

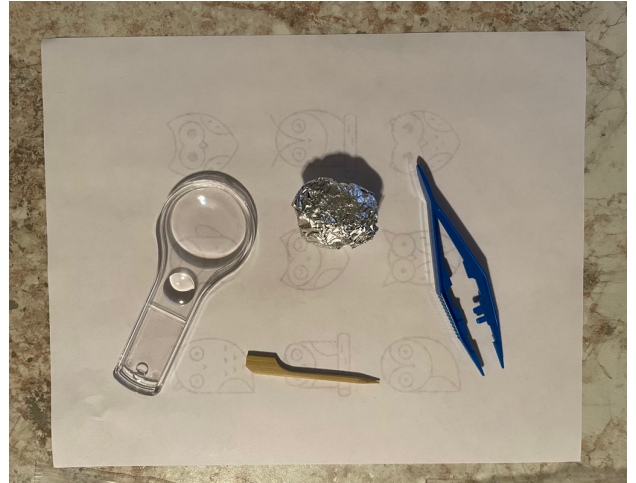


# Owl Pellet Dissection Instructions & Tips

Speaking of owl pellets!! A great activity is an owl pellet dissection! Take what you've learned from the book and see what you find in all that matter the owl couldn't use.

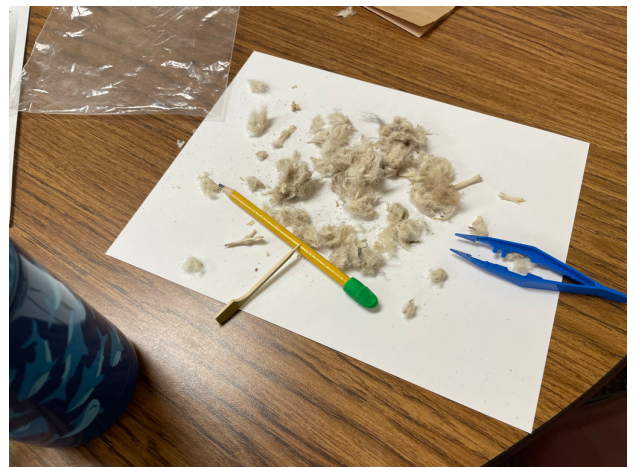
## Tools:

1. Owl pellet (these are easy to find online and range from \$1-\$2 depending on the source and quantity of purchase).
2. Tweezers
3. Wooden stick
4. Newspaper, paper towel, or white paper
5. Gloves if you have an allergy, otherwise avoid touching your face and wash your hands thoroughly afterwards.
6. Print out a bone chart, and observational worksheet.



## Activity:

1. Carefully use your tools to observe, examine, and break up your pellet. Look for fur, feathers, bones, seeds, and other materials.
2. Separate materials into categories. Fur with fur, feather with feather, bone with bone, etc.
3. Begin identifying materials. Types of fur, feather, bone, and seed.
4. Using the Bone print-out place identifiable bones in the appropriate categories. Can you tell what type(s) of animals your owl ate that produced this pellet?
5. Using the Findings print-out write down what you observed (textures, colors, etc.), what materials you saw (bones, seeds, etc.), and what you learned (type of food and location of your owl).



## Tips:

1. Take pictures throughout your experiment.
2. Add a little bit of water to hard pellets. Let that sit for a while and it can help them break up.
3. Soak the bones in water, to help them clean up and separate from other matter in the owl pellet if you want to save the materials.

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Picture of my owl pellet

## Owl Pellet Findings



**Observations:**

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**Materials Found:**

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**Findings:**

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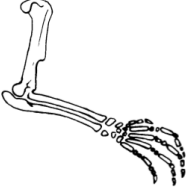
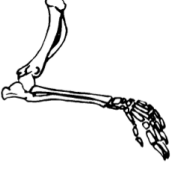


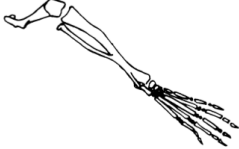
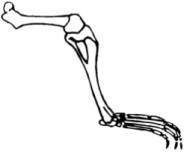

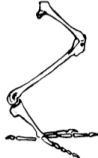















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Owl Pellet Bone Chart				
	Rodent	Shrew	Mole	Bird
Skull				
Jaw				
Scapula				
Forelimb				
Hindlimb				
Pelvic Bone				
Rib				
Vertebrae	      			

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