

The Tawny Owl



Why is the Tawny Owl Changing Color?



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Tawny Owls are nocturnal predators found in the temperate forests of Europe. **Tawny owls come in two shades: regular brown and pale brown/ grayish brown.** Regular brown is the dominant trait. The pale brown or grayish color helps tawny owls blend in with snowy trees and hide from predators. An owl's feather color is an inherited trait. With milder winters and less snow, there has been a significant increase in the number of regular brown-feathered owls over the last 48 years.