

Barn Owl Literacy

Further reading



The Barn Owl Trust website contains lots of information about Barn Owls including ecology, habitat, nextboxes and rehabilitation. All the pages are easily printable.

There are many books on Barn Owls, owls in general and related topics. The following list is a small selection of those available.

NON-FICTION:

TAYLOR, I. R., 1989. **The Barn Owl**. Aylesbury: Shire Publications Ltd. ISBN 0-7478-0024-3.
This inexpensive little book is also suitable as general reading and for younger readers.

DU FEU, C., 2004. **The BTO Nestbox Guide**. 3rd edition. Thetford: British Trust for Ornithology.
Mail order: £7.99 inc. £3.95 p&p, available from Gemma Baldwin on 01842 750050 or send a cheque made payable to BTO Services Ltd at BTO Sales, The Nunnery, Thetford, Norfolk, IP24 2PU.

A guide for those interested in providing nest sites for a variety of species of birds. Contains details of designs, materials needed and locations for boxes.

LAWRENCE, M. J. and BROWN, R. W., 1973. **Mammals of Britain: Their Tracks, Trails and Signs**. 2nd edition. Poole: Blandford Press. ISBN 0-7137-0434-9.
A useful aid for pellet analysis.

THOMPSON, R., 2008. **The Life Cycle of an Owl (Learning About Life Cycles)**. London: Wayland. ISBN 0-7502-5594-3.

THOMAS, E. and WHITE, J. T., 1980. **Hedgerow**. Surrey: Ash & Grant. ISBN 0-9040-6939-7.
The story of a hedgerow, its origins, growth, resources and wildlife. Hedgerow loss is a contributory factor in Barn Owl decline. Delightfully illustrated.

MANFRED, R. and WOLFGANG, E., (1989) **A Family of Owls (Animal Families)**. London: A & C Black (Childrens books). ISBN 0-7136-3124-4.
This children's book contains superb colour photographs and tells the reader about courtship, hunting, breeding, hatching and rearing.

BAKER, N., 2006. **Nick Baker's British Wildlife: A Month by Month Guide**. London: New Holland Publishers Ltd. ISBN 1-8453-7271-9.
Information about Field Voles and mentions Barn Owls in January section. Also features Tawny, Short-eared and Long-eared Owls.

Blue Peter: Planetwatch. 2009. London: Dorling Kindersley. ISBN 1-4053-4059-2.
The young person's guide to protecting our world.



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DANKS, F. and SCHOFIELD, J., 2009. **Go Wild! 101 Things to do outdoors before you grow up.** :Frances Lincoln Publishers Ltd. ISBN 0-7112-2939-2.

MOSS, S., 2009. **The Bumper Book Of Nature.** : Square Peg. ISBN 0-2240-8616-2.

KING, M., 2008. **Owl - Eye Openers See How They Grow.** Revised edition. London: Dorling Kindersley. ISBN 1-4053-2846-0.

Photographs show how an owl grows from a helpless chick into a hunting owl. Suited to very young children.

FICTION:

STIDWORTHY, J. and HARRIS, A., 1987. **Year in the Life of: Barn Owl.** Macdonald. ISBN 0-3561-3110-6.

This book tells the story of the life of "Titus" the North American Barn Owl over a year.

TOMLINSON, J., 2004. **The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark.** New edition. London: Puffin Books. ISBN 1-4052-1093-1.

Particularly suitable for reading aloud to young children.

TOMLINSON, J., 2002. **The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark (Illustrated edition).** London: Puffin Books. ISBN 1-4052-0177-0.

Particularly suitable for reading aloud to young children.

PETTY, K. and GRANT, S., 1990. **Silas the Owl.** London: Walker Books. ISBN 0-7445-1380-4.

Has attractive pictures and simple text.

DAVIES, N., 2008. **White Owl, Barn Owl.** London: Walker Books. ISBN 978-1-4063-1310-9.

A delightful and beautifully illustrated story about a little girl's first sighting of a Barn Owl.

WADDELL, M. and BENSON, P., 1994. **Owl Babies.** London: Walker Books, ISBN 0-7445-3167-5.

A story about three owl babies waiting for their mother to come home. Suitable for young children.

