

Screech Owl *Megascops asio*

Screech Owls are classified as 'Federally Protected Birds of Prey'; therefore, volunteers will not be able to monitor their houses. . Only certified or licensed professionals from the Audubon Society can aide in monitoring Birds of Prey house(s). When watching other birdhouses, if the Screech Owl is seen in the area, please submit the following information as soon as possible:

1. The location the bird was spotted
 2. How many birds were spotted (mated pair, female, male fledgling ect.)
 3. Possibility of nesting
- ** [Please use the form provided to submit this information to our office.](#) **

The Screech Owl is a small nocturnal bird of prey with bright yellow eyes and reddish plumage possibly a grayish color depending on if it's a western or eastern Screech Owl.

Since they are nocturnal birds, they are difficult to be seen during the daytime. The best way to find the Screech Owl is by looking for owl pellets under large shade trees. Owl pellets are small pieces of indigestible materials such as bones, fur and exoskeletons that are regurgitated periodically.

Screech Owls breed in late winter or early spring. Nests are usually 15 to 20 feet above the ground in large shade trees. The nest will have four to five white eggs that will hatch within 26 days.