

SHORT EARED OWL

Asio flammeus

Length: 33-42cm
Wingspan: 95-110cm
Weight: 210-500g

Description: Pale yellowy brown upperparts mottled with dark brown with similar coloured underparts with dark streaks, wings are long with a dark patch at the wrists. Yellow eyes set in a large facial disc with small ear tufts.

The female can be up to a third larger than the male.

Habitat: This migratory bird is a bird of open country, moorland, downland and forest and woodland clearings.

Food: Predominantly mice and voles and small mammals but will also take birds and invertebrates. Hunting on the wing low over the ground but will also hunt from a fence post perch.

Call: Male song is a series of up to 20 short very fast hoots uttered on the wing.