

The **STONHAM** **SCREECHER**

Winter
2019/2020



Mouse Count!

Cobweb Club

Bald Eagles

Odin Needs Help!

Now You See Us...

Cover image taken at the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary by Claire Grasby



Hello,
My name is Lincoln and I am a Bald Eagle.
I live at the Suffolk Owl Sanstuary with
lots of owls and other birds of prey.
Here are some Bald Eagle facts....

We are the national bird of the United States of America
and our image appears on it's governmental seals.
We can be found everywhere between northern Mexico and Alsaka.

The word "bald" in our name does not mean that we
have no feathers! Bald is an ancient word meaning
"white headed."

We build larger tree nests than any
other species - they can weigh up to
1 metric ton.....that's the same as an
adult Suffolk Punch horse!!!

Bald eagles grow larger in colder climates,
so Alaskan birds are larger than Mexican
ones! The heaviest on record was an adult
female weighing in at 8.2kg (15lbs) in 1876
in Wyoming County.

We are sensitive birds and prefer to live in
areas remote from human activity. However,
one brave bald eagle family moved into
Harlem in New York City in 2010!

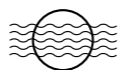
Our favourite food is fish, which we
swoop down and catch in our talons.
Sometimes we follow other predators like
brown bears, wolves and red foxes and
enjoy the fish that they drop!

Our talons are extremely powerful and our
gripping power is TEN TIMES that of a human.
The heaviest load ever carried by a bald eagle
was recorded as a 6.8kg (15lb.) deer!!

We like to build nests in trees with a good vantage point
for hunting. Selected trees must have good visibility, be
over 22m. tall, have an open structure for easy access
and be close to open water for fishing.

Got a question?? ASK AN OWL!
Do you have any questions about Owls
or other Birds of Prey? Cobweb the
Barn Owl is happy to answer and will
personally respond to your letter or email,
so please include your name and address!

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NOW YOU SEE US...

...NOW YOU DONT!

An owl's feathers are coloured to
blend perfectly with it's habitat
- this is called CAMOUFLAGE

Never seen an owl during the day?
That doesn't mean that they are not
around - they are just well camouflaged
so that you cannot see them!

Owls from cold, northern countries are coloured
white to blend into their snowy surroundings

During rest periods, during
daylight hours, camouflage offers
owls protection from foxes, dogs,
humans and other threats.

Those from warmer countries display
brown, grey and speckled feathers
to mimic their habitat.

For owls, successful nighttime hunting depends
upon silent flight and cover of darkness...

...during daytime, patience and camouflage
enable owls to move in on their prey unobserved.

As well as using camouflage, owls can puff their
feathers up to look bigger and flatten their bodies
down to look slimmer, to avoid detection!



ODIN NEEDS HELP!



Odin the Peregrine Falcon is a VERY fast bird. He can stoop onto prey at speeds of up to 200 mph!

Can you help Odin to make 8 other words from the letters in Peregrine Falcon? He has done the first two:

1.care.....

2.frog.....

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

MOUSE COUNT!

There are orphaned owls in the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary's raptor hospital.

They each need to be fed 4 mice per day.

How many mice will the falconers need to feed all the owlets for 6 days?

How many mice will three owlets eat in one day?

Will each owlet need more than 15 mice in 4 days?

Halve the number of mice that one owlet eats in 3 days

Double the number of mice that one owlet eats in 2 days



Will 4 owlets eat more mice in 3 days than 2 owlets in 7 days