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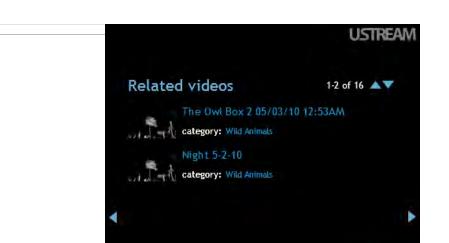
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Dorothy

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Have a great day Merritt and please help us keep our perspective on how the owlets are. I will be in and out today and look forward to seeing your notes. Today, 08:36:26 - Flag - Like - Reply



Just turned on Kathy and Hoda.....Barn owl on

Today, 08:35:38 - Flag - Like - Reply



Has anyone seen wesley get up and walk round recently? Today, 08:29:59 - Flag - Like - Reply



Going off for a bit, these homeschoolers won't be HOME for the chat. LOL Have summer registrations to go take care of , etc. Today, 0<u>8:2</u>8:58 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🦉 Merritt



#### Bill in SD 13

Carlos has to turn it off to set up for the interview coming up in a few minutes. Today, 08:27:05 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Karen Kessler Kandy Cottrill

Today, 08:25:20 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>

I think the leaf blower has them spooked. Today, 08:25:05 - Flag - Like - Reply



Laurie Kennedy Wesley is saying Please Get OFF my head !!!!!

Today, 08:24:51 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🤵 Guest

### Eileen P

Toni, yes I did restart the computer after the system restore and flash player update! But .........GUESS WHAT??????? I just did a Disk Cleanup and Defrag......which I just did on Friday, and low and behold......I am UP and RUNNING! Oh, Lordy, I have a stack of ironing to get done and my kitchen to clean up.....and here I am spending all these hours trying get my Owlets back! But then, the rest of you know ALL about that! RIGHT??? I will let you know if I am still doing OK with the site later on! What a BAD night it was last night to go to bed without having seen my babies! Today, 08:24:41 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 📓 Bill in SD 🌉 Merritt 🞡 Owlosaurus 🌇 Annie



Marie Johnson

Move the ironing board into the room where the computer is - or the computer into that room if it is a laptop...Then you can iron and keep up with all that is going on!! LOL Ӱ

Today, 08:37:04 - Flag - Like - Reply



Hi, everyone! Today, 08:24:31 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌠 Karen from Mississippi 🎆 Annie 💐 Merritt



britt in southern cal Ummm, vacuuming? Today, 08:23:56 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Marie Johnson

## Bill in SD Trash trucks Today, 08:24:41 - Flag - Like - Reply



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they don't like they sound of it 🙁 Today, 08:25:15 - Flag - Like - Reply

full bellies, warmfuzzy feathers, nap time Today, 08:22:48 - Flag - Like - Reply



## Suzanne Berkev

So Carlos should be coming on in 15 minutes. Maybe we can hear some answers to the kids questions at the home school. If I were a kid again I would ask, in the wild how long will they live? As an adult, and a volunteer for a Rehab Center for birds of prey, our center has a barn owl who is about 17 years old. She is quite fraile. She has been in captivity all her life due to her injuries when brought in. We have learned from her and so does the public who is able to see her up close and meet her. Her name is "Queenie"

Thank you Carlos! For all you have done to make this possible ! Today, 08: 19:34 – <u>Flag – Like – Reply</u> Liked by 🎦 Karen from Mississippi 📓 Bil in SD



Suzanne, where is your rehab center? Today, 08:21:12 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Suzanne Berkey

Suzanne Berkey Center For Birds Of Prey in Maitland, Florida, try website of audubonofflorida.com. You should be able to see our center pics there. I have volunteered there every Saturday for over 8 years. I have learned so much from the center. I truly enjoy the guest relations and education services I perform. Thank you JL.

Today, 08:28:54 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Mollie 1

Suzanne, I put a list of raptor centers on the Owl Resources page of the wiki. I'm going to add yours individually. I've been hesitant to do that because there are a gazilion centers out there, but you wrote so convincingly that I'm making an exception. It might take me a while to get that up there, but event ually it'll get there. Today, 08:34:21 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Owlosaurus

I'm not Carlos, but I have read in a few different sources that barn owls typically only live 1-2 years in the wild. Captive owls can live over 15 years. It's a hard, hard world out there...

Do you have a picture of your sweet Queenie that you could post for us? Will she be attending the Baby Owl Shower this weekend? Today, 08:26:05 - Flag - Like - Reply



Lookie -- grown up wings (almost)...



Today, 08: 18:32 – Flag – Like – <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🌉 Vicky Stilwil 📲 Bill in SD 🌉 South FI 📓 Dorothy 🚺 JL



Owl Totem Just peeking in @V@ Today, 08:15:56 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🦉 Merrit t



hi Owl Totem! Today, 08:19:53 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Pattie from VA

Has it been determined yet if any are male/female? With the feathers coming in... wondered if it had been determined... thanks Today, 08:15:17 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### **Owlosaurus** - P

I think many of us are guessing, but we really don't know for sure yet. Today, 08:27:49 - Flag - Like - Reply



**Owlosaurus** Maybe Carlos will talk about that in his presentation today! Today, 08:28:15 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Kama Ogden

Wow look at those grown up feathers on their wings! Amazing how fast they grow up. Today, 08:13:11 - Flag - Like - Reply



There is just NO room!! Their feathers are beautiful...they want those baby feathers of f and their big boy\girl feathers in! Today, 08:13:01 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 Guest



Dorothy Good day to all and the owlets are up and about I see.





### From Mi

Nancy

wow look at those feathers.our babies are growing up so fast

Today, 08:12:39 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



I think we lost one 🙁 Today, 08:07:10 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Suzanne Berkey

I know I get worried, but are the two in the back ever coming up front to preen? Do they take turns by the door? I haven't seen the other two in the back all morning.

Signed: Worried Sick, with MOD, in Orlando, FL. Today, 08:01:38 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Julia

Nothing and I mean NOTHING is getting done in my house. Its ridiculous and beyond understanding that watching a screen with 4 owls in it can be so time consuming. Why? I feel guilty sitting here and try to pretend to be busy and then I just have to come back. Hours and hours have passed me by watching this





#### Suzanne Berkey

So cute how that one is just watching and listening to the birds outside. "I wonder when I can go and play like them?" Today, 07:54:57 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



### Bill in SD

So good to see them being interested in what's going on outside the box. Today, 07:54:31 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🧕 Dorothy



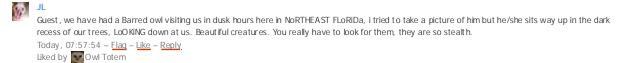
#### Patsy Larsen

Looks like Molly & McGee had a pretty good night bringing home dinner again last night! Today, 07:52:54 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



### Guest in Gig Harbor, Wa

out to get the paper this amabout 5 and so very cool, about 3 feet above my head a barred owl flew over. so stealth and quiet, i can see why nothing is safe after dark in molly's neighborhood... Today, 07: 48:53 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Alake M JL Like Kristi Smith M Merritt





### Nature Lover

vicki

Cute yawn...."I 'm so full and sleepy." Today, 07:48:01 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



they are getting so grown up=)

Today, 07:45:45 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🦉 Merrit t

### Eileen P

I had hoped when I woke up this morning that my black screen would be gone, but no such luck. I did a system restore and also updated Adobe. Still nothing! Can't believe I have followed these babies from day one and now I amblacked out. I do not know where to go from here. Watching them on the small box is not the same.

Today, 07:45:09 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### 52 JL

Eleen what web browser are you using? Have you tried to change that? I have had problems with Fire Fox and ad pop ups before and switched browsers. Today, 07:47:24 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Toni Koontz 10

When you did the system restore and upgdated your flash-did you restart your computer? That is what I had to do before it al came back. 🙂 Today, 07:53:03 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Mary Carroll

Something may be strange on the internet. For a while, I could not get my email, or Google, or this site. I rebooted twice and it still is not really working well.

Today, 08:19:29 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### vicki are they all there?

Today, 07:44:28 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Julia Yes and all blooming

Today, 07:45:36 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💧 Dorot hy



Yes, all accounted for. Happy, full tummies, and chillin! Today, 07:46:00 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Nature Lover Looks like he/she might be saying, "Geezzz, when will I be able to fly like the wind across those blue California skies?"

Today, 07:44:13 - Flag - Like - Reply



**Bill in SD** Outside shot went away. I guess Carlos is getting set up for his interview. Today, 07:43:50 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Karen from Mississippi

Btw, Merritt, thanks. 🙂 Had my duh moment before I finished my coffee, and then I woke up. Today, 07: 39:43 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Merritt

Not sure what you're talking about, but I never turn down gratitude. You're welcome? 🙂 Today, 07:41:24 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🗕 Dorot hy





All the better I guess. LOL, just got me thinking, that's all. 😬 Today, 07:53:34 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



Debra K Noll

Who ever is in the back, is being very brave keeping their face down there! Today, 07:39:01 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Frances Gaffney

I have replaced pictures of people on my frig with pictures of the Molly, McGee and family...might be time for a shrink Today, 07:34:32 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👩 Dorothy 🐺 Owlosaurus 📼 Kristi Smith 🧾 Laurie Kennedy 🎽 Karen from Mississippi 🚚 Gramma Judy 💐 Merritt



Today, 07:37:04 – <u>Flaq</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u> Liked by Alaurie Kennedy W JL S Billin SD 2 Julia Kenritt



### Frances Gaffney

Boots

Guess the owlets will spend anaother day picking off the fluff and napping Today, 07:32:44 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t



Headed to our local garden nursery. Pretty day here. See y'owl for the night watch. Have a fun daytime watch.

Today, 07:29:25 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 📰 Barb 🌃 Kristi Smith 🚺 Karen from Mississippi



Michelle I think one of them left the box around 8:10 Mountian time - did anyone else see??? Today, 07:28:51 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 Boots



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Today, 07:31:19 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Majake MajaL



Molly made her final delivery at 5:12 amPacific Daylight time. Maybe she's the one you saw leaving the nest. all four owlets are present and accounted for!

Today, 07:35:59 - Flag - Like - Reply

## Callie

Smurf pellets, eh? Today, 07:44:17 - Flag - Like - Reply



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Today, 07:45:05 - Flag - Like - Reply



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Today, 07:58:25 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🚺 JL 🌉 Merritt

### Deanna Cambron

17 treats last night! It's a record (@v@) Today, 07:27:48 - Flag - Like - Reply



Merritt It ties the record from May 1-2. There were also 17 treats that night. Today, 07:30:04 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🐖 JL



David Edward Coffield

David Edward Comerco It's not safe for any rabbit to be out after dark in that neighborhood !!! Today, 07:30:15 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Mristi Smith M JL







| W.         | Good Morning David, hopefully we will get some rain if you are a rodent in San Marcos, you are not safe, period! LOL!<br>Today, 07:40:41 – Flag – Like – Reply<br>Liked by 🚮 Jake 🌆 Kristi Smith   |
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| How a      | a <b>t Purdue</b><br>re you all taking pictures of the owlets?<br>, 07: 27:34 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u>   |
| 0          | Frances Gaffney<br>I have actually taken pictures right off the screen or I use the snipping tool<br>Today, 07:30:13 – Flag – Like – Reply   |
| E.         | <b>Bill in SD</b><br>You using Windows? Go to AllPrograms and bok for Snipping Tool, read the "Help" that pops up.<br>Today, 07:30:22 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u>   |
| 2          | Sarah in Montreal<br>hit 'print screen' (above insert/delete buttons, then open paint or similar application and 'paste', crop.<br>I was told how to do it by several friendly people here a few weeks ago. watch out though, you get hooked<br>Today, 07:30:50 – Flag – Like – Reply  |
| 2          | Paula at Purdue<br>I'm on Firefox and not seeing anything except drop down menus.<br>Today, 07:35:31 – Flag – Like – Reply   |
| 1          | Gizmo<br>Print Screen is on your key board.<br>Today, 07:44:05 - Flag - Like - Reply   |
| L.         | Owlosaurus<br>Paula, did you get it or do you still want some help? If you are having trouble let us know!<br>Today, 08:13:14 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>   |
|            | d<br>is not an awesome enough word to describe these little owlets. How about some other good ideas.<br>, 07:27:00 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u>  |
| £          | Merritt<br>Intoxicating! That's because of all the "happy juice" they get flowing.<br>Today, 07:29:22 – Flag – Like – Reply<br>Liked by Ingrid Kristi Smith  |
| -Ja        | Owlosaurus<br>Intoxicating fromfermented Flat Rat, left in the owlbox all day!<br>Today, 08:07:11 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>   |
| JLA        | <mark>Smith</mark><br>Are you still here?<br>, 07:25:33 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u>   |
|            | JL<br>YePpeRs, i have some HVAC service people over, so if i disappear<br>Today, 07:27:43 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>   |
| -20        | Kristi Smith<br>Just a quick question Do you think I should add all of my Haikus to my poetry page on the Wiki even if some of them are chat room<br>owl related? (major run-on sentence)<br>Today, 07:30:34 – Flag – Like – Reply   |
| E.         | Merritt<br>Why did you not ask me? Of course you should! The great thing about having your own page is that you can introduce each haiku if<br>a context for the verse if you want to. It can serve as a journal of your time here!<br>Today, 07:33:38 - Flag - Like - Reply   |
| 4          | Kristi Smith<br>Thanks, Merritt! I figured that you get asked too many questions so I didn't want to bother you(hee hee) J/K But thanks for ti<br>them today!  |
| 8.         | Merritt<br>It's not possible to ask me too many questions.   |
| ( <b>)</b> | JL<br>Kristi, i put the ones, that i had saved on the HAiKu page, when people asked if anything was saved, and i saved poetry and HAiKus<br>April. I see some pages are there, with names and the ones i put up that were in a folder are still there, and then you have the chat<br>desumpt the med and atmembers of what was greated if you have your own made, i would not your work there, ide part thick it |



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if you want to. Provide

the reply.... I will add

us back from 16th of at PDFs which actually document the mood and atmosphere of what was created, if you have your own page, i would put your work there, i do not think it takes up much space, especially if you do it in the plain text. People can cross reference it from there, i would date it. Just my thoughts, you and others have created some great WoRD PAINTING.

Today, 07:36:10 - Flag - Like - Reply



## Kristi Smith

Thanks, JL! I wasn't sure how my stuff would be received by people because I tend to be a bit corny at times! 🤒 😃 Today, 07:51:24 - Flag - Like - Reply



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#### Owlosaurus Kristi - add it a∥!

I haven't done it yet but I intend to add allof my poetry too. I hope we can capture everyone's creative words. Corny, sily, fun... it's all good. Today, 07:53:35 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 🔤 Kristi Smith 🙀 Karen from Mississippi 🖗 JL 🌉 Merritt



http://www.fs.fed.us/outdoors/naturewatch/eaglecam.html#info Today, 07:24:52 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by Sill in SD

### Mary Carroll

Eagle in the Snow

The owlets are pretty. It is amazing how long barn owls have been on earth. The oklest Barn Owlfossils found thus far are estimated to be at least 24 million years old. The oldest human fossils fossils are 195,000 years old. Today, 07:23:39 – Flag – Like – Reply

Liked by 📓 Bill in SD 🎆 Elliott Humrich



WOW that is amazing.

Today, 07:28:25 – Flag – Like – Reply



### Mary Carroll

Since I started watching the owls, I have learned the most awesome things. About the time the last ice age started 70,000 years ago, genetic studies show that the human population crashed to about 2000 individuals. (volcanos, meteors?) I never heard that before. Today, 07:43:09 - Flag - Like - Reply

### **Boots**

Barb - thanks again for the ODNR site. Been a while since I visited there. I agree with you that our state is doing a good job with promoting wildlife conservation.

Today, 07:23:22 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



When we meet people from the DNR we always find them to be great foks and my kids (and I) bye the Wild Ohio magazine. Today, 07:28:51 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 Boots



#### Boots

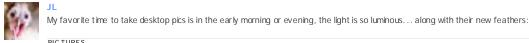
Also get the mag. Have woooded property not too far from home and ODNR has always helped us in management, Good folks indeed. Today, 07:31:47 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Karen from Mississippi

If anyone didn't see the post from "gina" from the early morning hours, it's worth having a look. She posted a photo collage of the barn owls she had on her property, at their various stages of development. Good stuff!

