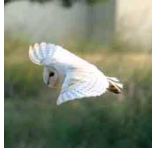








Owls in the United Kingdom



Six species of owl occur naturally in the United Kingdom, while controversy rages over whether a seventh, the European Eagle Owl, is living wild in England as a result of natural migration from the Continent, or as a result of escaping from bird collections.

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-  [Barn owl](#)
Barn owls (*Tyto alba*) are very pale and may be seen at dawn and dusk
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The long-eared owl (*Asio otus*) is a very secretive bird that is often overlooked
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Short-eared owls (*Asio flammeus*) nest on the ground and are active during daylight hours
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The large white snowy owl (*Bubo scandiaca*) was made famous as Harry Potter's owl, Hedwig
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Tawny owls (*Strix aluco*) are the owls most often heard calling during the night.