

Adopt a Box

Adopt a Box: wild birds of prey need places to nest

[Adopt a Box](#) with the Hawk and Owl Trust

Adopting a nestbox through the Hawk and Owl Trust is fun. You'll be kept up to date with what's going on in your adopted box. You can also learn more about barn owls and the other birds that use the special nestboxes put up and monitored.

Shortage of homes



Loss of old hollow trees and conversion of barns for housing has dramatically reduced the supply of traditional nesting sites for species such as owls. It is estimated that four in every five barn owls now use nestboxes, demonstrating how important boxes are for this species.

Tawny owls, little owls and kestrels are also benefiting from nestboxes, which are put up in carefully selected areas with suitable feeding habitat.

How you can help

Adopt a Box yourself or as a present for a friend - it is a worthwhile way to help owls and other birds of prey. There are nestboxes in many parts of the country and you can Adopt a Box in one of seven regions.

During the breeding season specially trained and licensed conservationists monitor the boxes. Each year you will receive news of the birds that may have used the box allocated to you. You might be lucky enough to hear that eggs were laid and young reared. Most of the boxes are designed for barn owls but other species which might use them are tawny or little owls, kestrel or jackdaw.

Protecting the breeding birds

In the interest of conservation we cannot tell you exactly where your box is. The nests of all birds of prey are protected and barn owls have additional legal protection. It is vital that the birds are not disturbed while rearing their young. Furthermore other adopters may share your box.

Online form

- [Apply online to Adopt a Box](#)

Complete the form to adopt a nest box for owls and other species, either personally or as an exciting gift for someone, and support the work of the Trust

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