Today, 07:22:47 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt S Bill in SD



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Today, 07:22:15 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 🎇 Karen from Mississippi 🌉 Karin



### David Edward Coffield

That sounded like the garbage truck that just came by. Today, 07: 19:29 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



Yep, Allied Waste is out early. Today, 07:20:42 - Flag - Like - Reply



When the refuse guys come in the UK they make the windows rattle. Very noisy morning that is.



Julia Looks like theyre waiting for somebody to come through the door



Today, 07:19:11 - Flag - Like - Reply



connie Fisher Bartlett

Good morning baby owls! You are getting soo big...almost ready to leave the house. Beautiful sunny day here in Atkinson, NH. Today, 07:17:11 - Flag - Like - Reply



Julia Perhaps thats the rat and gopher delivery just arrived Today, 07:16:48 - Flag - Like - Reply



### JL Busy, night... ToP of the MoRN' to all...

Today, 07:15:31 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌆 Kristi Smith 🎊 Karen from Mississippi 📰 Barb



Today, 07:16:22 - Flag - Like - Reply



Owlosaurus Morning Today, 08:02:13 - Flag - Like - Reply



Deanna Cambron Good morning little Owls from Bend, Oregon (@v@). Checking in is the first thing I do when I wake up, the last thing I do before I go to bed... a several times in between : ) Thanks Carlos for this wonderful experience! Today, 07:15:00 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🔊 Melissa 🚺 JL



Pat D **BEWARE** 

You are being watched

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Today, 0<u>7:1</u>2:39 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like – Reply</u> Liked by 🌉 Laurie Kennedy 🎆 Dawn Schuster-Selby 🐖 JL





Good morning from San Diego. What a bright and clear morning we're having! Today, 07:12:20 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🐖 JL



Morning, Bill Today, 07:13:41 - Flag - Like - Reply



Hi Bill. Gorgeous here in Boston, too!

Today, 07:17:42 - Flag - Like - Reply



Hi Karin - I'm in Quincy MA! Today, 07:19:09 - Flag - Like - Reply



Hi Marianne, I"m in Newton!

Today, 07:30:11 - Flag - Like - Reply

**Owlosaurus** Morning!

Today, 07:18:25 – Flag – Like – Reply



## Mary Skelton Gototweski

Good morning everyone from sunny Cape Cod. Today, 07:20:19 - Flag - Like - Reply



New dance - the Owl Stomp! 🙂 Today, 07:09:10 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Karin ۲

I'm pretty sure my neck is not flexible enough for the upper body moves that go with that dance. Today, 07:12:58 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt

Julia

moulting is revolting. (not really) 🙂 Today, 07:05:30 - Flag - Like - Reply



Julia Don't you just want to pick them up and give them a jolly good shake to get rid of that down. Today, 07:03:50 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🚉 Marcia Russell



or blow on them like a dandelion 🙂 Today, 07:11:48 - Flag - Like - Rep Liked by 🌉 Merritt 🌆 Kristi Smith 🚑 Melissa 🔎 Guest



Nancy, I prefer your gentler approach, or a good brushing? Today, 07:13:55 - Flag - Like - Reply



Karin pixilated wings tail feathers coming fine day cam is on-line! Today, 07:02:03 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt 🌃 Kristi Smith



Julia

Wesley, Max, did mum leave any sunglasses when she dropped off last night? Today, 07:01:06 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🎑 Cat 🧕 Karin 🌉 Merritt 🔤 Kristi Smith 🌋 Karen from Mississippi



Or an electric guitar, perhaps? Rock star! Today, 07:03:09 - Flag - Like - Reply



Would somebody mind summarizing the undercurrents I've been seeing here about the basement and a "she" who wrote a long post? Thank you. Today, 07:00:27 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Merritt

If you're asking about Stacey O'Brien's blog, you can check it out yourself at http://wesleytheowl.blogspot.com.

Today, 07:05:11 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌋 Karen from Mississippi



Cat Thank you. I have a much better idea of what's going on now. Very interesting. Today, 07:14:25 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Merritt



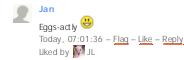
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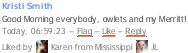


Recent news story in the Detroit area: an animal shelter was overrun with rats. They had to evacuate the animals for the exterminators for a week. Why not send in an owl for a night and be done with it? Today, 06:59:35 - Flag - Like - Reply

Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 📕 Laurie Kennedy 🌉 Nancy 🎆 Marianne Wells 🔛 Owlosaurus 🐖 JL







#### Merritt

**Owlosaurus** 

My sweet Kristi! Good morning! Today, 07:01:22 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌃 Kristi Smith



Morning, Kristi! Today, 07:19:06 - Flag - Like - Reply



Good morning. Just got back up here from a quick dive to the basement. Exciting times last night.

(Ohioans, if you are registered to vote, don't let the owls distract you from voting today.) Today, 06:56:38 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌠 Karen from Mississippi 📝 JL

#### Merritt

Hi, Barb! Good to see ya. Today, 06:57:33 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🔤 Barb



Already did! Good reminder for all though. Today, 06:58:26 - Flag - Like - Reply



Boots, I replied to you bebw about birds. There is a lot of great stuff at the ODNR site (I posted a link for you if you need it) Today, 07:01:15 - Flag - Like - Reply



Thanks, Barb. Missed it. I'll head down to read it. Today, 07:14:30 - Flag - Like - Reply



From Mi

## **Owlosaurus**

Morning, Barb! Today, 07:21:02 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 📰 Barb



Are those down feathers blowing around or dust?

Today, 06:55:44 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Jan Z

A combination of feathers, dust and particles of whatever is on the floor. Yuck! Today, 07:00:24 - Flag - Like - Reply



Nice little dust storm they're generating in there! Today, 06:54:10 - Flag - Like - Reply



Are there any rodents left in San Marcos? Today, 06:47:45 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 Karin 🌉 Laurie Kennedy 👤 2 Guests



Today, 06:49:19 - Flag - Like - Reply



 Denise Sullivan
 Hey, I know someone who lives on Bainbridge Island! Linda Tanner. Today, 06:57:32 - Flag - Like - Reply



Plenty! LOL Today, 06:50:26 - Flag - Like - Reply



Rodents breed so prolifically because they are a food item for many different predators, thus their survival rate is poor. The predators will keep picking them off, and they'll keep cranking out more! Today, 06:59:15 - Flag - Like - Reply



Got plenty for them in NYC Today, 07:08:43 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 Guest



elaine looks like everybody is doing well this morning - no passing out on the floor - had a lot of people worried yesterday - I was thinking that it was probably hot in that box and lots of food made for a food coma - we'll see what happens today Today, 06:41:57 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Jan

Carlos said last night that the heat doesn't bother them They were definitely in food comas! Today, 06:49:21 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Frances Gaffnev

I was so happy to see them all up this morning. I know I amattached but did not realize how much so until I thought something was wrong with Wesley... please be well Today, 06:57:48 - Flag - Like - Reply



to Dave 168. Your box is beautiful but I don't if you read an older post that I happened to look at where it was mentioned that since the box is on a sleepery post versus a tree with bark, that if the babies would happened to fall out they wouldn't be able to climb back up. Just something to think about 😃 Today, 06: 41:50 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Frances Gaffney

Merrit, I replied below Today, 06:35:46 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Merritt

Thank you! We haven't "met" yet, Frances, but I have been enjoying your comments lately and really got a kick out of reading your post during an unappetizing moment of feasting the owl box. You said it didn't bother you because you used to eat in the operating roomduring open heart surgery, or something like that. It hought to myself, I hope she didn't get any crumbs in the chest cavity! Anyway, you gave me a chuckle that day and I just wanted you to know I enjoyed your comment immensely.

Today, 06:47:51 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🧕 Karin



### Frances Gaffnev

What are we going to do when it is over? Occassionally I turn my iphone on at work to check up on the owlets and have found myself talking to them and people think I amnuts.

Today, 06:54:18 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt 🥻 Mollie

#### Boots

Found this old anonymous poemyesterday Thought you might enjoy. No offense intended here. Let's just say I speak for myself. 🙂 A wise old owl sat in an oak, the more he saw the less he spoke, the less he spoke the more he heard, why can't we all be like that wise old bird. Today, 06: 35:45 – Flag – Lke – Reply Liked by 🧱 Barb 🖉 Katharine 🔯 dood fink 🕅 Karen from Mississippi 🛃 Merritt 🧷 2 Guests



my dad always used to say this one 🙂 Today, 06:42:37 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🗶 Jan



# Lorie Wilkinson

micki

Haven't been here in a while, a long while, and WOW! How much I've missed! They've got their heart faces, what a beautiful sight! Today, 06:30:53 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>

### Deanna Cambron

They are getting so big !!

Today, 06:34:21 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>

Then you've missed out on a lot! McGee and Molly are great parents bringing food to the babies every night. Then you have the lovable siblings that look after each other. There always seems to be plenty of food, and they preen each other. Too cute (@v@) Today, 07:19:19 - Flag - Like - Reply



Nancy there's the babies! Anyone seeing all 4? Today, 06: 30:09 - Flag - Like - Reply



### David Edward Coffield It's amazing how fast these owlets grow and mature.

Today, 06:29:00 - Flag - Like - Reply

Good morning from NYC...lots of food I see Today, 06:28:22 - Flag - Like - Reply



# Debi Strong

It seems like just yesterday we were all worrying about whether or not Wesley was going to grow up because he wasn't getting enough food (we thought....). Sunrise, sunset. Today, 06:32:05 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Mollie



### Merritt $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{C}}$

Frances Gaffney

Good morning, Frances. Did you see the post I made for you yesterday about your heart surgery eating habits? 🙂 Today, 06:30:37 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Frances Gaffnev

Merrit t, sorry I missed your post .. trying to keep up with too many wildlife web cams although Molly, McGee and brood are the main site. Haven't figured out how to read the posts that James Hill gathers everyday Today, 06:35:24 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Jan

Good morning from Bayonne, Frances! Today, 06:47:54 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Cathy Sasser Helms

Ah, day cam. Someone is hearing the lens adjustment. 🙂 Today, 06:27:34 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



## guest

I just went to the stork site, but the camera is moving around so much that it's hard to watch. Is it always this bad? Today, 06:23:40 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Debi Strong

Somebody said it was just really windy today. Today, 06:25:18 - Flag - Like - Reply



## Good morning from Florida. Hope everyone had a restful night.

TBvrd

Today, 06:23:24 - Flag - Like - Reply



### David Edward Coffield

Good morning. I rested well in Jacksonville. Today, 06:25:35 - Flag - Like - Reply



Could anyone tell me when the owlets should be flying away? Any day now? Today, 06:22:19 - Flag - Like - Reply



Please identify yourself. You won't get any replies here as "guest". Today, 06:26:16 - Flag - Like - Reply



Frances Gaffney All the feathes, especially the tail feathers, need to be in first. Hard to believe but probably another couple of weeks Today, 06:27:31 - Flag - Like - Reply



Boots Good morning from OH. Think I'll do some owl box research today. I'm wondering how high in the air one hould go. I know Carlos' is 15". Today, 06:20:21 - Flag - Like - Reply

Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 🌠 Karen from Mississippi 🤎 Katharine

#### Mollie P

Check out the owl resources on the wiki: http://molyowl.pbworks.com/

There are a lot of conservation, rescue, and rehabilitation groups that have web pages full of info. Today, 06:24:43 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Merritt 🌠 Karen from Mississippi

### Boots

Thank you, Mollie. I have a good sized garden area and open yard. Lots of trees. I've seen a barr ed ows take a rabbit so mabe there is a chance. Today, 06:27:54 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Dave168

I've had mine up 5 weeks so far and no takers, (sigh)

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Today, 06:33:11 - Flag - Like - Reply



Where aer you located, Dave168? Today, 06:37:29 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Mollie P

Let's see... 1 year = 52 weeks x 2 years = 104 weeks - 5 weeks up = only 99 weeks to wait! Today, 07:02:31 - Flag - Like - Reply

# Barb

"99 weeks are left to wait, only 99 weeks! Use one up, waiting for owls, 98 weeks are left to wait . . . " (repeat ad nauseum, preferably in the back of a school bus) Today, 07:05:54 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🎽 Mollie

#### Barb

Boots, the Ohio DNR site has a lot of info about attracting wildlife to your yard. http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/wildlife/experience/wildlifesubhome/tabid/5658/Default.aspx Click on "Birding Resources" and there are links for bird houses, etc. I think our state has done a great job on this site. Today, 07:00:33 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 Boots

#### Mollie P

Do I remember correctly that barn owls are federally protected in Ohio--one of the 15 or so states where they're listed as endangered? Today, 07:05:33 - Flag - Like - Reply



Today, 07:16:35 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Barb Here's the list Mollie

http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Home/Experience/WildlifeSubHomePage/Endangeredthreatenedspeciesplaceholder/resourcesmgt plansspecieslist/tabid/5664/Default.aspx

The barn owl doesn't show up on any list, not even the endangered one. The threatened category wouldn't load for me so it might be there otherwise there is not special concern regarding Ohio (Fed may be different) Today, 07:17:49 - Flag - Like - Reply



Mollie, there is link to a pdf on that page and YES the barn owlis listed at THREATENED but not endangered. Today, 07:20:21 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Kay North GA Mountains

Good morning all WOW 17 treats, no wonder our babies are growing so fast. My sister from Savannah and myself are having a ball. Messing around in the mountains shopping, and loving being together for a few days. Today, 06:20:19 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🦉 Merrit t



### Debi Strong

The storks are precious. The male just brought the female a big bunch of moss and tucked it in around her (here, sweetie, let me make you a bit more comfortable...).

Today, 06:18:01 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🤵 Katharine



Good morning from Montana!! Is the count from last night 13? (I don't think I'mseeing the total blue box). Today, 06:08:20 - Flag - Like - Reply



17 i hear.... tied with last night Today, 06:09:20 - Flag - Like - Reply



See Mollie's list below Today, 06:11:04 - Flag - Like - Reply

Merritt Good morning! 17 is the number. Today, 06:12:10 - Flag - Like - Reply

Debi Strong WOW!! Today, 06:16:59 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💐 Merritt

### Katharine

Carlos' photos fromlast night (or this morning) are outstanding as always. Check them out! http://mollysbox.wordpress.com/bbg/ Today, 06:07:14 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt 🔎 Boots 🌉 Laurie Kennedy



# homeschoolnc

Oh dear I left to go check the address of the stork cam and when I came back I have black boxes with Invalid parameter channeld/video id refresh does not work. 🙁

Today, 06:01:05 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Amy 2

Oh, so sorry. It's all my fault!! Thank you so much for the stork info though. I hope you can get back on the video. Today, 06:03:39 - Flag - Like - Reply



reload the entire page by pressing F5. Today, 06:03:52 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Mannie Karen from Mississippi



Karen from Mississippi

That has happened to me, as well, even with my flashplayer being up-to-date. I rebooted and it seemed to fix it. Today, 06:06:38 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



homeschoolnc f5 worked thanks for the advice.

