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# About the Barn Owl

Photo by Russel Savoury



Barn Owls are beautiful golden and white birds that live in open countryside.

Tawny Owls are brown and grey birds that live in woodlands, parks and gardens.

Barn Owls don't 'Twit Twooo' but Tawny Owls do! Barn Owls are sometimes called 'Screech Owls' because of the noise they make.

As Barn Owls are nocturnal, they sleep in barns and hollow trees during the day. This is called 'roosting'.

At night, they use their excellent hearing to hunt for their prey - voles, mice and shrews - which live in rough, tussocky grassland.

They fly almost silently so they can sneak up on their prey.

Barn Owls swallow their prey whole and regurgitate the fur and bones in the form of a pellet.

They nest on the wall tops of old barns, in holes in trees and in man-made nestboxes.

Baby Barn Owls are called 'Owlets'. They are white and fluffy and make a 'Psssssh Pssssssh' sound when they're calling for food.

Farming and the countryside has changed so much over the years that Barn Owls have become rare and you're lucky to see one in the wild.

As our weather begins to become more extreme due to climate change Barn Owls are at risk of declining further.

**We need to protect our Barn Owls before it's too late!**

## Did you Know?

The feathers on a Barn Owl's face form a heart-shaped disc that directs sound. This helps them to locate their prey.

Their long legs, toes and talons enable them to grab their prey, which is hidden in deep grass.

Tiny hooks on their wing feathers trap the air and muffle the sound so they can fly as quietly as possible.

In the past, nearly every farm had Barn Owls —now only 1 in 75 do.

In the wild, Barn Owls may only live for 3 years but in captivity they can live for over 20 years!



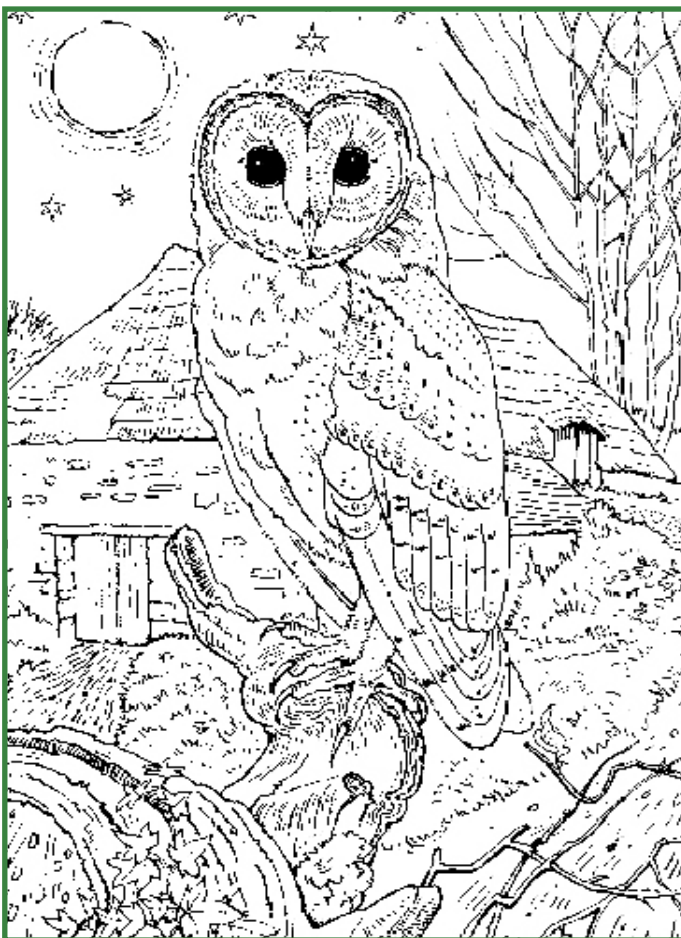
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## Find the words in the grid

Barn Owl	Tawny Owl
Little Owl	Conservation
Grassland	Barn
Tree	Pellet
Feather	Owlet
Silent	Vole
Rough Grass	Nestbox
Nesting	Habitat
Litter Layer	Talons
Eggs	
Screech	
Heart Shaped Face	

## Colour me in.....



## Barn Owl Quiz

### Where do Barn Owls live?

- A. In woodlands, parks and gardens
- B. In cities
- C. In open countryside

### What do Barn Owls eat?

- A. Worms
- B. Voles, Mice and Shrews
- C. Cheese on toast

### What is a pellet?

- A. Poo
- B. Regurgitated fur and bones
- C. Food

### What are baby Barn Owls called?

- A. Owlets
- B. Chicks
- C. Owlings

All the answers can be found on Page 1!

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