



Owl pellets are oblong in shape and 1-3" long

"If I find an owl pellet, what can I do to help?"

1. Please collect the pellet in a ziplock bag, following safety tips on our website:

<https://sites.une.edu/maine-owl-pellet-project>

2. Fill out our quick online survey to provide relevant info about the pellet(s):

<https://arcg.is/1ejG1X>

or



3. Place the ziplock bag in an envelope, and include the submission ID (from the survey) on a piece of paper.

4. Then, mail to:

Maine Owl Pellet Project
c/o Dr. Zach Olson
University of New England
11 Hills Beach Rd.
Biddeford, ME 04005

(requires 2 first class stamps ~\$1.20. If you'd like us to send you a self-addressed envelope with postage pre-paid, please email owlpellets@une.edu)

5. Check back on our website to find out what we are discovering!

Owls eat a variety of animals and regurgitate undigestible matter (hair, bones) in pellets that drop to the ground, often near an owl roost.

These pellets can be used to learn more about the diet of owls and what owl prey species live in an area because the pellets contain identifiable bones.

We will identify prey from pellets to learn about owl diets and also hope to discover new locations where the rare northern bog lemming is found in Maine.



Northern bog lemming

If you live, work, or adventure in Maine and find an owl pellet, please consider collecting and sending the pellet for analysis. Pellets from northern Maine counties (dark green) are of greatest interest to the project, but we will process all pellets we receive (lighter greens areas)!

