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Baley

A BARN OWL true story

Baley was a surprise addition to the Trust in 2006 when he was discovered as a tiny owlet in our New Pond Aviary. Hazel and Noel had produced a clutch of eggs, one of which proved to be fertile.

During his first months Baley was weighed, measured and photographed every day and it was decided that he would be raised in the office so that he would get used to human company and could therefore take over from Dusty in attending school talks.

His development was easily monitored from the time he first started to fly until his agility improved. Now fully-grown, Baley has attended many school talks and may even accompany a



conservation officer home after a talk, for extra exposure to people. He is a beautiful owl and appeared alongside comedian Bill Bailey when the Trust filmed a programme for Channel 4 called 'Wild Thing I Love You' and also met Chris Packham whilst filming an episode of 'The Animal's Guide to Britain'. Baley has a long career ahead of him and is a huge asset to the Trust.



Photos: a. Baley as an owlet b. Baley with Bill Bailey c. On a school visit

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

1 The story of Baley from an owlet to a valuable member of The Barn Owl Trust family.

2 Make your own recycled plastic bottle BUG HOTEL
Step by step instructions - see inside.

3 Mini beast challenge
How many mini beasts can you find? Use our chart to see and tick everything you can discover. Colour your bug chart realistically or use your imagination!

Use your mini magnifying glass **FREE GIFT** to look at the bugs you find. What can you discover them.

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Help insects by making them a BUG HOTEL out of recycled materials



2 Have a look around your garden, open space or hedges outside. Look out for some reeds, bamboo or cow parsley (or ask a grown up for some old garden plant canes - they are perfect)

Recycle Bug HOTEL

YOU WILL NEED:



LARGE CLEAR RECYCLED
PLASTIC BOTTLE



STRING OR TWINE



SHARP SCISSORS/CRAFT
KNIFE



BUG HOTEL LABEL



3 Gather them together and break or cut them so they are a similar length to the middle part of your bottle. Neatly pack as many as you can to fill it up as tightly as you can. Different sizes will provide the bugs with shelter from the wind and weather..

1 Look in your recycle box for a clear plastic bottle, something like a squash or lemonade bottle would be ideal. Wash your bottle out. Ask an adult to carefully cut off the bottom and top using a craft knife or very sharp scissors.



See the back page to identify your bug guests - how many will you find?

4 Cut a length of string or twine and wrap around the outside of the bottle. Make a knot to secure it tightly. Cut another length of string and thread it through, leaving a long length.



5 Look around your garden and find a good place to put your hotel. Tie to a tree, bush or fence. A shady part of the garden would be best.

6 Your bug hotel is now ready for guests.
Good Luck!

7 Below is your label to cut out. Don't forget to put your name on it.

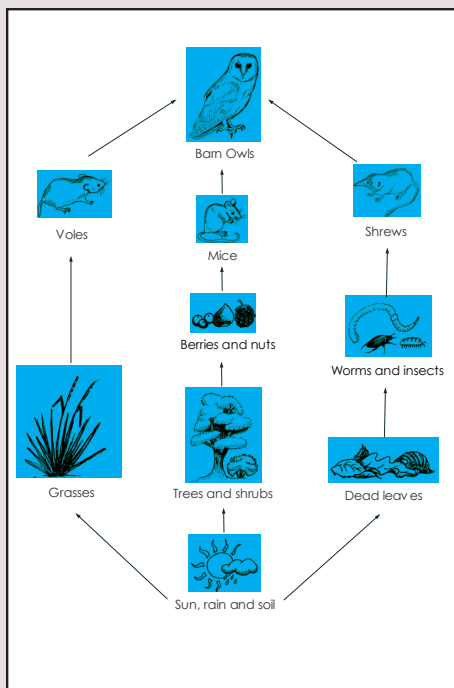
Send or email us a picture of your recycled bug hotel - we would love to see it!



