

The **STONHAM SCREECHER**

Autumn/Winter 2014-15



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Loki the Snowy Owl

Write to Cobweb



Hello!
My name is Loki and I am a Snowy Owl. I live at the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary with my friends Norse & Mlshka and lots of other owlie neighbours!

In the wild, Snowy Owls live in Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Scandinavia and Russia.

On very rare occasions, we have been spotted in the north of Scotland. We last bred there in 1975.

Throughout the world we are known by many different names, including Ermine Owl, Ookpik, Tundra Ghost and Scandinavian Owl

We have very thick plumage to keep us warm - even between our toes!! But if we are too hot we can "thermoregulate" by panting and spreading our wings.

We do not build nests, but make a "scrape" which is a hollow in the ground.

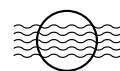
We have VERY noisy babies. They 'cheep' until they are two weeks old, but then the "SQUEAL" and "HISS"! Ouch!!



Since 1987, the Snowy Owl has been the official bird of Quebec in Canada

We do not chase after our lunch! Instead we sit very still until it comes close and then... pounce!!

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 with an answer!



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Wildlife with Liz

Liz Hagar is a falconer at the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary. As well as training and flying birds, Liz is responsible for the conservation work in the Woodland Walk.

In the wood, she develops habitat suitable for a wide variety of creatures

BUG HOTEL



Liz encourages insect life by building a Big Hotel. This is made from sticks and decaying wood and provides lots of cracks & crevices to keep the bugs snug!

Woodlice, earwigs, centipedes and beetles all use the hotel to shelter in in winter and protect their babies.

POND LIFE



She ensures the sides of the ponds slope gently. This provides areas of shallow water to attract frogs, dragonflies and beetles. Hedgehogs and birds can also access shallow water to drink & bathe.

Around the ponds Liz creates damp, shady areas with plants. These encourage newts and toads which are protected from predators by the leafy cover.

The deep water is the ideal place for frogs to spend the winter, in the muddy pond bottom. Whilst down there under water, frogs breathe through their skin!



LADYBIRD HOUSE



Habitat for ladybirds and lacewings is created by boring holes in logs and hanging them from trees. Ladybirds help to control the woodland population of aphids.

BIRD LIFE



Liz attracts many birds to the woodland - goldfinches and siskins love niger seeds, blue tits & robins enjoy peanuts and thrushes and wrens choose mealworms. Yuk!

WORD BUGS

Bug & Beak are Tawny Owls. They are best friends and always sit very close to each other... just like the "e" and the "a" in Beak's name!

Can you think of other words in which the "e" and the "a" sit next to each other?

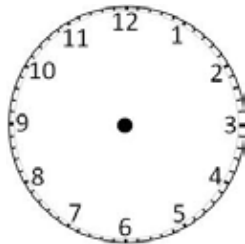
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CECIL'S SCHEDULE

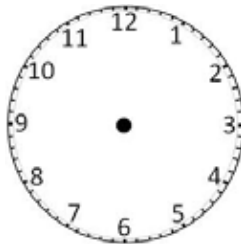
Cecil is a very busy Spectacled Owl! He has lots of activities to fit into his day. The falconers have given him a schedule to help him!

Can you help Cecil to understand the schedule by drawing hands on his clock?

- 8.30 am** Weigh-in
- 9.15 am** Meet the public
- 10.50 am** Photo shoot!
- 11.30 am** Flying display
- 1.25 pm** School visit
- 2.30 pm** Fitting anklets
- 3.55 pm** Eat dinner!
- 4.45 pm** Relax in mews



Weigh-in



Meet the public

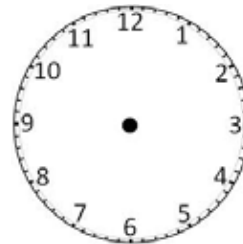
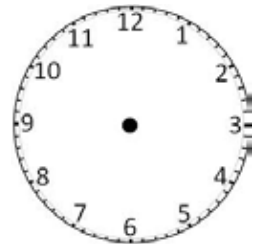
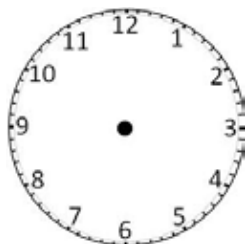


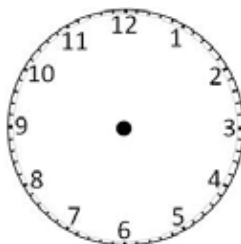
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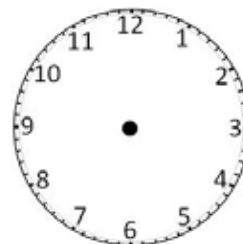
Flying display



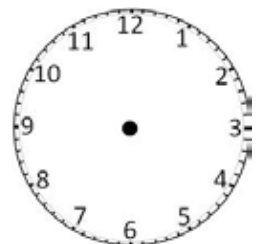
School visit



Fitting new anklets



Eat dinner!



Relax in mews