



# Barn Owl Nest Box Program

October 14, 2019



***Port of Stockton***  
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# Background

- Barn owls were present at Navy property
- Discovered in abandoned buildings
- Buildings were being demolished (safety)
- Port built owl nest boxes to keep the owls around for natural rodent control
- Owls liked them so we built more (now 20) and put cameras in them!





# Nest Box Locations





# Barn Owl Facts

- Mate for life
- 1 family consumes 3,000 rodents annually
- Non-territorial
- Cavity nesters
- They screech (not hoot)
- Common
- Typical Clutch Size 5-7 young

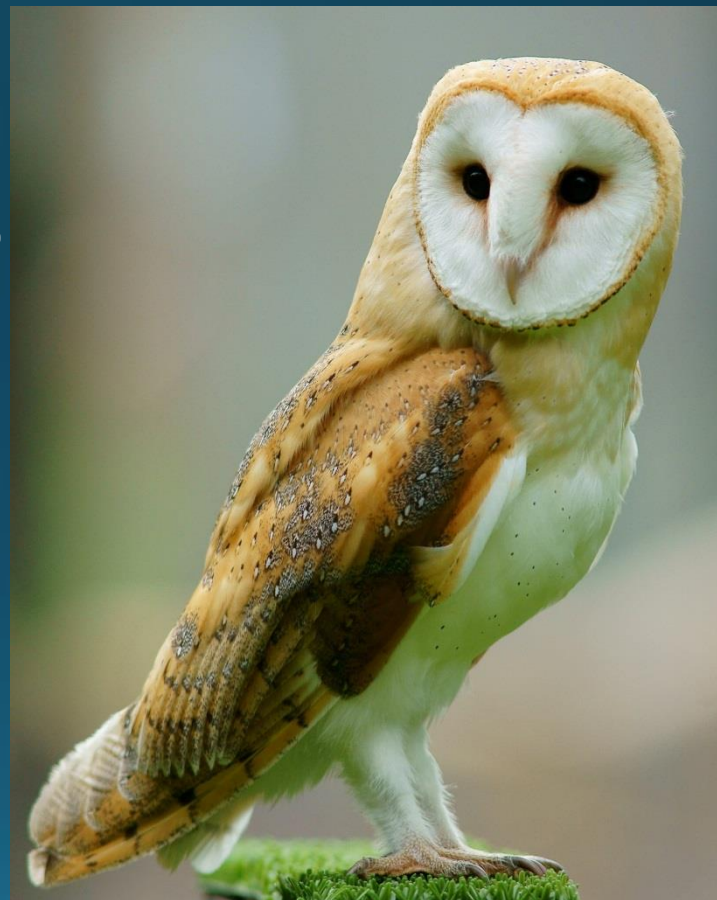






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# Nest Box at the Port









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By Richard V  
and James R  
*Los Angeles Times*

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**The Record**

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# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Class Pellet Dissection

## Procedures

1. Always wear gloves
2. Gently use a toothpick to disassemble the pellet.
3. Separate bones from other matter
4. Identify bones using sorting charts
5. Arrange bones to form a model of the prey.
6. Wash your hands.

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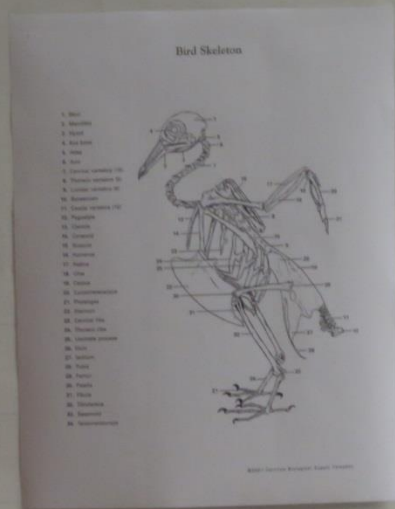
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# Operation Whoo! Who did I eat?