Today, 06:32:59 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌠 Karen from Mississippi 🖉 Merritt



Oh, just saw someone posted the stork site.. THANK you so much. Today, 06:01:02 - Flag - Like - Reply



Amy Barbara...could you please tell me the site for the storks? I can't find that particular one..thanks very much!! Today, 06:00:23 - Flag - Like - Reply



homeschoolnc look down a post or two I just posted it. Today, 06:01:27 - Flag - Like - Reply



Barbara just seen first stork baby too... Today, 05:56:11 - Flag - Like - Reply



Amy anyone know the website for the hatching stork that was mentioned? Today, 05:55:07 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



homeschoolnc http://www.sportsmansparadiseonline.com/Live\_Stork\_Nest.html Today, 05:58:50 - Flag - Like - Reply



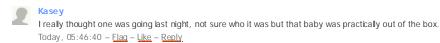
### homeschoolnc

Tami McIntyre

Sitting by the door thousands sit and listen to us snore waiting 'til we soar

That is a GREAT, clear picture this morning. Today, 05:45:45 - Flag - Like - Reply

Not a haiku I read a lot od Dr. Seuss so I like to rhym Today, 05:44:04 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 👤 Kasey 🚺 Karen from Mississippi 🕷 George 🎆 Annie 👤 Boots 👤 Guest





Since there will probably be no more deliveries, here's the overnight death toll, arranged by time, not parent:

May 3/4. Treats: 17 (ties record of May 1/2). 8:13p McGee, rodent; 9:40p McGee, rodent; 9:47p McGee, mouse; 10:25p McGee, mouse; 10:35p McGee, rodent; 10:38p Molly, mouse; 10:48p Molly, rodent; 11:00p McGee, mouse; 11:54p Molly, mouse; 12:28a Molly, mouse; 12:33a Molly, gopher; 12:51a Molly, rodent; 1:17a McGee, gopher; 1:26a Molly, rodent; 1:33a Molly, mouse; 2:17a Molly, rodent; 5:12a Molly, rabbit.

To see the complete Blue Box of Death, press and hold the Ctrl key and move your mouse wheel forward a click or two. To return the display to its original size, move the mouse wheel backward. You can also press and hold Ctrl and click the plus key (+) or minus key (-).



Connie

Thanks. I never knew how to see the whole blue box. It works for me. Today, 06:12:50 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Kasev

It's getting crowded in there, lots of pushing and poking going on, like true siblings, so cute! Today, 05: 32:07 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Barbara - PA sounds like an argument going on !! Today, 05:30:56 - Flag - Like - Reply



Judv Storks hatching. Today, 05:30:26 - Flag - Like - Reply



A treat before dawn To our four owlettes delight Its all good to them

Haiku !!! 😇 Today, 05: 29:24 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🌉 Merritt 🌠 Karen from Mississippi



George Sunrise at the owl box at 5:58 PDT this morning.

Today, 05:29:14 - <u>Flag - Like - Reply</u>



#### Sarah in Montreal

sorry... I get 'loading', and then 'upload new image', but no photo... Today, 05:28:22 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Sarah in Montreal

the rabbit delivery, if my photo uploaded properly... Today, 05:25:28 - Flag - Like - Reply



Judy R GREETINGS from Iowa. Cooler this morning. The babies should all have a full

tummy and be ready for a food induced coma. Our Molly is quite a good hunter. Did you notice

McGee took the early shift ? 😬 Today, 05:22:21 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🕅 Merrit t 👤 Katharine



Jake According to a post at 8:14:09 (EST) by Merritt, the 17th treat arrived at 5:12am, so this would be 18 - isn't that a record????? So excited I got to see it. Molly & McGee - you deserve a nice long sleep today 🙂



sam

cant believe i missed it!!!! Today, 05: 16:25 - Flag - Like - Reply

Today, 05: 19:11 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



That delivery got my day off to a good start. Glad we saw it. 🙂

Today, 05:16:11 – <u>Flag – Like – Reply</u> Liked by 🌉 Merritt 🌠 Karen from Mississippi 🎆 Bette



Madison Jackson

I don't like it out, I like the camera IN the box... - sad day-Today, 05:16:09 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



Merritt The cam will return to the inside of the box in the day time.

Today, 05:17:48 - Flag - Like - Reply

burnee

CAR Just a thought Madison: I think we all really like seeing the owls up close. with the camera in the box, but now that they are so big, they obscure the night camera in the box, so at night we see the outside instead. It's a different perspective, and it helps us widen our understanding of the owls. I'm grateful that we have anything at all to see them at night - I'mold enough to still be amazed that technology can do this! But you're younger, so you are used to this and expect that it will do what you want it to do. That's a good thing - and I love your take on it. So let's keep taking and seeing and Istening, and we will all keep loving and learning from this amazing experience. I wish you the very BEST of days - not sad ones, but ones full of wonder and joy!





And the debate going on the owl box is.....that one's mine, no it ain't you had the last one, no I didn't, it was the other one.....

Today, 05: 16:09 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt 🎆 Annie 🌄 Bette



Annie Munch, munch munch a bunch Today, 05:14:59 - Flag - Like - Reply



### nancy from vermont

wow that was a first in my 40 days of mod, a bunny delivery, 8:12 am est / 4:12 am cal. most of my mod's in on the daytime camera! Today, 05:14:36 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t



Cathy Sasser Helms

I think it's acutally 5:12 in CA, almost daylight. Must have been a breakfast call. LOL Today, 05:15:41 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 🧕 Karin 🌉 Merritt



## Nature Lover

Shouldn't that be 5:12 a.m. Cal.?? Today, 05:16:11 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 💐 Merritt



me too nancy - I miss almost all of th night action! Today, 05:20:44 - Flag - Like - Reply



Good morning MODs. 😃 I'mjust in time to see Molly bring a rabbit for the pantry. Yea! Today, 05: 14:10 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 🚺 Karen from Mississippi 🌉 Laurie Kennedy



Good morning molly, from Missouri. Today, 05: 13:46 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 🌉 Laurie Kennedy



Madison

Madison Where in missouri do you live I live in st. Iouis Today, 05:31:04 - Flag - Like - Reply

sally



wow she went inside !!! Today, 05:13:16 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



looks like a rabbit that was just brought in Today, 05:12:51 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🗶 AwakenNow



Nature Lover Well, looks like we just had another take out delivery! Today, 05: 12:46 - Flag - Like - Reply



burne e Another food delivery just been made Today, 05:12:40 - Flag - Like - Reply



Terry, Marquette MI Yum, I think Molly just brought breakfast. Today, 05:12:39 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



Marcia Banach well that was a surprise, Today, 05: 12:32 - Flag - Like - Reply



Karin Yay, Molly! Today, 05: 12:19 - Flag - Like - Reply



Merritt

Pictures from tonight have not been posted yet, but here is where they will be later on today. In the meantime, check out these great photographs from prior night, and save this page in your favorites for future reference. wordpress.com/blog/

Today, 05:05:03 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🛃 Bette



### Jannie

Thanks for posting that link. Those pics are great!! Today, 05:14:24 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💹 Merritt



South FI Hey Merritt,

What is the total on treats for the night? I can't see the lower lines of the list as the streamcovers it. Today, 05:04:05 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Merritt

16 total, all small, like mice, rats and gophers. No rabbits last night. You can increase or decrease the print in the box (and at the same time this whole page) by holding down the control key and turning the wheel on your mouse up or down. Today, 05:06:43 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### South FI Thanks!

Today, 05:07:52 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



Turning the wheel on the mouse down? But I much prefer rabbit! 🙂 Today, 05:11:29 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Karen from Mississippi

Good morning Merritt. Oh, the things I missed in the wee hour! Makes for some entertaining reading while I'm sipping my morning coffee. So, Molly was indeed spotted in the box, disguised as Groucho Marx, huh? That James... 😀 Today, 04:57:08 - Flag - Like - Reply



# Merritt

Yeah, he's a kidder all right. 😃 Today, 05:00:03 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Karen from Mississippi

I see there was a healthy debate about the blog as well. I'm glad you posted the link as I would not have seen her recent remarks otherwise. Today, 05:05:25 - Flag - Like - Reply



Merritt Karen, her original entry was edited down to just the small part of it that remains. You wouldn't believe how upset she was in the original. You can get idea of what it was like in the comments people made by clicking on "comments" for that blog. Those are still there, along with some new ones since the edit.

Today, 05:10:31 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Merritt

That has been a major concern for many people who have been very vocal about it. That's why Carlos erected the platform in front of the box, to give them something to hop onto. From there he thinks they can "branch" in the tree that grows beside the box. And from the tree, he thinks they can get back onto the platform and/or back into the box. We'll see.

Flag – Like Jay,

Today, 04:54:34 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Pat D Ø

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Not sure Molly & McGee would have chosen it if not suitable. Looks like plenty of facilities to me

just wondering about fledging in natural tree nest vs. owl box... i.e., the hopping about part



Today, 06:15:12 - Flag - Like - Reply



Pattison is 42 days old today. You can see exactly what 42 days old boks like on the Growth Chart. Here it is again.

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Merritt



Today, 04:54:21 - Flag - Lke - Reply Liked by Ceorge Bette



### Debbie Mackin

The Barn Owl Trust has lots of great information about owlsl. http://www.barnowltrust.org.uk/index.html

They also have webcams of their own. There is currently a momand dad owl that have recently kid 3 eggs. They are in the UK so they are about 5 hours ahead of the east coast US. The owl box is huge and is inside a barn in Cornwall, UK.

http://www.thewebbroadcastingcorporation.com/barnowlcam\_nestcam.html (inside the nest) http://www.wildlifetv.co.uk/barnowlcam.html (outside the nest) Today, 04:53:57 – Flag – Lke – Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 🚮 George 🌠 Karen from Mississippi 🎆 Bonnie Weiner Higgins



### Merritt

Glowing owlet eyes In the night before the dawn Stare and blink at us

### Haiku inspired by Karin!

Today, 04:50:17 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🧕 Karin 🕷 George 🎽 Karen from Mississippi 🔎 Katharine



Allyson Thx Mellissa, just gotta know. Today, 04:44:02 - Flag - Like - Reply



## George

I'd like to add my thanks to Merritt and several others who help us. Their comments are always informative and helpful. Today, 04:43:55 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🖉 Pat D 🧕 Karin



Merritt Why thank you, George. Good morning to you! Today, 04:45:04 - Flag - Like - Reply



George Good morning from Florida to Texas, and all the other places with all the other good people. Today, 04:48:32 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



## Wonderful article on AOL about this site today. 😅

Today, 04:42:46 - Flag - Like - Reply



Allyson I am new to the site. How long til these puppies fly. Please can anyone answer. Today, 04:40:34 - Flag - Like - Reply



Melissa Brawner Meredith

Read Merritt's post just a few below this one. Today, 04:41:51 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Karin

Hi Allyson, Merrit's post just below provides an excellent answer to your question. (see her reply to big r & lil t) Welcome to the site. just be aware that these guys are wonderfully addictive. COnsider yourself warned. 😀 Today, 04:43:46 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt



Hi Allyson. Read down 3 posts for an answer. Today, 04:44:24 - Flag - Like - Reply



Karin I love those glowing owlet eyes! Today, 04:39:32 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



#### big r & lil t

Hey its big r here i love animals ive been tracking these owls scince they were eggs its a bitter sweet good bye but iknow these babies WILL be alright 🙂 😁

Today, 04:33:52 - Flag - Like - Reply



### big r & lil t

what is happening and what time are they going to fly away

Today, 04:30:38 - Flag - Like - Reply



Merritt Sources vary as to when fledging begins, but most say from 50 to 60 days. Fledging for barn owls is a long process. It begins with the first step out of the nest, progresses to "branching," where they hop around and flap their wings, and ends one to two months later by flying away for good. Max is 44 days old today. Take a look at the chart below to get an idea of what he looks like now. You can click on the chart to enlarge the view.

#### PIC TURES



Today, 04:33:12 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🧶 Eileen



### Karin

Merrit, you rock! Today, 04:44:26 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



#### Linda B

Good morning from Winnipeg, Manitoba! Wow!!! 16 treats! I know it's not a record, but just awesome! I miss being able to see them inside the box before I go to work. I can't wait to get home to see them! They seem to change by the hour! Today, 04:30:29 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🦉 Merritt

Lucky Thank you Merritt, it is appreicated... Today, 04: 29:01 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💓 Merritt 🔎 Mrs Whiggins



### Laurie Kennedy

Good morning from St. Louis. Merritt you do an amazing job keeping us informed. Thank You Do you ever get any sleep? I get on at least 10-15 time a day and your always on. Today, 04:22:49 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Merritt 2

Thank you, Laurie. I believe I have EMOD, which is MOD to the Extreme! I actually slept a good amount night before last. Thought that would put me back on a regular schedule for yesterday, but alas, Tve had insomnia all night and so Famstill awake! I'll crash sometime today, Fam sure. 🐸 Today, 04:26:01 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Anita from Maine

Good morning from sunny northern ME. I'mon for my morning owl fix. Today, 04: 18:50 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🌉 Merrit t



### Merritt

Our good friend Latrippi who is doing so much work on the wiki (along with many others) which includes a fabulous timeline to keep up with all the events and activities in the box ( http://molloow.pbworks.com/Timeline), has asked for a summary of tonight's events that she can read when she gets up. All I can think to tell her is that as of 4am, there were 16 treats which did not include any rabbits. Also, I want to copy a post James Hill made about how to tell if it's McGee or Molly bringing the treat. If you have a favorite moment from tonight, please share it in a reply to this post. Thanks!

Today, 04:16:25 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Mar Annie Kar Gisela von Stade

#### Merritt

A couple observations to help distinguish between Molly and McGee deliveries for those unfamiliar. McGee almost never uses the perch, instead landing directly at the door. Molly almost always uses the perch. McGee almost always leaves flying toward the camera left. Molly almost always leaves camera right. McGee almost never stays longer than the 2 seconds required to throw food at the owlets. Molly almost always sticks around, at least briefly Today, 04:18:16 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 💽 Karin 🎆 Gisela von Stade 🤎 Dallas



### Merritt

I guess I should tell her Molly and/or McGee continued to either thrust treats into the box or hand them off on the perch with their beaks. No owlet stepped outside tonight.

Today, 04:37:48 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Merritt

17 treats as of 5:12am! It appeared to be a headless bunny! (official record not yet posted) Today, 05:14:09 - Flag - Like - Reply



Yes, a bunny. And 17 ties the treats from May 1-2. Today, 05:17:04 - Flag - Like - Reply

Dallas Moly went inside the owl box with the rabbit this time too. Today, 05:27:38 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💹 Merritt



Merritt, I add the hunting stats on the timeline or sidebar, so you don't have to bother with them. But do add the narration. I was so happy to see Molly enter the box and emerge without a fake nose and glasses! Today, 05:30:17 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt



marlene

I've never seen one this far out of the box before Today, 04:06:02 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>

#### Merritt 2

It's called "ledging": what nestlings do as they mature. They stand on the very edge of a nest or the very edge of a nest box. They ledge before they become fledglings, which begins with the first step out of the box sometime between 50 to 60 days old. Max is 44 days old today.





Thank you! Today, 04:14:15 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Merritt

Merritt
They've been hanging their heads out that door for several days now. They even take food from Moly and McGee's beaks without them having to come
they've been hanging their heads out that door for several days now. They even take food from Moly and McGee's beaks without them having to come in! It's amazing to see. But no one has stepped over that threshold, yet. We're still waiting for that to happen. Today, 04:20:34 - Flag - Like - Reply



## maurmcc

last delivery was 2:16 - does anyone think there will be maybe just one more? 'cause i really, really have to get ready for work 🙂 Today, 03:51:57 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>





Can you keep your speakers on? If there's gonna be another one, it will be within the next hour. Sometimes one comes in that late, sometimes by this time they are done for the night. There is simply no telling. Today, 03:54:15 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Kari

Wow...16 treats and still crying? Are we sure these are owls and not lipiggies? LOL I saw a video on Youtube about how they fledge. They sit outside and flap away till..oops...one over the side and then they are a little stunned. It does get back to the nest, but by actually climbing the tree trunck with its long nails gripping for traction. How will this happen with the pole? How can they get back there if their wings arent quite ready? Today, 03:48:29 - Flag - Like - Reply

# Robin

Robin When Carlos did his waking tour of the yard, he showed how in the tree the box really is. They can easily climb that tree and take a branch over to the box.

