growth for 0-73 days of age; N=five owls; collected in California
aq	percent of nests with at least one young surviving to banding age (of all pairs observed); N=1777 territories; near Cincinnati
ar	average number of young hatched; N=12 nests; Hanford Site, Benton and Franklin Counties
as	percent of eggs hatched in nests that produced young; N=11 nests; south-central Montana
at	percent of eggs that failed to hatch; N=4 nests; spring; Jackson Hole
au	mean home range size of nonterritorial individuals in 1990 and 1991; N=6 (1990), 8 (1991); Kluane Lake (60 deg57'N, 138deg12'W), Yukon
av	home range size (minimum convex polygon model) as determined by radiotelemetry; N=22 owls; Tox Study Dur=2 yr
aw	mean resting respiratory rate; N=4; Condition=crippled, non-releasable; corresponding mean body weight was 1682 +/- 127 g
ax	age at time of death; N=1 bird; Jan; Asiniboine Park Zoo, Winnipeg; Owl was probably killed by a car.
ay	known age at time of death; N=1 bird; s. of Aberdeen, Saskatchewan; Owl was killed by a truck.
az	mean standard metabolic rate; N=2 birds; Condition=fasted
ba	mean standard metabolic rate; N=4 birds; Condition=fasted
bb	average basal metabolic rate; N=3 birds; Condition=postabsorptive; May-June; Thermoneutral zone measured at 20.3-32.2 degrees celcius.
bc	range of numbers of nesting pairs counted annually on a 1476 sq km study site; N=4 years; Hanford Site, Benton and Franklin Counties
bd	range of numbers of individual owls counted annually on a 1476 sq km study site; N=4 years; Hanford Site, Benton and Franklin Counties
be	density of nesting pairs; N=4 nests; spring; Jackson Hole
bf	N=12-22 pairs (3 study years); southern Green County
bg	estimated population density based on call counts; N=7 counts; winter, spring, fall; San Joaquin Experimental Range
bh	density based on call counts; N=7 counts; Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Apr (over 5 sampling yrs); San Joaquin Experimental Range
bi	N=11 owls; winter; Superior township
bj	mean annual mortality after the first year of banding based on band return data, 1951-1962; N=97 birds; Birds banded as nestlings or juveniles.
bk	mean percent mortality within the first year of banding based on band return data, 1951-1962; N=97 birds; Birds banded as nestlings or juveniles.
bl	mean territory size of territorial pairs; N=16 territories; Kluane Lake (60 deg57'N, 138deg12'W), Yukon
bm	observed range of movement during nesting, based on observations of individual or pair movements; N=4 birds; spring; Jackson Hole
bn	earliest hatching date; N=4 nests; spring; Jackson Hole
bo	egg laying dates; N=16 nests; Condition=breeding; Pima and Pinal Counties
bp	peak period of egg laying; N=11-17 nests (3 study years); southern Green County
bq	period from first territory selection to last brood fledged; N=15 nests; south-central Montana
br	period from earliest egg laying date to date of latest brood departure; N=4 nests; spring; Jackson Hole

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