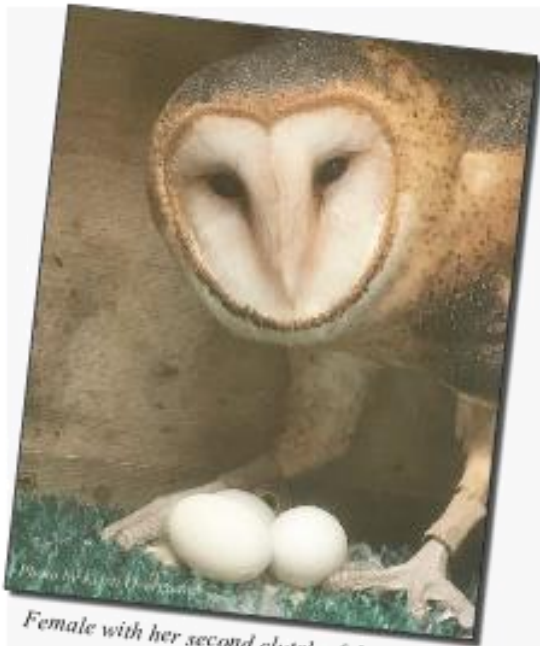


STILLMAN'S BARN *Owl* RAISING 2017

With raptors, males are supposed to be smaller than females. So, we were quite surprised when our smaller barn owl started laying eggs! We also had doubts that our older and more incapacitated male owl was capable of fertilizing the eggs. As you can from these pictures, he was up to the task!



Female with her second clutch of three eggs.



Owlet with the seamless band indicating it was bred in captivity. The bird will not outgrow the band.



The owlets with the female on July 22, roughly five weeks old.



Second owlet hatching from its egg. The male is on the right.



One of the owlets with the female on July 7. As some might say, the owlet has a face that only a mother could love!



The male protecting the owlets on Aug. 3, the day before they were transferred to the World Bird Sanctuary near St. Louis. There they will contribute to the Sanctuary's barn owl release project in eastern Missouri.