### PIC TURES



Today, 04:00:16 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Kari

Thanks so much for the info.... I can see by the pics how easy that would be... Today, 04:16:58 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Kari

Is there a video of the walking tour on this site? Today, 04:18:23 - Flag - Like - Reply



Pete

http://www.aolnews.com/nation/article/barn-owls-molly-and-mode-attract-a-worldwide-internet-following/19463020?flv=1 Today, 03:40:35 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💽 Robin

#### Cathy Sasser Helms

Thanks Pete Today, 03:42:55 – Flag – Like – Reply

### Annie

Thanks cuz I couldn't find it ima dork .... Today, 03:44:17 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Merritt

Thanks, Pete! And to answer your question below, the inside cam comes on in the day time. Today, 03:43:35 - Flag - Like - Reply



Thanks Merritt! Today, 03:45:17 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt

## Julia

Thanks for sharing Pete. Today, 03:48:53 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### maurmcc

great article! i forwarded it to friends/family who also think i'ma bit.....obsessed! maybe they'll understand a little better now! Today, 03:50:55 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Mannie



OMGosh...I didnt know what MOD stood for ... now I do and I know I have it!!!! Today, 04:20:42 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Candace Mason Dwver Good Morning from Lex. Ky

Today, 03:37:12 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t



morning - hope you have good weather there today. Today, 03:40:09 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



### Cherie Je well

Good morning 😃 Molly and McGee made AOL news this morning 🙂 Today, 03:33:00 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



How 'bout that! What did they say? Today, 03:33:51 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Cathy Sasser Helms

l read that, it was a nice story. They talked about "MODS". If I knew how to post a link I would. Just go to AOL dot com and you can read it. 😀 Today, 03:35:56 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💐 Merritt



Wow, Cherie is pretty. Hey, when are they going to put the camera back in the nest? anyone know?

Today, 03:36:17 - Flag - Like - Reply



VERY COOL 🤓 Today, 03:37:22 – Flag – Like – Reply



Annie

all i saw on the AOL home page was entertainment, sports, business - where was the article? Today, 03:39:13 - Flag - Like - Reply



I have learned so much from this experience...

Today, 03:31:19 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💽 Merritt 🌆 Rhunette Humrich



Emily from Gulfport, MS Good morning all

Today, 03:29:29 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 🎆 Annie



Emily, we are thinking of you all in the Gulf Coast with the oil spill. So very sad. Here's hoping everything possible will be done to contain it and mitgate the damage. I hope you and your family will be okay. Today, 04:35:59 - Flag - Like - Reply



Wendy Lattimer

Goodnight all 😃 Happy and Positive waves are being sent your way! I will go to sleep loving this experience and hoping that everyone watches out for the family e all love! Today, 03:27:19 - Flag - Like - Reply

Liked by MAnnie



Today, 03:28:09 - Flag - Like - Reply



Pat D

Good night, Wendy. See you later. Today, 03:28:59 - Flag - Like - Reply



Someone had to get up early to let the dog out Today, 03:25:21 - Flag - Like - Reply



burnee

You mean you haven't trained him/her to let themself out? lol Today, 03:27:46 - Flag - Like - Reply



I meant the dog near the Molly & McGee Residence, was barking like mad (bit like me, barking mad) Today, 03:32:28 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



and me woof woof lol Today, 03:34:57 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



maurmcc

16 treats! amazing providers! anyone still worrying about Wes and his "passing out" issues??

Today, 03:25:08 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Merritt

You're not, are you? He was just trying to sleep and his siblings kept stepping on his head so he got up and stood resigned in a corner instead. Had to be thinking, "Man, I can't wait until I get my own dang room!" Today, 03:27:50 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Amelissa Mannie Rhunette Humrich 2 homeschoolic

### maurmcc

Merritt

no; i have no warts at all! i'm sure it was just a food-induced sleep, but you could feel the tension right away on the site, couldn't you?? Today, 03:32:47 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt

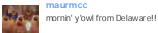


Mass hysterial Perfectly healthy owlets tries to nap in the daytime when owls sleep and the crowd freaks out. Most amusing to behold. Today, 03:39:43 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Allelissa Melissa

have to get ready for work 😂 Today, 03: 22:36 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Lucky Good Morning from Ft Myers Fl...

Today, 03:21:41 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t



Today, 03: 18:03 - Flag - Like - Reply



good morning Today, 03:20:31 - Flag - Like - Reply



'Morning! Today, 03:21:03 - Flag - Like - Reply



Annie 5 STARS and Good Morning from IL

Today, 03: 14:38 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Merritt

Good morning, Annie! Today, 03:15:30 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Annie

I see they had an early hunt, I knew when I was awake at 11 I should've got on here for some action then Today, 03:19:55 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Annie

Good Morning Merritt, How are you doing this am? Today, 03:20:31 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Merritt

Surprisingly well. 🙂 Today, 03:23:09 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Annie



### Barbara

it did come through Pat... but alot of msgs coming through in weird order on my list anyway.

Today, 03:11:39 - Flag - Like - Reply



Pat D

Did say good morning to Burnee and Merritt further down but think it got lost LOL



and good morning back to you lol just saw your post, sorry to read you're still feeling under the weather Today, 03:09:16 - Flag - Like - Reply

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Good morning, Pat! I did see your greeting below and "liked" it, but it was long after you posted it so I'm glad to have the one-on-one exchange now. I told burnee I'm back to my old tricks. 5:10am here in Texas, and I am WIDE awake. Glad to have you here to keep me company! Today, 03:11:50 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Nancy

Barbara

Good Morning from Cape Cod, Ma! I wonder how the little guy is - he wasn't boking so good when I went to bed 🙁 . Mr. Squirrel hasn't come back to the nest last night either. I hope it wasn't a bad night all around! Today, 03:01:56 - Flag - Like - Reply



sorry yahoo wont show my picture...

Today, 03:01:02 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



WOW! they are wonderful.... thanks for sending the link Betty. Today, 02:59:42 - Flag - Like - Reply



**Bettv** burnee and Barbara, have you checked these photos out yet? http://mollysbox.wordpress.com/?s=mcgee

Today, 02:54:44 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 is

#### burnee 5

Have got Mollysbox as a favourite site too. Fanstatic photos! Today, 02:59:37 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt

### Barbara

Hi burnee Carlos does put the camera on inside the box during their daylight hours. presumably no night vision on it. There are brilliant pics of the babies - have a look later... strange we dont get to see the feeding frenzy though. The larger image on my laptop is out of focus which is a shame. Today, 02:49:18 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



Hi Barbara and Burnee, my understandind is that the interior night cam has not been a good angle for guite awhile now, because the "bedding" from the nest was in the way and the owlets were so close to the lense that all we could see from that view was a blurr of owl fluff. Today, 02:59:22 - Flag - Like - Reply

### burnee

I remember that now, doh!! Today, 03:00:42 - Flag - Like - Reply



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Good morning Today, 02:44:37 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t



burnee Its a shame we can't have the camera on that shows the inside of the box and the smaller picture, the camera on the outside. I know, I'm greedy lol Today, 02:44:33 - Flag - Like - Reply

Liked by 🌉 Merrit t



Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

Well...the birds are beginning to chirp and cheep outside my window...guess that means it's time for me to go to bed now...lol 🙂 Welcome everyone just getting here! And goodnight to anyone else leaving!

Be back again 🙂 Today, 02:40:07 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t



Have a good night's sleep - or whats left of it lol Today, 02:41:36 - Flag - Like - Reply



I think I will go catch a bit more shut eye as well.. Today, 02:42:02 – <u>Flaq</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u>



Nighty night Today, 02:43:34 - Flag - Like - Reply

## Barbara



Hi all from sunny Wiltshire, England. Have been totally hooked on this site for some time now. My poor cats are very confused however and ended up bringing me a blackbird as a gift yesterday.... grrrrr.

Suppose it's at least a change from the mice, rabbit and rat! I do feed them, I really do! Perhaps they were trying to help Molly and McGee... Today, 02:37:29 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t

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South Fl my parrot is very alert to the sounds coming from our PC when we have the volume up and the house is quiet Today, 02:39:23 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Melanie from Milwaukee, WI 💽 Karin

### Karin

My kitties are listening, too! Today, 02:53:26 – Flag – Like – Reply

burnee ÷., Morning Barbara, its a great site isn't it? Today, 02:42:43 - Flag - Like - Reply

### **Carole Doran**

Hello from a sunny but cold Berkshire, England. Have not see the babies for a couple of days so am keen to catch up and see how the adult feathers are coming along Today, 02:42:58 - Flag - Like - Reply

burnee

Good morning from the UK where its a bit chilly. See there has been a few treats delivered around 14? Today, 02:26:07 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### 5 burnee

Opps, had a read down the comments and see that a few more have been delivered Today, 02:28:58 - Flag - Like - Reply



Morning Burnee and Merritt

Quite a good nights hunting, rabbits seem to be in short supply. Have only just crawled out of bed, still got this cold/flu thing hanging around. Today, 02:42:44 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💽 Merritt



### burnee

Sorry to read you're still feeling under the weather Pat Today, 03:08:32 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💹 Merritt

Betty Blue box up above pic gives the total as 16. South FI says 17. One way or the other, it looks like the record will be broken tonight/morning. Today, 02:31:32 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

### South FI

there may only be 16 but since I have have been up there have been at least 3 visits..before that the list read 14 Today, 02:35:24 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Merritt <u>e</u>.

Burnee! Good morning! Back to my old tricks again. 🥹 All small treats tonight. No rabbits. Today, 02:32:40 - Flag - Like - Reply



## burnee

Hi Merritt - well you don't want to overdo the sleeping do you, I mean you might miss something lol Today, 02:35:23 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Merritt



South Fl

76 here in s florida (5:37 am)...due to hit 86...summer is creeping in fast! Today, 02:38:14 - Flag - Like - Reply



# Merritt

Storymom, I was quoting my friend when I wrote the barn owls on her farm "flitted" down. I know she did not see them do that and was just trying to summarize unseen events. They probably fell like a stone straight down like you described unless they found something to hop down onto. Just wanted you to know I am aware "flit" is not the right word to use.

Today, 02:25:05 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 😽 Storymom



### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

ok Merritt..since you're up (not surprisingly..lo)) and I'm up (also..not surprisingly)...thought I'd take this moment to finally respond to you about that other topic frombefore.

Today, 02:24:38 - Flag - Like - Reply



Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

I wanted to say that I'm soooo sorry that you and your husband had to go through that. That really sucks... 🙁 being somewhere...for that long, and then having it all stripped away ... I too wish that there would be more desire/market for alternative fuels ... and wanted to applaude him for being in that business. U There are many wind energy devices (not sure what to call them...those big things with the wind blades) here in the Midwest. I see them everywhere, which is comforting. But just wanted to send you my thoughts/prayers for your husband (is he still doing ok?) and yourself as you go through this. I myself have been laid off twice in the past year.... and it is SOOOO hard to find work nowadays. Stay strong. My thoughts are with you 🙂

Today, 02:25:01 - Flag - Like - Reply

## Merritt

Thank you, Melanie. He had his first day today as an "independent contractor" instead of the full-time senior engineer he had been with benefits. I asked how how his day went at his "new" job and he laughed and said they kept him busy. He laughed because it's with the same company, same office, same phone, etc. It's just that they really had to cut back to stay afloat. He's lucky they wanted to keep him as an independent contractor. They let all the other engineers go. So, we are ok. I can still keep watching the owls and ordering take-out to keep from having to go to the grocery store since shopping

and cooking and cleaning would wreak havoc with my MOD. LOL

I hope things look up for you soon. I know you'e mentioned having interviews. One day you'll get the job you've always wanted! Today, 02:31:13 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

Thank you Merritt! 🙂 I'msure I will too.

You're always nice to me on here...you always have a way of being calm amidst a "storm". I like that about you 🙂 And you don't seem to judge. Just wanted to say that.

Also - I'm hoping your husband's work picks up? soon... He is still the SAME guy... the SAME worker ... with the SAME skills and knowledge... just his title changed. It must be hard though... being all of the people you worked with for so long. Friendships made, etc. Glad to hear that you can fully luxuriate in your MOD too 😃 We DO have our priorities...lol.

I too have no children, and with no work at the moment...I am able to watch to my heart's delight - or at least until my body gives way to sleeping...bl. Which I MUST do soon!

And thank you again. . . for just being you 🙂 Today, 02:37:27 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

And if you need to delete all of this for any reason... I understand and would not be offended or anything 🙂

i know you mentioned something about not wanting it hanging out here before....so I would get it if you needed to 🙂 Today, 02:38:46 - Flag - Like - Reply



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### Merritt

Naw, I'll keep it. I'm never one to delete a compliment. 🐸 I deleted it that last time cause it was one-sided without your reply. It's complete now, and I'mok with it. Today, 02:46:35 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

### Merritt

You know, I did feel a little bad tonight when things got stirred up about Stacey's blog. I didn't realize she is such a lightening rod for controversy. I have been following her blog because I do want to be aware of what she is saying, and I did want to let those who also like to read her posts know that something was "going down." I saw your comment to her and I fear when you first met me you thought I was one of the know-it-alls. I remember the night we had THAT run-in with you and me and James and Jackie. Whew! But, you and I did get over it easily, and I love that you write so much poetry, and I truly do enjoy these owls and the people who post here regularly. Live and learn and then move on. That's my motto. Today, 02:44:32 - Flag - Like - Reply

Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

Merritt - thank you for that. 🙂 You are truly a kindred soul!

I don't even remember that little "run-in"... yikes..sorry. I've never felt that way about you on here at all actually. You have great tact and class when it comes to stating your opinion or disagreeing with others. I for one, tend to get a little passionate (like Stacey) when stating mine...try not to - but it just spills out sometimes. And then I worry that others don't like me for it - I'm working on that. There have been "others" however, that I feel have taken a more bullying tone when it comes to that kind of thing - and sometimes I can see through the "jokes" and slighted humor and it just hurts my feelings, as I know some of it is directed my way for having a difference of opinion.

Today, 03:01:12 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🌉 Merritt

Melanie from Milwaukee, WI 120

> Stacey's post tonight gave me the courage I needed to finally speak up for myself. I felt that it was safe to do it over there versus here... I wouldn't want to carry on to that extreme over here. It wouldn't be fair to others. I know that not everyone on here "likes" me...but that's ok. I am who I am. And I be...who I be. 🙂 I will try to "tone it down" myself, and not let others affect my personal feelings so much.

Today, 03:02:31 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt

Melanie from Milwaukee, WI 100

> My boyfriends always telling me to state my opinion and leave the feelings out of it ... but that is hard for me sometimes. I left here in tears the other day -b/c I felt that I was being cast out of the group because of my feelings about Stacey. Yes...she is a catalyst for controversy. I think people feel passionately about her one way or the other....and of course we all LOVE the owls 🙂

Today, 03:04:13 - Flag - Like - Reply



Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

I'm just happy to have met some great people like yourself on here! And I appreciate you always having a level head about things. You make me smile 😃 I'm am sorry if I've EVER said anything to hurt you or offend. I have good intentions...maybe just need to learn a little more tact. Like you said...Live and Learn and then move one. Love your motto!

Sleep well- and take care! See you to morrow 🙂

#### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

And i have NO idea why my text comes out formatted like that when I copy/paste stuff....with all that "white space"....

Oh well - here's to hoping you can see it all 🙂 Today, 03:08:51 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 💽 Merritt



#### Merritt

Do not ever leave here in tears again! On the other hand, tears are a great stress reliever and you are going through a lot of stress now, and sleep deprivation doesn't help one control one's emotions! So, you cry when you need to, but not because of the people on here. You have plenty of people who love you, agree with you, and enjoy your posts and poetry. Just be glad you don't know the others in real life!

Today, 03:07:12 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Melanie from Milwaukee, WI



#### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

Yes.. I am under a bit of stress. . . AND sleep deprivation - Iol Ӱ So crying every now and again is healthy. . . but I will try not to take things too personally on here from now on. I just want to be able to say my opinion (when appropriate... or when I'm feeling "sparky"), meet great people, watch these beautiful creatures, write some great...and sometimes no-so-great poetry, and be HAPPY doing it all. Thank you so much for your "ears"/eyes tonight.

It truly has lifted my spirits!





#### Merritt Okay!

Today, 02:25:16 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

Did you see it?...i had to do 2 posts again, but sometimes when I copy/paste...I don't think the second part gets in here. I can see it - but can you? Today, 02:30:49 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Merritt

See my reply. It took me a while to write it! Today, 02:31:44 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Melanie from Milwaukee, WI



### storvmom

I wanted to mention my family has been eating a lot of "crockpot" meals lately, as it's so easy to just say... yea, help yourself... it's in the crockpot! Quick and easy and gets me back to my 'puter! Then we stand around the monitor and eat while we scroll thru the different wildlife cams...and watch Molly's kids.... Dinertime - sad state of affairs when I make my family eat from the crockpot, and sit with me to watch owlets!....haha

Today, 02:17:32 - Flag - Like - Reply

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Today, 02:18:23 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Betty 9

I noticed it was missing over at the Africa Animal Cam. Today, 02:20:15 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Alessandra

Forget the crockpot. Throw some raw meat on the table. Let them eat like owls. Today, 02:19:17 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🛃 Melanie from Milwaukee, WI 🧕 Karin



that's funny!!