**This HOTEL
belongs to**

The cycle of life

By making your bug hotel you can help Barn Owls. Here is a diagram showing the cycle of life.



This diagram shows a food web starting with the natural environment through to grasses and berries, worms, and insects then onto small reptiles and finally, the top predator - the Barn Owl.

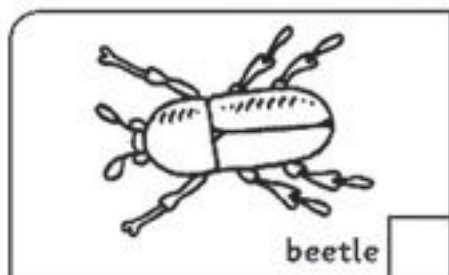
See over for your
Minibeast Spotting Chart!

Become a mini beast expert!

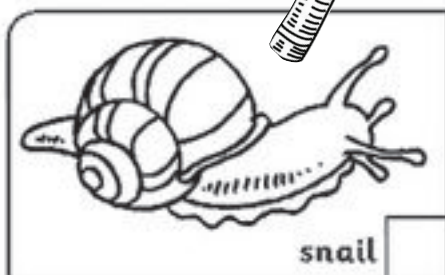


Minibeast Spotting Chart

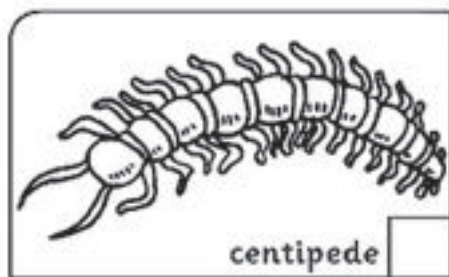
Which minibeasts have you seen? (tick the boxes to keep track) Use your free magnifying glass to study them closely and colour them in.



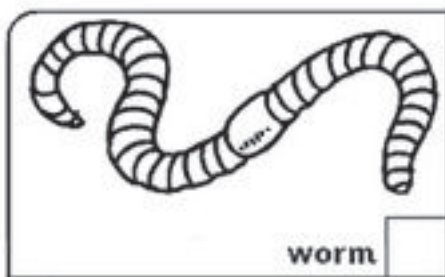
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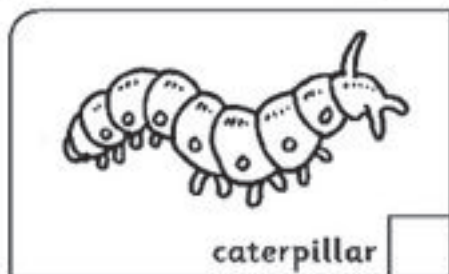
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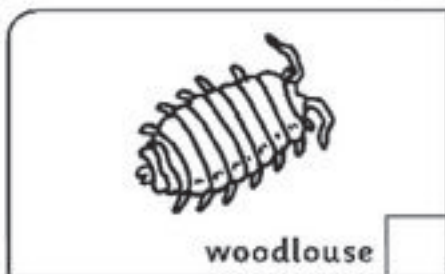
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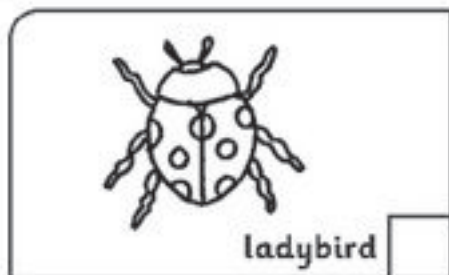
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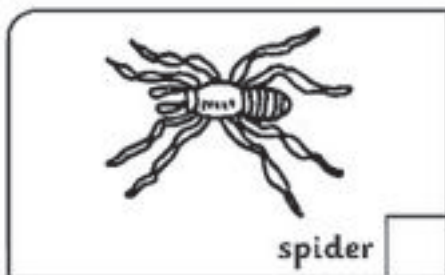
caterpillar



woodlouse



ladybird



spider

