

The **STONHAM** **SCREECHER**

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Malaysian
Wood Owl

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Cobweb Club

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Hello,
My name is Woody and I am a Malaysian Wood Owl. I live at the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary with my owlie friends.
Here are some interesting wood owl facts:

As our name suggests, we like to live in wooded areas - we particularly like temperate and tropical forests.

The stripy plumage on our chests provides great camouflage when we are resting in the trees.

Like our barn owl friends, we have a beautiful facial disc which helps us to hear and locate tiny prey.

We are large, but not very visible! You can often locate a wood owl by following groups of smaller birds which like to mob and dive bomb us!

We are closely related to tawny owls.....
.....do you think I look like my friend Bug?!

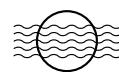
We have lots of cousins!...there are 14 sub-species of wood owl distributed throughout Asia, India, Sri Lanka, China and Indonesia.

Like all owls, we have extra bones in our necks - humans have 7 neck vertebrae, whilst we have 14, this enables us to rotate our heads through 270 degrees.

We like to eat all sorts of insects and small mammals, including fruit bats!

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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A Second with Susan



When Susan visits schools, she is accompanied by her helper, Titch the Tawny Owl! Titch is a very friendly owl who loves meeting people.

Susan also helps people to understand food chains, habitats, feathers, eyesight, hearing and beaks using exciting quizzes and activities!

Susan and Titch look forward to meeting you, your teachers and classmates soon!

Sometimes Susan and Titch show people how to dissect (pull apart) owl pellets. These contain the fur and bones that owls cannot digest when eating their prey

Susan is the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary Education Officer. She is a VERY busy person! As well as producing educational resources for children and young people, Susan has many other roles:

In the mornings, Susan often visits local schools. She helps children (and teachers!) to learn about owls, other birds of prey, wildlife and conservation.

Conservation means acting to protect animals and their habitats, plants, rivers, forests and other natural resources for future generations.

When school groups visit the sanctuary, Susan shows them lots of different birds and helps them to understand how owls behave, what they eat and why they are important to our environment.



Bright Eyes!

Owls do not only fly and hunt at night! Many owls are also active during the day. The colour of an owl's eyes tells us whether they are nighttime or daytime hunters.

Owls with black eyes hunt at night.

Owls with yellow eyes hunt during the day.

Owls with orange eyes hunt at dawn and dusk - they are crepuscular



What colour eyes does Loki the Snowy Owl have? Does he hunt during the day or night?

What colour are your eyes?

How many people in your class have brown eyes?

Are there more blue-eyed people in your class than brown-eyed?

What is Skye Doing?

A verb is a doing word. It tells you what someone or something is doing.

Skye the Golden Eagle is very active in her aviary with her partner Finn

Some words below describe what they do - which words in the list are NOT verbs?

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| 1. eat | 2. golden | 3. rest | 4. hunt | 5. preen |
| 5. talon | 7. fly | 8. large | 9. listen | 10. feather |