Today, 02:19:58 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Merritt

Alessandra, were you the one who posted a while ago that you knew you had mod when you threw some steaks on the table for you family without cooking them? That was funny! Today, 02:21:09 - Flag - Like - Reply

L Danley

At least you guys are doing something together right?! Good morning from the ATL Today, 02:19:37 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt 🛒 Storymom



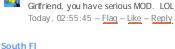
The other night I went to brush my teeth before bed and missed a food drop...ugh! Today, 02:21:06 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u>



## Betty

ThatII teach you to prioritize personal hygiene over owl watching! Today, 02:25:01 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 🛃 Melanie from Milwaukee, WI 🌅 South FI







#17 Today, 02:16:57 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🛃 Melanie from Milwaukee, WI



Night guys. Today, 02:09:39 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t



## Got awfully quiet in here...

Today, 02:08:02 - Flag - Like - Reply

Melanie from Milwaukee, WI



The storm blew over. Let's keep it that way. 🐸

Today, 02:09:30 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🛃 Melanie from Milwaukee, WI



Betty Hey, Melanie! Heard any good jokes lately? 🙂

Today, 02:10:27 - Flag - Like - Reply

Melanie from Milwaukee, WI and the sound of crickets was heard..... 🙂

> (sorry...couldn't come up with anything.) My head is still buzzing from before. And I'm ready to hit the floor. (great now I'm rhyming again...) Today, 02:29:19 - Flag - Like - Reply



Betty

Here's a non-controversial subject:

When you post something, how, why, or who applies the double green lines under some of the words? I had them appear and I sure didn't put them there. Anyone know? Today, 02:05:00 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>

### Merritt

Merritt Hi, Betty. It's some sort of automatic formatting done by the advertisers. None of us do it to ourselves! I'm using Google Chrome, and sometimes words are highlighted, and sometimes they are not. Guess the Chrome filter used for that kind of things works intermittently. Today, 02:08:48 - Flag - Like - Reply



Today, 02:13:00 - Flag - Like - Reply

### birdle gs

I was reading the earlier opinions & I was thinking. If they are worried about the owls falling out, maybe we should all take our birdhouses down 🙂 !

Nature will take it's course whether we put up the house or they build there own.

I think this was very cool of Carlos to put this up. Today, 01:45:11 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Julia 2

Good point well made. This has been a privilage and nature can be cruel, but even if things don't work out how we would like it to, we should be grateful to Carlos for giving us the opportunity to see these amazing birds and be a part of this unique experience. Today, 01:49:59 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 Joyce

#### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI -

But other birds...and barn owls fledge differently. Owls are not equipped to just "fly out" like some other birds species. Yes..nature WILL take its course, but it has been past "nature" experience that if an owlet falls out and cannot climb back up - the parent usually will ignore it and continue to feed the other owlets in the box.

Here's to hoping that DOESN'T happen. I'mhoping Carlos's set up is everything he says it is. 🙂 Today, 01:51:21 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI WOW...it's going to be one big .pdf file tonight!

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### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

Do you think they might surpass their record of 17? I'm thinking YES! 🙂 Today, 01:35:36 - Flag - Like - Reply



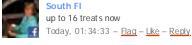
#### South FI

I seem to wonder if M&M know they only brought in smaller treats unlike last night with 4 rabbits and they know the owlets need more food Today, 01:38:14 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Vickie I bet your right. One rabbit = several mice!

Today, 02:10:07 - Flag - Like - Reply



# Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

A lone soldier...

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Today, 01:29:57 - Flag - Like - Reply



South FI 15 treats so far Today, 01:28:44 - Flag - Like - Reply



Merritt All on the small side compared to a rabbit. They are working hard for the money tonight Today, 01:31:10 - Flag - Like - Reply



South FI it was smaller than the previous delivery which could have been a rat or gopher Today, 01:27:28 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI Meanwhile... in the other cams....

(Screech Owl) (Squirrel)



PICTURES

South FI



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Nate Even if the owls are not doing anything the drama that is in the comments keeps me entertained. 🙂 😮 😁 Today, 01:23:40 <u>- Flag</u> - <u>Unlike</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 📃 You 🌉 Merritt Merritt Č. Controversial Posts and blogs and opnions entertain us all Haiku! Today, 01:26:50 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Allelissa Storymom Melanie from Milwaukee, WI Merritt É.



## Nate

Were all a little tired. 🙂 Today, 01:31:05 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt



South FI another drop Today, 01:18:01 - Flag - Like - Reply



Nate Whats happening???? Today, 01: 17:58 - Flag - Like - Reply

Today, 01:17:18 - Flag - Like - Reply



jeri

more food just brought in Today, 01:19:04 - Flag - Like - Reply

My pillow and blanky are calling my name, g'nite to all.



# Storymom

Liked by 🌉 Merritt

Having just read stacy's blog, and reading back a few entries also .... it seems she is mostly upset at the owl box designer and distributor. I've been a "birder" for more than 20 years, and have been watching Eagle Cams and other Owl cams for a couple of years now. We live on 3 acres of wooded land with nesting owls, pilated woodpeckers and many songbirds. Ive known about this problem of owlets sometimes falling out of trees, landing ker-plop on the forest floor among the moss, sticks and pinecones, and then if not injured...making their way up the tree again by digging their talons & beaks in, like a parrot! It's crossed my mind before...how are these owlets going to do that using that pole?? (that is IF, one of them falls) Carlos seems to be trying to address that problem and I for one am cheering his efforts on....my 2 cents.. Today, 01:06:46 - Flag - Like - Reply

Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 🙎 Shari Cekalovich 🌉 Melanie from Milwaukee, WI 🙎 Anita Barnes 🙏 jeri 🙎 2 Guests



### Storymom

pileated, I mean....nighttime spelling....ergggg Today, 01:08:29 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt

#### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI -

And even the website Barn Owl Trust (which has been sited and well respected for information on other owl things around this chat) speaks to the design of the owl box and how one on a pole REALLY isn't the most ideal set-up. I agree that Carlos has really made efforts in trying to remedy the original setup...and I'm thinking it should be ok. That tree is pretty close and I think they could climb back up. If an owlet is left on the ground, however, and

unable to get back up...it would be most likely that the parents would ignore it and continue to feed the owlets in the box....and THAT would be sad. 🙁 Today, 01:15:42 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

Melanie from Milwaukee, wi And yes...her concern in previous posts...isn't with Carlos/Donna, etc....it's with the box designers and distributors. And her challenge was to them

Her most recent "rant" posting, was in defense of her character/profession as a scientist/biologist.... and that I know was in response to Carlos saying that she has only worked with captive owls, which is untrue.

Today, 01:17:29 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🔎 Anita Barnes



### Alessandra

Well I'msorry that you think that predicting that something is going to happen is hateful, but its based on experience with such matters. I have seen it happen before. The babies are going to come out that door, not be able to control their bodies yet, and at least one of themis going to go down. And Carlos has already stated he will not rescue it. That its just "nature." Its not just nature, its an artificial situation that he has created and put them into, and I think its hateful that he has said he will not save the owls from the unnatural place he put them. Today, 01:01:35 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>

### Anita Barnes

I don't think Carlos will be able to help himself is a baby fell and was hurt. He loves these owls. Even if he sas he will not interfere, he won't be able not to.

Today, 01:02:57 - Flag - Like - Reply



From what I understand the owls chose this box to nest in. Aren't they discerning enough, through instinct, to know what is a safe or unsafe nest? Today, 01:06:14 - Flag - Like - Reply



Jeri- I think owls just look for a good hole to lay eggs inside, and don't think ahead to what will happin at fledging Today, 01:11:05 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

And I'msure if Carlos doesn't intervene...as he says he won't. Someone will. With over 10 million people having seen this? Believe me...someone will be calling someone...and the proper wildlife people would step in and rescue. It's a federally protected bird for goodness sake...they wouldn't let one of them just die. And Carlos would have to step aside and let them handle that.

But I hope...that everything will all work out...Carlos does have a pretty good setup - even if it isn't all that natural... Today, 01:12:48 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Anita Barnes

he put the perch up, and he did not have to. He's a closet worrywort. Today, 01:03:47 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Alessandra

What color is the sky in la la land? Just curious. Today, 01:06:42 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Anita Barnes

What's the problem? We are agreing with you, and we are worried as well. But this is up to Carlos as to how to adress the situation. Today, 01:09:00 - Flag - Like - Reply



Merritt I told this story before and thought I would share it again: I have a friend who grew up on a farm. I was telling her about this website and the controversy of the nest box on a steel pole with no way for the fledglings to get back up. She said they always had a barn owl nest in one of their metal barn buildings. It nested on a steel girder, and when the owlets fledged, they fitted down onto the tractor equipment, and hid among the tools and tires stacked against the wall. It wasn't until they could fly, after spending several days hiding in the barn, that they would fly back up to the nest. So, maybe these owlets will hide in Carlos's yard if they can't get back in the box. They should still be ok if they make it down safely enough.

Today, 01:05:01 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🧕 Karin 🐖 Storymom

#### Shari Cekalovich

we all know that Carlos would be out there as fast as he could be if that happened!! He does care about those owls!!! They are his and Donna babies.

\* Today, 01:13:15 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Wendy Lattimer



#### Wendy Lattimer

It sounds like you have a love for animals. I do too. Carlos has created knowledge for the world, and a home for this wonderful family. If one fails to the ground it will be horrific to us all!!! And in my opinion, I think Carlos or Donna would try to help it. In that case you should be happy because Carlos and Donna arent watching over evey owl nest!! Consider this one blessed!! AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE! If you can't handle it...then dont watch. I say all this with respect.

Today, 01:13:41 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

### Alessandra

#### Live Owl Nest Box Cam

I have been watching it, and I have been listening to Carlos, and he has said repeatedly that he will not interfere no matter what happens. Now you may think that he is lying, but I take people at their word, until they prove otherwise. I respect him enough to believe he means what he says. Do you? Today, 01:17:12 - Flag - Like - Reply

# Anita Barnes

He put up the porch AND the perch. Now he says he did that for the worryworts who were bugging him. After he said he would not do anything. COME ON! Isn't it obvious he is a closet worrywort?? he won't be able to help himself if a baby was hurt. He would help it and say he did it because of the worryworts.

Today, 01:20:37 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🤵 Shari Cekalovich

#### Shari Cekalovich

I completely agree with you anita, Carlos is not coldhearted, lets not try to make this wonderful experience into something it's not Today, 01:26:37 - Flag - Like - Reply



Merritt

Well, I'd like to now report Stacey has completely changed her blog. Deleted the angry posts, now back to be even keeled.

Mary Danielle Seif, letting people know that there's a new blog post is not gossiping. There are people in this chatroom who follow Stacey O'Brien and who would have wanted to know she had a new post before it disappeared, which is has,

And if you took offense to my use of the word "hissy," you may choose to describe her tone in that now-deleted blog post any way you wish. Everyone is entitled to their opinion indeed

Today, 01:00:26 - Flag - Like - Reply

Liked by 🎆 Melanie from Milwaukee, WI 🔎 Anita Barnes 🦺 jeri 🔎 Joyce

#### **James Hill**

I'm sure there were copies of that posting archived. Google may have cached it already. If not then I know several folks who probably have PDFs in hand as we type. There is an important lesson here, and that is to never, ever, ever put anything on the internet unless you're completely comfortable with that something being stored/shared in perpetuity by thousands. There is no edit button on a blog that will ever save you from such mistakes. Today, 01:07:10 - Like - Reply - Delete Liked by 🜉 Merritt 🧸 jeri 🔎 homeschoolnc

#### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

Melanie from Milwaukee, WI I don't think she's looking to be "saved"....it's her blog. She knows what she's doing....and I personally, think she should have left it up there. Today, 01:19:22 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

Thank you for that even-keeled (is that a word even...lo)) and calmapproach to that. And thank you (even though I don't think we agree with our opinions of Stacey) for sharing this information.... I amone of those that would have wanted to see it before it disappeared.

So thank you... again, Merrit t! 🙂 No hard feelings... I'm just tryin to stay afloat with my opinions along with the rest of them. But thank you for realizing and pointing out that it's OK...to have them 🙂...and we're still good people 🙂 Today, 01:09:51 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt

### Alessandra

You aren't going to appreciate it when one or more owlets fall to the ground and die there. Just wait. Today, 00:51:41 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>

### Wendy Lattimer

You are right because seeing a living thing hurt is not soemthing we as humans appreaciate. The fact that you are telling us to wait for it is just hateful. Today, 00:58:19 - Flag - Like - Reply



I can't believe you just said that! Today, 00:59:27 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Anita Barnes

No one wants to see that, but we are all aware fledging and branching are perilous times for owls. Today, 01:01:25 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



#### Wendy Lattimer

People will have thier opinions. Stacey has hers, although I don't agree, It is what it is: her opinion. I have an opinion and so do you 💛 We are not going to change hers and she will not change ours. I just appreciate this opportunity to see nature before my eyes, and converse with with all the happy and lovely

## people here 🙂

Today, 00:46:44 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🔎 Shari Cekalovich 📼 Cheryl Greenway Owen 📓 Merritt 🧸 jeri 🔎 Joyce 🔎 Guest

# Anita Barnes

Just be sure to read the whole blog, not just one entry, beofre forming an opinion. I don't agree with everything Stacy says, but I'd sure have gotten the wrong opinion of her if I had just read that angry rant.

Today, 00:48:33 – Flag – Like – <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🌉 Merritt 🞆 Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

– Flag – Like – Reply



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Melanie from Milwaukee, WI We lanie from Muwauke of the "will all of us"..."should be WITH all of us" Today, 00:56:20 - Flag - Like - Reply



Can not seem to get to the blog...or Stade's comments. Where is t? Can we just all enjoy?

Hope so!! Today, 00:45:36 - Flag - Like - Reply

| 44 | Melanie from Milwaukee, WI                              |
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|    | http://wesleytheowl.blogspot.com                        |
|    | Today, 00:50:24 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Re</u> |



jeri owls know their science better than anyone else complete with 'beak'ers Today, 00: 43:22 – Flag – Unike – Reply Liked by Vou Melissa Cheryl Greenway Owen Reference from Milwaukee, WI



"complete with 'beak'ers" - very nice! 😃 🙂 Today, 00:44:44 - Like - Reply - Delete Liked by Merritt



Oh, Jeril You outdid yourself on that one! Very clever. Good job! Today, 00:45:01 - Flag - Like - Reply

jeri When the subject material presents itself, the true poet must act! LOL Today, 00:46:33 – Flag – Unlike – Reply Liked by \_\_\_\_You 🌉 Merritt



Mary Danielle Seif

Oh for....this is a fun webcam. Nothing more. No drama PLEASE. This is the last place that needs it. Today, 00:40:14 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

It isn't drama. People are allowed...and have before, to post their opinions on what is happening. Today, 00:42:45 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Mary Danielle Seif

Mary Danielle Seif It's drama if people are gossiping and saying people are throwing "hissy fits". XD I just want to watch cute owl babies and occasionally read a nice haiku. Today, 00:44:32 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

I never said "hissy fit"... and I'm just trying to be a voice (as their aren't many on this chat) for Stacey O'Brien, as she cannot see this feed, and I know she is getting misrepresented sometimes. Today, 00:48:29 - Flag - Like - Reply



### For sure, Mary. It's about the owls, period. $\stackrel{\odot}{ up}$ Today, 00:44:46 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

Ok - all of you who are saying that Stacey (via her blog) is voicing her feelings...and not straight objective scientific information. It's. A. Blog.

