

Table S4.4 Comparison of tarsus lengths of female and male Little Owls per subspecies

Subspecies	Region	Origin	Males						Females						Author
			Mean	+/-	s	Min	Max	n	Mean	+/-	s	Min	Max	n	
<i>A. n. noctua</i>	The Netherlands	stuffed	34.8	+/-	1.2	33.4	36.3	21	35.6	+/-	1.1	34	36.8	20	Cramp et al (1985)
<i>A. n. noctua</i>	Nordrhein-Westfalen	stuffed	36.7	+/-	2.1	33	40	11	39.4	+/-	1.6	38	42	6	Glutz & Bauer (1980)
<i>A. n. noctua</i>	southeastern Germany		34.5	+/-	1.9			8	37.2	+/-	4.6			9	Mlikovsky & Piechocki (1983)
<i>A. n. noctua</i>	NW Austria	stuffed	34.5	+/-	0.9	33.5	35.6	8	35	+/-	1.3	33.4	36.2	7	Cramp et al (1985)
<i>A. n. noctua</i>	Northern Italy & Sardinia	stuffed	31.9	+/-	1.1	30.6	33.6	8	31.8	+/-	1.5	29.4	33.3	8	Cramp et al (1985)
<i>A. n. noctua</i>	Northern Italy	stuffed	25.92	+/-	2.5	23	30	6	27.67	+/-	1.84	25.5	30	4	P. Taranto pers. comm.
<i>A. n. noctua</i>	Central Italy	stuffed	24.33	+/-	3.69	19	31	7	24.64	+/-	3.7	20	30	7	P. Taranto pers. comm.
<i>A. n. noctua</i>	Southern Italy	stuffed	15	+/-				1		+/-					P. Taranto pers. comm.
<i>A. n. noctua</i>	Italy	ds 2/4 Eu	34.61	+/-	1.38	33	36.9	12	35.3	+/-	1.26	33.6	37.3	9	Mastrorilli (2005)
<i>A. n. noctua</i>	Italy	ds 3/5 Eu	34.57	+/-	1.24	32	36.1	15	35	+/-				1	Mastrorilli (2005)
<i>A. n. noctua</i>	Italy	birds all	35.59	+/-	1.28	32	36.9	27	35.39	+/-	1.18	33.6	37.3	10	Mastrorilli (2005)
<i>A. n. vidalii</i>	Iberian Peninsula	stuffed	34.6	+/-	1	33	35.9	8	34.8	+/-	1.1	32.8	36.3	12	Cramp et al (1985)
<i>A. n. vidalii</i>	Iberian Peninsula	iving birds	39	+/-	2.5	36	43	9	41.14	+/-	2.34	38	44	7	Martinez et al (2002)
<i>A. n. indigena</i>	Greece	stuffed	33.2	+/-	0.7	32.1	34.1	6	32.7	+/-	1	31.8	34.4	7	Cramp et al (1985)
<i>A. n. lilith</i>	Cyprus	stuffed	30	+/-	0.8	29.3	32.1	4	30.2	+/-	0.8	29.2	31.6	6	Cramp et al (1985)
<i>A. n. glaux & saharae</i>	Algeria, Tunisia, Lybia, Tibetsi, Egypt	stuffed	32	+/-	0.8	31.1	33.4	10	32.3	+/-	1.5	29.6	34.6	14	Cramp et al (1985)

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