# Owl Pellet Dissection

## Bone Identification

We recently dissected an owl pellet (you can watch the video and see bigger photos [here](https://www.beneaththebadgertree.com/owl-pellet-dissection)) and I have taken close up photos of some of the bones so that you can identify them too. Any pics with more than one bone in are those that I think are the same type of bone. I don’t know what this animal is, so can’t give any definite answers, we’re all exploring this together.

Here are a couple of guides which may be helpful:

The Natural History Museum *Beginner’s Guide to Identifying British Mammal Bones*

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/content/dam/nhmwww/take-part/identify-nature/british-mammal-bones-ID-guide.pdf>

The Barn Owl Trust *Owl pellet contents: small mammal bone identification guide*

<https://www.barnowltrust.org.uk/sitemap/galleries/pellet-analysis/>

This worksheet can be printed or filled in digitally to save paper (just tap the writing in the box and type). The ruler is in cm and mm. I would love to hear about your findings and if you enjoyed it, drop me an email at jane@beneaththebadgertree.com and tell me all about it.

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| 1 |  |  |
| What bone do you think this is?  What animal do you think this is? | | |
| Notes | | |

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| 2 | 3 |
| What bone is this? | What bone is this? |
| Notes | Notes |
| 4 | 5 |
| What bone is this? | What bone is this? |
| Notes | Notes |

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| --- | --- |
| 6 | 7 |
| What bone is this? | What bone is this? |
| Notes | Notes |
| 8 | 9 |
| What bone is this? | What bone is this? |
| Notes | Notes |

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| --- | --- |
| 10 | 11 |
| What bone is this? | What bone is this? |
| Notes | Notes |
| 12 | 13 |
| What bone is this? | What bone is this? |
| Notes | Notes |

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| 14 | 15 |
| What bone is this? | What bone is this? |
| Notes | Notes |
| 16 | 17 |
| What bone is this? | What bone is this? |
| Notes | Notes |

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| 18 | 19 |
| What bone is this? | What bone is this? |
| Notes | Notes |
| 20 | Can you draw one of the bones? |
| What bone is this? |
| Notes |