

Owl Pellet Dissection Workstation

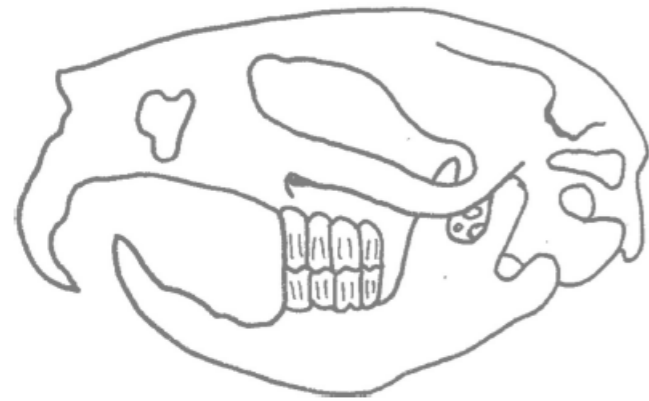
Use this worksheet to organise the bones you find while dissecting your owl pellet.

1. Using your tools, gently open the owl pellet and separate the contents in the workspace
2. Place any body bones you find into their matching box in the workspace.
3. If you find any skull bones (jaw, skull part, etc.) use the ID guide to find out if it is from a shrew, rodent or 'other' (eg a mole, bird or amphibian) and place it into the correct box in the 'Skulls' area.
4. If you can't work out what animal a skull bone came from using the ID guide, or you find something strange that you want help to identify, then place it into the 'Investigate' box so you can get some help.
5. Leave anything that isn't a bone in the blank area of the workspace –for example fur, claws, feathers, insect remains etc. Insect larvae are most likely tapestry moth feeding on the fur.
6. If you think you have found a greater white-toothed shrew place this in the 'Investigate' box so that this can be photographed and sent to be analysed by a Mammal Society expert.

Skulls



Shrew



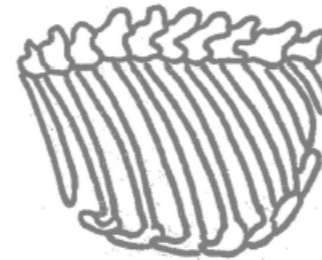
Rodent

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Other

Investigate

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