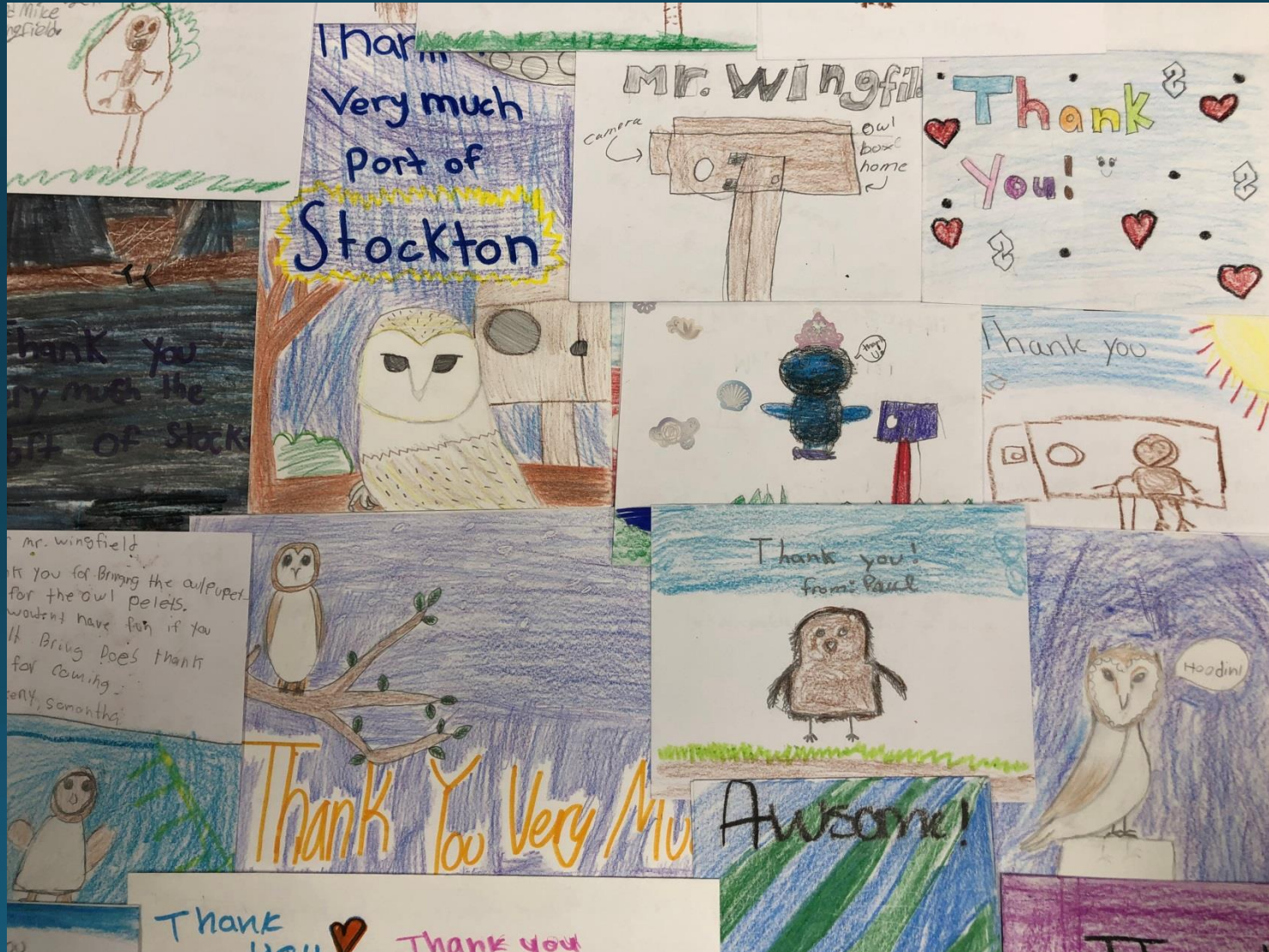
Objective: We will dissect an owl pellet and identify the bones by using a chart.







# Highlight of the Year!



# Results

- More than 1700 owls!
- [www.portofstockton.com/owl-cams](http://www.portofstockton.com/owl-cams)
- Saved over \$1,000 annually in pesticide costs





# Questions