It's HER blog - and she can use that as a platform in anyway she desires. A blog (most blogs) by their very nature are meant to be a platform for someone's opinion, etc. It isn't meant to be strictly informational or scientific. . Today, 00:34:48 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u>



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### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

She IS a scientist and HAS worked with wild owls for over 20 years. Her research and knowledge isn't just from living with one for 19. That is a different (yet, very relevant) part of her life with owls.

She is NOT trying to "slam" Carlos in what she is saying ... she is in fact, standing up for herself and her character, which she is saying that Carlos has said on many occasion via the feed, that she hasn't worked with wild owls...therefore having no expertise.

Today, 00:35:16 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 Anita Barnes

### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

I'm sorry, but watching ONE owl box, one clutch....does not make him or anyone else an expert. She IS the expert. She has studied/researched almost 100 wild owls boxes in her lifetime. I think she has a one up on the information .... just sayin.

And her blog?...that is not the place to find her research sources. She is a human ...with emotions and when someone starts claiming things that are incorrect about her character or her profession ... I'm sure that affects her, and HER blog is the perfect place to vent that.

I stand by my opinion. I hope others aren't afraid to speak up on her behalf.

Today, 00:35:39 - Flag - Like - Reply



Janan

Where is her blog? Today, 00:36:55 - Flag - Like - Reply



http://wesleytheowl.blogspot.com

Today, 00:38:35 - Flag - Like - Reply

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I left her a comment earlier. Today, 00:38:53 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

# Anita Barnes

She is just frustrated and angry and very passionate about barn owls. I also wish aCarlos would contact professional raptor people and get some advice since he is planning on putting up owl boxes all over San Marcos. If not Stacy, then Skyhunters or someone else. It's important to do it right. Today, 00:37:49 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Melanie from Milwaukee, WI



Storymom

oh my gosh... what have I wandered into on this late night?? Today, 00: 32:59 - Flag - Like - Reply



Howdy. Stacey O'Brien wrote quite the blog tonight. The lady threw a little hissy fit! Want me to give you the link? Today, 00:34:02 - Flag - Like - Reply



throw me a link....yah sure.... Today, 00:35:24 - Flag - Like - Reply



http://wesleytheowl.blogspot.com

Today, 00:38:23 - Flag - Like - Reply



### **Story mom** got it, thanks 🙂

**Story mom** 

Today, 00:42:42 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💐 Merritt

### Merritt

Unless of course you mean the screeching of the owlets. That's because they just got a treat and evidently expect some more real soon! Today, 00:35:37 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Storymom

no, I meant the feeling like I had just walked into my high school debate class.... 😮 Today, 00:40:03 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt



### Storymom

I meant that in a good way....the debate remark...anyway...can I find a link if I go "scrolling"? Today, 00:41:34 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt



### Janan

Something very special! Today, 00:34:58 - Flag - Like - Reply



James, so far the only thing I have for Latrippi's summary is your post about how to tell McGee form Molly. Any thing else so far you think worthy of mentioning?

Today, 00:30:44 - Flag - Like - Reply

### James Hill

Well, let's see. There's always a good return on drama. Everyone loves a thriller. 🙂

Other than that and the funny stuff, I think it's been a pretty average night. Today, 00:35:50 - Like - Reply - Delete Liked by Merritt



Jeri Are Molly and McGee bringing live prey yet? Today, 00:30:08 - Flag - Like - Reply



Not that we know of. Today, 00:30:55 - Flag - Like - Reply



### James Hill

For anyone interested in what Stacey has to say, she is in Carlos' chat roomright now. I captured just a couple snips before I got knocked off the connection.

11:51 greywitch: Owlsrock, I had a pet rooster when I was little

11:51 staceyobrien\_wesley: Words like "Scientists have never worked w/ wild owls" is a statement htat I have recordings and postings of Carlos saying over and over again and it needs to stop. That's all.

11:52 ZBIRD: How do I find Stacey 's blog?

11:52 tazslab: Great focus, owls! Today, 00: 12:42 - Like - Reply - Delete

### James Hill

11:54 greywitch: Incoming--finally!--hooray

11:54 stace yobrien\_wesley: Ufortunately it has been a public declaration not a private one and it will be involving Caltech and my publisher if I don't get it to stop. I'm actually trying to protect Carlos, ok

11:54 noralee: i know everyone just wants what is best for the owls. maybe stacey can teach us somethings.

11:54 AZnester: I agree with ruthr...I have only heard carlos say he is learning along with the rest of us. I guess I assumed he was contacting experts all along...esp. regarding the perch, etc.

Today, 00:13:05 - Like - Reply - Delete

#### **James Hill**

12:11 nyokie66: telita, if this type of talking continues, I'd turn it off in a split second.

12:11 stace yobrien\_wesley: I am not threatening a lawsuit. My publisher is going to advise me about how to handle the claim that none of us, including me, have worked w/ wild owls.

12:11 STO RMSA HEAD: what was the most treats anyone here as seen these guys get in one night

12:11 cuteduck: who mentioned not knowing what that sound was before?  $\ldots$ 

Today, 00:21:42 - Like - Reply - Delete

#### **James Hill**

12:13 maggieram: Stacey: thank you for clarifying...

12:13 cdTheRaptor: Linda are you still here?

12:13 rob12ab: this is friendly

12:13 staceyobrien\_wesley: If you were a brain surgeon and someone w/ a huge audience talking about brains, said that brain surgeons have never done brain surgery, you'd seek advice. Esp i you had a book a bout your life as a b

12:13 gbnll: souns like she shouldnt have come here in the first place

12:13 NoodleMama: holy moly!!! it's not about lawsuits, it's about owls!!! We have a generous host, and we have an expert ... what's the problem?????

12:13 bbdiva: Enough guys! This is NOT the place to put down Carlos. If you have a problem with him, PM him. The whole chat room doesn't need to hearit.

Today, 00:24:22 - Like - Reply - Delete Liked by Merritt



#### James Hill

12:14 gbnll: I prefer carlos to Stacey Iol 12:14 stace yobrien\_wesley: It's not th place to put down scientist, either. 12:14 paulwillem: i wonder if the owls will react if there's an earthquake? 12:14 berluv: there shoul dnot be any grief there has not been any reason for grief so 12:14 ahalfpint: evenin' all 12:14 DandiLion: hold on - let me redo for you Italian 12:14 Owlsrock: there was one paul 12:15 bbdiva: Stacey, we get it. Now enough please. Lets get back to talking about the owls 12:15 ahalfpint: how is everyone this evening..... happy and fluffy and enjoying the show UToday, 00:31:24 - Like - Reply - Delete

#### James Hill

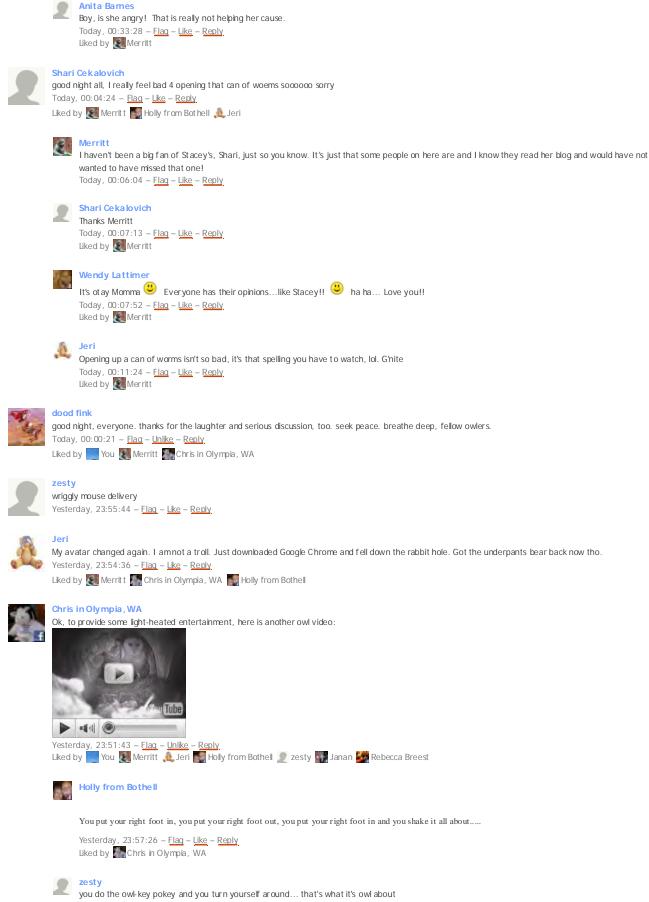
last log entry - I'mgoing to my happy and fluffy bed, y'owl.

But I think there lies some true intentions beyond the muddled madness...... Today, 00:33:03 - Like - Reply - Delete

#### Jeri 11

Wow. She IS carrying this to an extreme I'm sorry to say. It's a shame. I think you guys had it right and I walked into something I didn't understand. mea culpa!

Today, 00:37:30 - Flag - Like - Reply



Today, 00:00:07 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Kolly fromBothel



Jeri OMG, it almost looks like a Disney production, Iol. So cute! Yesterday, 23:57:46 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Merritt Ê.

That was quite the cacophony, listening to Molly's owlets and those on the video at the same time! Too funny. Yesterda<u>y, 2</u>3:59:32 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Ehris in Olympia, WA Zesty 🎄 Jeri

### Chris in Olympia, WA

Finally the daughter is done with homework! Well, it gave me an excuse to watch the owls. 🥮 Late night here (midnight) and we get up at 5:30!! Today, 00:02:50 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt



|           | Wendy Lattimer         Thank you for the link earlier Chris         Today, 00:24:51 - Flag - Like - Reply  |
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| 38.       | Christina Sigvertsen Podvin<br>I must exit stage left. However, I will be tempted back for a peek before I sleep. I hope I don't miss sumpin' big! Good night to owl!<br>Yesterday, 23:37:31 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Unlke</u> – <u>Reply</u><br>Liked by vou vou Totem Marritt   |
|           | Owl Totem         Me too-I'll go right so we don't bump!          Yesterday, 23:39:48 - Flag - Like - Reply         Liked by Christina Sigvertsen Podvin Merrit t  |
| <b>19</b> | Teneal Pardue         Looks like an active night!         Yesterday, 23:32:07 - Flag - Like - Reply         Liked by Owl Totem   |
|           | James Hill<br>So active that I didn't even see you sneak in.<br>Yesterday, 23:52:53 – Like – Reply – Delete  |
| Sur H     | <mark>Kelly Warren</mark><br>Good nigh owl of you, see you tomorow<br>Yesterday, 23:25:33 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u><br>Liked by  Merrit t  Chris in Olympia, WA ∭ Christina Sigvertsen Podvin <i>2</i> Sansa  |
|           | Owl Totem         Good night!         Yesterday, 23:26:19 - Flag - Like - Reply  |
| 4         | Lorri<br>Okay, eight's my lucky numberI'm outta here. Goodhight, owls!<br>And thanks for everything.   |
|           | Yesterday, 23:24:57 – Flag – Unike – Reply<br>Liked by You Warren Merritt McChris in Olympia, WA McChristina Sigvertsen Podvin adood fink  |
|           | Owl Totem<br>nighty night<br>Yesterday, 23:26:33 – Flag – Like – Reply   |
|           | Kathryn R         Well I have an 8 hour training class to attend tomorrow. Sorry about starting another post about the blog, I missed the earlier replies whilst reading. Gright!         Each day brings something new!         Yesterday, 23:24:35 - Flag - Like - Reply         Liked by Warren Werritt Warren Werritt Wertstina Sigvertsen Podvin Wertsten Sansa |
|           | Owl Totem         Good night-we all love and forgive here.         Yesterday, 23:25:59 – Flag – Like – Reply         Liked by Chris in Olympia, WA   |
|           | Lorri<br>Goodnight, Kathryn!<br>Yesterday, 23:27:49 – Flag – Like – Reply  |
|           | Sansa<br>Good night, I am off too! As for each day bringing something new, they will probably have another huge growth spurt overnight!  |
|           | <mark>licsgirl311</mark><br>Can't we owl just get along? haha<br>Yesterday, 23:19:14 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u><br>Liked by Lorri 2 Sansa  |
|           | Owl Totem         LOL, really it is friendly discussion. Isn't it?         Yesterday, 23:21:30 - Flag - Like - Reply         Liked by Merritt For Bothell Chris in Olympia, WA   |
|           | licsgirl311<br>I hope so. They are all so beautiful and sweet. My boyfriend (and all friends for that matter) make fun of me for spending time on here. They are so magnificent I cannot help myself from sneaking a peek all hours of the day!!!<br>Yesterday, 23:30:06 - Flag - Like - Reply   |
|           | Owl Totem         Join the club!         Yesterday, 23:34:02 - Flag - Like - Reply   |
| 5         | dave the buzzard man 'V'<br>Need to go. See you "owl" tomorrow. 😇  |
|           | Yesterday, 23:18:27 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Unlike</u> – <u>Reply</u><br>Liked by 🔜 You 🌉 Merritt 📷 Owl Totem 🌉 Chris in Olympia, WA 🚮 Christina Sigvertsen Podvin 🤎 Sansa  |



### Does Max get most of it or do the others get to share in what's brought? Yesterday, 23:15:34 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### **Owl Totem**

I believe they all (owl) get their share. Yesterday, 23:25:06 - Flag - Like - Reply

### susan

First time I've seen Molly and McGee bringing food at night. The little ones sure get excited! Yesterday, 23:13:17 - Flag - Like - Reply



Kathryn R OK, so I read Stacey's blog too, and read the blog just below it. She's not really dissing Carlos that much, she in fact realizes he's been triving to correct his mistakes. Read the blog below, to get a bigger picture of it all. Quite interesting. Yesterday, 23:11:39 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 🛃 Kelly Warren 🎬 Lorri 🎆 Melanie from Milwaukee, WI



### **Owl Totem**

See below. She is still couching her comments and her feelings (do scientsts include feelings in their work?) are clear. No offense meant by me. Just a feeling.

Yesterday, 23:15:56 - Flag - Unlike - Reply Liked by 🔛 You 🧱 Kelly Warren 👤 Shari Cekalovich

# Chris in Olympia, WA

The one at the top is the most recent and she is pretty mad. I agree with James. That is not a commentary written by an objective and professional person. It is someone who is very angry. While she might feel that way, nothing like that would ever make its way into a professional journalor posting site. She should have written it to get it out of her system and then thrown it away, and then written something more dispassionate if she wanted to be heard and respected.

Yesterday, 23:16:28 - Flag - Unlike - Reply

Liked by 🌉 You 🌉 Owl Totem 🌉 Kathryn R 📓 dave the buzzard man 'V' 🌉 Merritt And 5 more

### Holly from Bothell

I just finished reading the blog. I totally agree with you Chris. It was my exact thought that this is an angry letter and not professional at all. Usually people who go on and on like this are lacking in one or more areas and ranting and raving seem to be their therapy. As far as her comment about Owls being around for 'oh 100 million years', I tried to look it up and only found this from Wikipedia which is not the best source of info but it said in short:

Yesterday, 23:23:23 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 AZGuest

### Holly from Bothell

The Paleocene genera Berruornis and Ogygoptynx show that owls were already present as a distinct lineage some 60-58 mya (million years ago), and presumably also some 5 million years earlier, at the extinction of the non-avian dinosaurs. This makes them one of the oldest known groups of non-Galloanserae landbirds.

I think I have just proven myself to be lacking in one or more areas by ranting and raving here but I am amongst friends....

