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january or february barn owl eggs are laid on a nest made of owl pellets and so become dirty over time unlike ducks and geese owls hatch their eggs at different times spaced out by two days baby owls called owlets or nestlings hatch 3 to 5 weeks after the eggs are laid depending on the species because eggs are laid on different days the female will generally begin incubation with the first egg and the eggs will hatch in the order they were laid depending on the exact species of the owl the size of an owl egg can range from just half an inch to about 3 inches the smallest owl the elf owl *micrathene whitneyi* lay about three eggs per clutch each averaging a size from 26.8 x 23.2 mm to 29.9 x 25.0 mm owls lay more eggs than most diurnal raptors with clutches of up to 12 in the snowy owl *nyctea scandiaca* in years of lemming abundance snowy owls attain higher nesting densities nest earlier lay more eggs and have higher fledging rates than when lemmings are scarce how many eggs do barn owls lay barn owls lay 2-8 eggs usually 5-7 there is little correlation between clutch size and latitude they have 1-2 clutches per year in most areas but in some climates or in captivity barn owls can breed year round barred owls only have one brood a year and lay between 1-5 eggs per brood with the average being between 2 and three however if they lose an early brood they can lay more eggs they may even lay a third brood that year just to be sure the female owl lays eggs which hatch after an incubation period that lasts a few weeks both parents then take turns feeding newborn chicks until they can fly independently owls are known to be excellent parents and will fiercely defend their offspring from predators

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