



(Gentle) Barred Owl. (*Mansueta*) *Strix varia*

Taken with a digital Sony Cyber-shot DSC-H20

Trustom Pond NWR, South Kingstown RI, February 14 2010

We happened upon this beautiful life bird perched on a branch seven feet directly above the path! He was surprisingly tame considering the five excited Homo sapiens staring up at him and stayed for at least five minutes watching us watch him until he (or she) flew into the woods and landed on a branch 30 feet away into the woods where we left him be. This was our very first owl species and it was one of the most thrilling bird experiences I have ever had, it left me literally trembling.