Yesterday, 23:23:33 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🕌 Lorri

#### Holly from Bothell

And case in point, I ranted too long, I had exceeded my allotment in the written word, therefore I had to post two separate posts. I stand in shame... (a)

Yesterday, 23:26:42 - Flag - Like - Reply



I totally agree with you Chris. Yesterday, 23:26:00 - Flag - Like - Reply

### **AZGuest**

She has since posted at 11:27 pmtonight talking about contacting her publisher and about legal counsel, etc. Today, 00:03:23 – <u>Flaq</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u>

#### Lorri 1

I agree with you Kathryn, she's upset because there are lots of owlets that are injured or die because of owl boxes put up in places they don't belong. Carlos has done a great deal to mitigate the possibilities of this sort of thing happening, and I think she really respects that. You can't blame a person for getting angry when she's tired. God knows we've all done that, scientist or no. And it made me want to learn more about the British ow boxes. And for the record, I ve learned so much on this site, I'm totally grateful for it and for Sportsmans Paradise and for Carlos and Donna....wow, I think I just heard one of the owlets horking something up, time to stop writing P

Yesterday, 23:21:42 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Owl Totem Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

#### Sansa 7

I actually agree with both you and Chris, if that makes sense. She wasn't dissing Carlos so much as she was about the box people. I just think that was ranting that should have been tossed, like what Chris said. Yesterday, 23:31:27 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Chris in Olympia, WA

I can recognize those kinds of rants because I have a tendency to do the same thing. 🙁 I try really hard to calm down BEFORE putting anything in writing that anyone else will ever see. 😬 I am not always successful either, but I also don't have a public blog. It makes the other person (or

people) more likely to hear what you have to say if you process all the hurt and anger first and then write an objective analysis, even if you are frustrated and have a right to be. She may have lots of good points, but the posting just does not strike me as something as scientist should post for public view in their role as a scientist anyway. Yesterday, 23:40:55 - Flag - Unlike - F

Liked by 🔽 You 🧶 AZGuest 🤱 Jeri 🌉 Merritt

### jeri

I'm a nurse. I get that kind of treatment all the time from people who don't know what they are taking about, yet believe they know more than I do. It's very frustrating to have someone ask me for nursing advice and as soon as I give it they are already coming up with excuses for why they can't do it. I don't like to be disparaged any more than she does. Does she need a consensus on what she can post? I know people feel protective of Carlos, but I'm sure he's a big boy and can look after himself. She posted it, it's done; what can you do? Yesterday, 23:44:19 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🛃 Melanie from Milwaukee, WI 🌉 Merritt

# Chris in Olympia, WA

No one is suggesting to do anything. We can have an opinion on what she wrote, just as she is free to write it. Scientists always talk about science being rational and objective. In this case, her communication was not done in a scientific manner. I know if I posted something like that in my professional capacity, I would lose clients left and right. It can't be changed (unless she chose to remove the blog), but I can say that it does not increase my respect for her in her professional capacity.

Yesterday, 23:57:10 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



## Anita Barnes

You could tell her how you feel. I agree it's not very professional, and she wants badly to be taken seriously. You guys should leave her some comments.

Today, 00:00:25 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Chris in Olympia, WA



Oh, Chris, I understand. I get what and why she wrote what she did. And I also understand why people are upset. But it's out there and it's her responsibility. I wasn't suggesting that you 'do' something, only that it's out there and nothing can be done about it unless she chooses to. Anyway, I'm a

latecomer to the discussion and will keep my thoughts and comments on the dl for now.  $\stackrel{(\textcircled{})}{\ominus}$ Today, 00:23:22 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

WELL said Jeri 🙂 Today, 01:31:35 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### Wendy Lattimer

the owls are flying thru the night it's Molly, it's McGee protectiong and feeding their babies with all of their might!

Courtesy of My Mom Shari...love you Momma!!

Yesterday, 23:09:52 – Flag – Lke – Reply Liked by 👿 Owl Totem 👿 Kathryn R 🛃 Kelly Warren 🦺 jeri 関 Merritt 🔎 Guest

Shari Cekalovich love you too sweetie 🐸 Yesterday, 23:12:17 - Flag - Like - Reply



It is beautiful Momma and It was my pleasure to post it for you 🙂 Yesterday, 23:17:32 - Flag - Like - Reply



## licsairl311

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i know this has probably been answered before but will Molly move back into the box when all her boys leave? Yesterday, 23:08:56 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### **Owl Totem** 32



She or one of the owlets may return I have heard. Yesterday, 23:38:31 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Shari Cekalovich

read Staceys blog, not impressed, Carlos has done us alla favor with this and I do not approve of her slamming him like that 😫 Yesterday, 23:05:24 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 Joyce 🕎 Owl Totem 👤 AZGuest



you must not have read the whole thing, or the blog that came before it. Yesterday, 23:10:21 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### **Owl Totem** 3

I know what you mean having read it all but really not professional as James mentioned. Her meaning of the Owl Box is clear. Yesterday, 23:13:19 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Chris in Olympia, WA



I will admit that I didn't read it all, but it angered me and I didn't want to go on, I agree not very professional! Yesterday, 23:18:30 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Sansa

Sansa I just read it too, and I can say that Carlos' box has done so much to make people aware of owls and how they live. This view has probably changed is a view of the second seco some of the ways that people feel about wildlife and maybe even changed their lives in some way. I know it has affected me greatly, in a very positive way. I am not a scientist, and I appreciate that I get to have this view of something so lovely, of mother nature at work that only scientists who have devoted their lives to were able to witness before. I don't find it as entertainment as was kind of implied. I find this one of the greatest learning experiences of my life. I won't be buying an owl box, I am just glad to have this opportunity that 20 years ago would have been impossible to witness. I am a better person because of it.

Yesterday, 23:15:30 – Flag – Unike – Reply Liked by Vou W dave the buzzard man 'V 2 Shari Cekalovich W Owl Totem 2 AZGuest

Joyce I agree that this has been a learning experience for me as well. I will never complain about the owls in my trees again. Did not realize that they eliminated so much of the rodent population. I have had problems with a neighbor shooting squirrels in a pecan tree in my yard. I enjoy watching them and especially when they come out on a limb barking at us. Had removed pecans from a wheelbarrow planter and the squirrel came out on a limb within a few inches from my face and let me know what he thought of it.  ${}^{\textcircled{9}}$ 

Yesterday, 23:33:26 - Flag - Like - Reply



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### Wendy Lattimer

How do I get to Staceys blog? Yesterday, 23:15:54 - Flag - Like - Reply

### Chris in Olympia, WA

http://wesleytheowl.blogspot.com Yesterday, 23:17:59 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Kelly Warren



### Kelly Warren go down and Merritt has it posted

Yesterday, 23:19:46 - Flag - Like - Reply



## Kelly Warren

Kelly Warren She does not slamCarlos, she says he is innocent in all this and is trying to improve the situation Yesterday, 23:21:26 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 📓 Lorri 🎆 Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

AZGuest She does talk about him profiting from the experience by the items that are available to buy & also about donations. She talks about him not having an expert or a scientist on this subject (Barn Owls) right there with him viewing the live feed videos to help explain what is going on or teach everyone about the owls. Carlos has said many times that he is "not an owlexpert" that he just did this for friends and family. She also slams him in saying that she "met" Carlos at a fundraiser and he did not have the time of day for her as he was busy trying to be a celebrity or something to that effect. In my opinion, she is in fact slamming him in so many ways. I have just pointed out a few here. Yesterday, 23:41:12 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Anita Barnes

Also, that was not Stacy who met him at a fund raiser. That part was in a comment someone else had posted about her blog entry. Yesterday, 23:43:34 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

# AZGuest

She forgot to mention that her book has a link at the top of this page above the live feed to advertise it and if you click on it, you are immediately directed to Amazom com so you can order it. She is a sense is profiting from this experience the Royals and Live Stream are providing to all of us. I am saddened that this person is so bothered by what Carlos has done. I am sure nature will take its course and that Molly & McGee will be there to help their owlets. I would definitely not order her book now. I had never really checked out the link above until after reading her blog and seeing that gains to profit from this experience herself.

Yesterday, 23:35:36 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Anita Barnes 2

Stacy did not put that link there. the owner of Sportsmans Paradise put it there. I doubt Stacy even knows about it.

Yesterday, 23:38:35 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🛃 Melanie from Milwaukee, WI

# AZGuest

I amsure she knows about it because she mentions that she goes in the chat room and read people's posts. She would totally know about it since she is so fired up about this whole experience provided by Carlos. I amsure she is on this chat way more than any of us know and also the other chat rooms. Too bad she does. She should have written her blog more professionally and not vented using her blog in my opinion. Someone is paying for the ad on this page - could be Amazon or could be her. Doubt the Live Streampeople are putting it up out of the kindness of their heart alone. JMO.. Yesterday, 23:49:30 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Chris in Olympia, WA

All that noise reminded me of this poem that was saved on Molly the Barn Owl's Facebook page

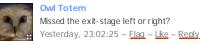
Molly and McGee's Song (to the tune of the old jumprope song we sang as children) By Susan Hatfield Yawn

Molly and McGee sitting in a tree, H-I-S-S-I-N-G. First comes eggs, then comes Max, Then comes McGee with rodent snacks.

Next comes little Pattison, as cute as he can be, Then comes the adorable Austin and little Wesley. We have all enjoyed the time you've given us to share, Thank you Carlos, and Donna too, You are quite a very nice pair. Yesterday, 23:03:38 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🛐 Christina Sigvertsen Podvin 💽 Owl Totem 🤎 Shari Cekalovich 🎆 Kelly Warren



Haha, I love this! Yesterday, 23:12:03 - Flag - Like - Reply



**James Hill** 



### **Owl Totem**

I thought so it was that quick-you know what that means. Yesterday, 23:07:54 - Flag - Like - Reply



James Hill Did someone call for a drama queen? Again tonight? Boy, this is becoming routine!



Special note: If you haven't seen this video, double click the video here and go watch it in large size on youtube It's worth it.

Yesterday, 22:58:45 – Like – <u>Reply</u> – <u>Delete</u> Liked by 🎆 Chris in Olympia, WA 🌄 Holly from Bothell 🔎 jeri



never get tired of this video. 🙂 Yesterday, 23:00:14 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Chris in Olympia, WA Strictina Sigvertsen Podvin



#### Christina Sigvertsen Podvin

Dave (Buzzard Man), I am glad to hear your Dachshund is so old. Ours is 14 1/2 and we always wonder if we are on borrowed time. She and her predecessor have/had been so much fun that we will go dachshund again. Love their bowlegged swagger. Yesterday, 22:56:12 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🔤 buzzard man 'V

Lorri Oh give me a home

Where the bunnies still roam Where the rats and the rodents all play, Where seldom is heard A discouraging word But the owlets are squawkin' away!

Not a Horku! But sumpin'..... 🙂 Yesterday, 22:53:54 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🖉 Sugapea 🜆 Christina Sigvertsen Podvin 🌉 Merritt 🕎 Owl Totem 🔎 Dawn R And 4 more



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Didn't it seem like Molly purposely gave that treat to the 'look-out owlet' at the door? Yesterday, 22:52:07 - Flag - Like - Reply

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|-----------|---|
| Yester    | R<br>w that I finally saw something I really have to go!<br>day, 22:51:45 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u><br>buzzard man 'V  |
| 1         | Lorri<br>Night, Dawn! (I still like writing that 🙂 )<br>Yesterday, 22:55:07 – Flag – Like – Reply<br>Liked by 🖉 Dawn R 🚮 Christina Sigvertsen Podvin 🖉 Sue  |
| 2         | Dawn R<br>Funny! Ok now I'm really going!<br>Yesterday, 22:58:33 – Flag – Like – Reply  |
| Reade     | tt<br>ose of you ready Stacey O'Brien's blog, you might want to check this out. In it she says she might remove this particular blog post. She really lets bose in.<br>r beware.<br>wesleytheowi.blogspot.com   |
|           | day, 22:50:08 – Flag – Like – Reply<br>ny 🜉 Kathryn R 🞽 Lorri   |
| 07        | Owl Totem<br>WOW, someone is steamed. Did I miss sumpin big while I was reading that!!<br>Yesterday, 22:57:52 – Flag – Like – Reply<br>Liked by Merritt buzzard man 'V  |
| 2         | Joyce<br>Sour grapes.<br>Yesterday, 23:01:40 - Flag - Like - Reply<br>Liked by ₩ Owl Totem  |
| a a       | Lorri<br>Why sour grapes?<br>Yesterday, 23:13:31 – Flag – Like – Reply  |
| £         | Merritt<br>You missed sumpin' little. Another mouse.<br>Yesterday, 23:03:59 – <u>Flag</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u>  |
| 87        | Owl Totem<br>Actualy I think I caught it! hooray.<br>Yesterday, 23:05:44 - Flag - Like - Reply<br>Liked by Merritt  |
| Ê.        | Merritt<br>Boy, you can tell I was in a hurry when I typed the above. I stopped in the middle of reading when I came to the line that she might remove it, came over<br>to post the link, then returned to finish the blog. Guess you know I meant "For those of you reading" and "lets loose in this one."<br>Yesterday, 23:00:47 – Flag – Like – Reply<br>Liked by Cold Totem Ref Kathryn R   |
|           | James Hill  |
|           | Well, there is nothing quite like staying objective and using good judgement backed by credible references to get your scientific opinion across.<br>Professional behavior begets professional respect. I see neither there. Call me unconvinced.   |
|           | Yesterday, 23:04:30 – Like – Reply – Delete<br>Liked by 💽 Owl Totem 🔎 Joyce 😻 Merritt 🛐 Christina Sigvertsen Podvin 🎆 Chris in Olympia, WA 💐 Kathryn R  |
| त         | buzzard man 'V'         Wonder what the chances of Carlos and Donna reading that might be.         Yesterday, 23:08:25 - Flag - Like - Reply         Liked by Christina Sigvert sen Podvin  |
| 1         | Kelly Warren<br>I read the blog and I feel quite sick. death trap? Oh man I hope not, and Carlos still has time to imporve things. I dont know, Im so distressed about all<br>this now.   |
|           | Yesterday, 23:17:46 – Flag – Like – Reply   |
|           | James Hill<br>If you feel so distressed, might I recommend you read someone eke's opinion other than Stacey. She is obviously not the only person qualified on the<br>matters and her penchant for throwing emotional dialog into the discussion only weakens her credibility. She may be a fine biologists, but she has not<br>proven that with the way she has overreacted to every minor detail of this whole experience. Try reading from a few other sources, people who are not<br>emotionally attached to a dream-like existence of the owls. Her material may make for great heartstring strumming stories, but her apparent inability to<br>stay objective is very disappointing.<br>Yesterday, 23:27:12 – Like – Repty – Delete<br>Liked by Merritt and dood fink Chris in Olympia, WA Cheryl Greenway Owen |
| <b>\$</b> | Chris in Olympia, WA<br>Boy, Merritt, you really got things going here!!<br>Yesterday, 23:42:45 – Flag – Like – Reply<br>Liked by Merritt   |
|           | Chery I Greenway Owen<br>Lactually stronged reading her blog some time ago as whist she is obviously quite knowledgeable. I do find her comments more 'obsessive' than  |

I actually stopped reading her blog some time ago as whilst she is obviously quite knowledgeable I do find her comments more 'obsessive' than 'objective'. I've literally just finished reading her book about Wesley which I enjoyed but I certainly wouldn't use anything in that as a reference guide to wild Barn Owls as its not a 'natural' situation. I can understand her feelings though - you don't live with an animal for 19 years and not get some emotional attachment to it - but I agree James, if you're going to write an 'informative' blog then you shouldn't let your personal feelings overshadow the facts

Today, 00:11:04 - Flag - Unlike - Reply







Chris in Olympia, WA Another one!! 🙂 Yesterday, 22:49:50 - Flag - Like - Reply



### **Owl Totem** Yeah Mommy!! Yesterday, 22:49:17 - Flag - Like - Reply



### **Owl Totem**

and James is right again... So was Molly. Yesterday, 22:50:16 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 👤 Guest



#### James Hill

I'm just well taught by the master. Carlos made those same observations very early on, so He was right again. 🙂 Yesterday, 22:56:08 - Like - Reply - Delete Liked by 💽 Owl Totem



### Web Inspector (Adam Curry)

molly is the best no longer in the nest went really wild cause of her 4 childs Yesterday, 22:44:53 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🖉 Joyce 🎆 Chris in Olympia, WA 🞆 Kelly Warren 💽 Owl Totem 🙎 Dawn R And 4 more

### Allyson

Gosh, this is the first night I have watched and I have seen five deliveries. I got to see Molly sit for awhile on the perch too. I'm batting a thousand. Yesterday, 22:44:15 - Flag - Like - Reply

Liked by 🎆 Chris in Olympia, WA 📱 Lorri 🌉 Owl Totem 🧶 Dawn R



### Kelly Warren

I have been here for nearly 5 hours and I have yet to catch a delivery, Im going to my bed 🙁 Yesterday, 22:47:58 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💽 buzzard man 'V'

| <u></u><br>ר | Live Owl Nest Box Cam                |   |  |  |
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| 5            | 87                                   | Owl Totem       Kelly-did you miss that one?       Yesterday, 22:51:05 - Flag - Like - Reply       Liked by Kelly Warren  |  |  |
|              |                                      | Kelly Warren<br>NO! I spoke too soon!!<br>Yesterday, 22:52:27 - Flag - Like - Reply   |  |  |
|              | McGee<br>McGee<br>McGee<br>Yester    | es Hill<br>ble observations to help distinguish between Molly and McGee deliveries for those unfamiliar.<br>e almost never uses the perch, instead landing directly at the door. Molly almost always uses the perch.<br>e almost always leaves flying toward the camera left. Molly almost always leaves camera right.<br>e almost never stays longer than the 2 seconds required to throw food at the owlets. Molly almost always sticks around, at least briefly.<br>rday, 22:43:31 – Like – Reply – Delete<br>by Lorri McChris in Olympia, WA Dawn R Kathryn R Kathryn R Kelly Warren And 3 more |  |  |
|              | 2                                    | Joyce<br>Thanks, James.<br>Yesterday, 22:44:26 – <u>Flaq</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u>   |  |  |
|              | 2                                    | Sue<br>Thanks for the info, James. But what does "almost never" and "almost always" mean? Just kidding.<br>Yesterday, 22:47:39 – <u>Flaq</u> – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u>   |  |  |
|              |                                      | James Hill It means I've learned to never use absolutes in any dialog on this chat room Yesterday, 22:51:04 – Like – Reply – Delete Liked by Sue  |  |  |
| 1            | <mark>Kathr</mark><br>Whoa<br>misseo | , caught those last two, finally! Two nights ago I saw 7 deliveries in a row without a miss. I'm batting 2-4 tonight. Went to the "ladies room" for that last   |  |  |
|              | Finally                              | a "Horku" because of that:  |  |  |
|              | You ca                               | nature's calling<br>an only wait so long<br>t's flight or fright  |  |  |
|              | <b>(</b><br>¥ester<br>Liked I        | rday, 22:41:35 – Flag – Like – Reply<br>by 🌇 Owl Totem 🎬 Lorri 🚟 Kely Warren 🔎 Dawn R 퉲 dood fink And 3 more  |  |  |
|              |                                      | in Olympia, WA<br>e it back to see Molly deliver!! 🙂  |  |  |
|              | Yester                               | just need my daughter to finish her homework on her computer and I can go to bed.<br>rday, 22:40:53 – <u>Flag – Unlike – Reply</u><br>oy 🗾 You 📓 Lorri 🌆 Owl Totem 🛃 Kathryn R 🤵 Dawn R   |  |  |
|              |                                      | Kelly Warren<br>that happened to me last night 😛  |  |  |



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Someone is just standing at the door SCREAMING!!! They are too precious!! 🙂 Yesterday, 22:40:43 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💽 Owl Totem

Sue Yay, I'm 2-6 tonight. 😃 Yesterday, 22:40:40 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Melanie from Milwaukee, WI I think they were having "THE Conversation!"...you know the one about the next phase of their life...? Yesterday, 22:39:49 - Flag - Like - Reply

Liked by 🔎 Shari Cekalovich 🜉 Kathryn R

Yesterday, 22:44:44 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Web Inspector (Adam Curry) Running low on happy juice, $\mathsf{I}\,\mathsf{'m}\,\mathsf{off}\,\mathsf{to}\,\mathsf{bed}.\,\mathsf{zZzZz}$ Yesterday, 22:38:33 - Flag - Unlike - Reply Liked by 🌉 You 💽 Owl Totem 🌌 dood fink



**Owl Totem** I am psychic tonight with checking video as delivery is made. So Happy 🙂 Yesterday, 22:37:05 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 🛐 Christina Sigvertsen Podvin 🎆 Chris in Olympia, WA 👤 Dawn R

**Owl Totem** 

And another! Yesterday, 22:38:59 - Flag - Like - Reply



Hey I just checked in and lucked out too Owl Totem! There must be something in the air tonight for both of us. Yowza!

Yesterday, 22:40:31 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💽 Owl Totem

#### Lorri 2

sandie

I was just about to say, well McGee is certainly busy tonight but Molly must be doing her nails. ... then she showed up 😀 Yesterday, 22:41:30 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💽 Owl Totem



was that a hummingbird i just saw Yesterday, 22:31:57 - Flag - Like - Reply



I saw it too, or a big flying bug! Yesterday, 22:32:41 - Flag - Like - Reply



Sorry, just read below, maybe a hummingbird moth Yesterday, 22:33:27 - Flag - Like - Reply



pretty big bug Yesterday, 22:34:05 - Flag - Like - Reply



Owl Totem large moth? My first thought. Yesterday, 22:33:53 - Flag - Like - Reply



**Owl Totem** I like Jere's hummingbird moth!

Yesterday, 22:34:50 - Flag - Like - Reply



I think what we are seeing is indeed a type of moth.

There are a few that look very similar to humming birds. http://www.birds-n-garden.com/hummingbird\_moths.html Yesterday, 22:34:40 - Like - Reply - Delete



Betty

Do you think there's a hummingbird moth cam? Yesterday, 22:38:39 - Flag - Unlike - Reply Liked by 🌅 You 👤 Dawn R



guess i"Il have to look up hummingbird moth.. Yesterday, 22:35:13 - Flag - Like - Reply



Kelly Warren

Kelly Warren I googled do hummingbirds fly at night and they have poor night vision and dont like too unless they are migrating. Yesterday, 22:36:06 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💐 Merritt 💹 Betty

# sandie

thanks for the link, thats a cool moth Yesterday, 22:36:53 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Chris in Olympia, WA



dood fink

it hink this kind of moth may be the adult version of the tomato hornworm? Yesterday, 22:39:31 - Flag - Like - Reply



Dawn R

Hello everyone, just checking in for a short visit, it's late here. 🙂 Yesterday, 22:31:52 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💽 Merritt 💽 Kelly Warren



Allyson

Just started watching the babies the day before yesterday. Is it typical for McGee to have done most of the hunting in a night. Molley hasn't delivered yet Yesterday, 22:31:25 - Flag - Like - Reply

Liked by 🧷 Dawn R



Hi Allyson. Molly and McGee share in the hunting. Two nights ago there were 17 treats, and she brought more of those than he did. Yesterday, 22:33:06 - Flag - Like - Reply



Jere Berkley Did you see what looked like a Hummingbird moth? Yesterday, 22:31:10 - Flag - Unlike - Reply Liked by 📃 You 🧵 Dawn R 💽 Owl Totem

### Chris in Olympia, WA

I'mgonna go walk the dog. I'm sure Molly will come now!! 😕 I'll check in after that and then to bed for me 🤤 .

Just put another chat PDF on the Wiki through about 10:12 pm PDT. Yesterday, 22:28:55 – Flag – Unlike – Reply Liked by Vou Wo Owl Totem Kathryn R Merritt I Lorri



Christina Sigvertsen Podvin 51. Well I always miss the puppet shows!

Yesterday, 22:30:12 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Wathryn R



Christina Sigvertsen Podvin That's why I better not miss when he sneaks the disco ball/mirror globe into the owl box and surprises us! Yesterday, 22:32:07 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt Market Chris in Olympia, WA



Yesterday, 22:34:00 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Schris in Olympia, WA



### Michelle Parrish goodnight from Sun diego.. Im soo tired and I have 5 little ones to get up with in the morning.....

Yesterday, 22:28:35 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 🛐 Owl Totem 👤 Dawn R



Christina Sigvertsen Podvin Break's over and I came back in time for delivery! Phew! Yesterday, 22:28:05 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Like</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by 🌉 Merritt

#### **Owl Totem** 3. ٢

Joyce

Yesterday, 22:29:24 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💽 Merritt



I missed that Yesterday, 22:27:50 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### **Owl Totem** ۲

Yesterday, 22:29:10 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



Can't keep my eyes open. Good night y'owl! Yesterday, 22:26:04 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🔝 buzzard man 'V 🌉 Merritt 🎆 Chris in Olympia, WA 👤 Dawn R

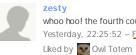


Melissa

Yesterday, 22:27:52 - Flag - Like - Reply

### James Hill

Good nite, sleep tight, don't let the owliens fright. Yesterday, 22:28:11 – <u>Like – Reply – Dekte</u> Liked by Chris in Olympia, WA 🔽 Owl Totem 🔤 Kathryn R 🤎 Dawn R



whoo hoo! the fourth course has been served Yesterday, 22:25:52 - Flag - Like - Reply



## **Owl Totem**

OMG-score again! Yesterday, 22:25:42 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt 🚮 Christina Sigvertsen Podvin



### **Owl Totem**

I'mback couldn't stay away. What is a Horku? Did I miss a inside the owl box joke? 🙂 🤤 Yesterday, 22:19:18 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Loretta Burdeaux

Loretta Burdeaux Someone used the word "horking" in describing an owl pellet being coughed up. Pretty quickly, haiku morphed into horku. At least this is how I read it... Yesterday, 22:20:59 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by WOW Totem



Merritt

Horku is several days old now. Kelly Warren said something about horking up a poem, and someone said, Horku! It's been in use ever since. Yesterday, 22:21:20 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Warren Owl Totem



### **Owl Totem**

Thanks. I figured. See what I missed communing with nature. 😫 Yesterday, 22:23:39 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Merritt 🜉 Kathryn R

### Kathryn R

Oh, you too Owl Totem! I likes you too! Horku, just a fun name for Haiku when it ain't really good. Urp! Yesterday, 22:23:07 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Work Totem



And what they said. Yesterday, 22:24:13 - Flag - Unlike - Reply Liked by 💽 You 🌆 Owl Totem 🜆 Christina Sigvertsen Podvin



#### Kathryn R

Jame Hill, you are a breath of fresh air on this board! The paparazzi post just slayed me! LOL!

Merrit, Chris, buzzard man, dood fink, et. alalso thank you for always liking me, too. 🙂

Still no Horku to post. I'm having owl block tonight. 🙁 Yesterday, 22:17:17 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 💐 Merrit t 🔤 buzzard man 'V' 🎉 dood fink 🌆 Chris in Olympia, WA 🍠 Dawn R



### Merritt

Lurking in the dark Haikus hiding in your head Just can't get themout.

A haiku for you!

Yesterday, 22:19:51 – Flag – Unlike – Reply Liked by Vou Warren Kathryn R ROW Totem Kelly Warren II Melody And 4 more



### I'm having a block myself. Must be weather related. Or it could be the pizza I ate for dinner, who knows. At any rate I'm feeling goofy, so I won't fight it. It comes naturally. Glad you're having fun. 😅 Yesterday, 22:22:54 - Like - Reply - Delete Liked by 🌇 Chris in Olympia, WA



### Sleepless in San Jose

You guys and gals are a lot of fun. I enjoy being on here with owl of you! I am off to bed, I can't keep my owl eyes open another minute. 🙂 Yesterday, 22:12:11 – Flag – Unike – Reply Liked by Vou Merritt Chris in Olympia, WA Wuzzard man 'V' AMelissa Dawn R



### sandy

OWL' second that one. Good nite from Michigan! Yesterday, 22:14:04 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by Merritt Not buzzard man 'V



#### buzzard man 'V'

James did you see that question you were asked earlier?

| <br>Jame  | s Hill    |
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| <br>Idid. | I did see |

Yesterday, 22:06:30 - Flag - Like - Reply

e the question. But I have a habit of getting myself in trouble whenever I argue the use of the term babies to describe an owlet! Therefore I declined to comment. 🙂

(I still liked the question though) Yesterday, 22:09:42 – Like – Reply – Delete Liked by warren



buzzard man 'V' Hey, I think the dude was serious. Probably had too much moonshine and thought there was a predator on the owl box. Yesterday, 22:14:09 - Flag - Like - Reply

### James Hill

Oh, I thought you were referring to your own question.  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{brb}}\xspace\ldots$ Yesterday, 22:15:32 – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u> – <u>Delete</u>

buzzard man 'V' ?????????

Yesterday, 22:16:57 - Flag - Like - Reply



Are those things gonna get them baby owls?

I thought that's what you were asking about. I saw Bills question too. Was there another one? Yesterday, 22:19:32 – <u>Like</u> – <u>Reply</u> – <u>Delete</u> Liked by buzzard man V

# buzzard man 'V'

No other question. Didn't think you would recognize me. Yesterday, 22:23:42 - Flag - Like - Reply

### James Hill

I almost always check the details of suspicious looking birds around here. 2Yesterday, 22:25:58 – Like – Reply – Delete Liked by Merritt

### elaine

That was clearly a hummingbird that just flew into view Yesterday, 22:05:55 - Flag - Like - Reply

# Kelly Warren

I dont think they fly at night. Yesterday, 22:08:42 - Flag - Like - Reply

#### Betty 2

Yes they do. They ve scared the begeezies out of me in the dark. @Yesterday, 22:27:12 - Flag - Like - Reply



#### James Hill

OK, I apologize to all of you who I made fun of earlier. It seems that Molly was indeed inside the box all this time. She was just trying to avoid the paparazzi. Wearing a disguise even. Carlos snagged this screenshot while no one was looking.

PICTURES



Yesterday, 22:02:13 – Like – <u>Reply</u> – <u>Delete</u> Liked by 🌉 Merrit t 🎆 Cheryl Tobey 🎑 Sierra 🚮 Christina Sigvertsen Podvin 🔎 Guest And 12 more





Lorri James, you crack me up. Thanks! Yesterday, 22:03:49 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🧶 Dawn R

elaine I'm glad I checked back in - that is TOO MUCH LOL!!!!! Yesterday, 22:04:19 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Dawn R

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## You are having too much fun now! There must be a nightly limit $\dots$ no, sky's the limit! Yesterday, 22:04:41 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Dawn R

Christina Sigvertsen Podvin

### Christina Sigvertsen Podvin

Christina Sigvertsen Podvin Well I think this was the funniest so far tonight so I will take a break on that note and check back for more fun later. Yesterday, 22:07:24 - <u>Flag</u> - <u>Unlike</u> - <u>Reply</u> Liked by You With Merrit t 2 Dawn R



# can't stop laughing

Yesterday, 22:07:40 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🔎 Dawn R



James, thank you!

Yesterday, 22:07:44 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🔎 Dawn R

#### Sleepless in San Jose 2

Yep that is what I saw too! 🙂 that is very funny!! Thanks! Yesterday, 22:09:35 – Flag – Like – Reply Liked by Merritt 🥷 Dawn R



## It's Grouchowl Marx!! 😮

Yesterday, 22:36:56 – Flag – Unlike – Reply liked by 🌅 You 🧵 Dawn R 🧘 Jeri



### Suse Joys Biggestfan

It's been a bit since I've checked in. Can someone give me an update? How come the camera is out of the box? Yesterday, 22:00:53 - Flag - Like - Reply



### Christina Sigvertsen Podvin

Butts are a bit larger and fluffier and always at the door (in the pm) in front of the camera. The outside view is the best at night now. Yesterday, 22:03:11 – Flag – Unlike – Reply Liked by Vou



## Merritt

Merritt Suse, check out this fabulous recap of all the big events leading up to today: http://mollyowl.pbworks.com/Timeline Yesterday, 22:05:05 - Flag - Unlike - Reply Liked by \_\_\_\_You Striss in Olympia, WA



### sandy

does anybody know on average how much food each owl consumes daily? Yesterday, 21:59:13 - Flag - Like - Reply



Yesterday, 22:04:45 - Flag - Like - Reply Liked by 🌉 Merritt



Thanks anyways. Seems like they really consume a large amount of food. Yesterday, 22:11:38 - Flag - Like - Reply

Loretta Burdeaux I just finished reading Wesley the Owl and if I remember correctly, Wesley ate about 4 mice per day. When he was molting he was hungrier and ate 7. Not sure how that compares with growing owlets like these, or owls who live in the wild and have to hunt. Yesterday, 22:18:10 - Flag - Like - Reply

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