

British Wildlife

There are lots of wild animals that live in Britain. There are many birds, mammals and even reptiles, such as snakes.

You can see some of these animals in your garden or local park. Some of them are nocturnal. This means they usually come out at night.

Nocturnal Animals

Hedgehogs, badgers and foxes usually come out at night.

Hedgehogs are very noisy eaters! They mostly eat beetles, caterpillars and worms but they also like cat food.

Badgers eat worms, frogs and rats but they will eat hedgehogs as well.

Owls often fly at night. One of the most common kinds is the barn owl. It has a white body and a golden back. Some people call it the screech owl because it can be very noisy. It eats mice, birds and insects.



Did You Know...?

- There are three types of snake that can be found in Britain.
- They are mostly harmless.
- The adder is the only venomous snake found in Britain but it is very shy and is not usually aggressive.



What Are the Most Common UK Garden Birds?

The results of a survey in 2020 showed that the most common British bird was the house sparrow.



house sparrow



starling



blue tit



woodpigeon



blackbird

Questions

1. Which word means 'animals that usually come out at night'? Tick one.

- ☐ mammal
- ☐ nocturnal
- ☐ reptile

2. How many types of snake are there in Britain? Tick one.

- ☐ two
- ☐ three
- ☐ four

3. Draw **three** lines to match the animals to their food.

hedgehogs	beetles, caterpillars and worms
barn owls	worms, frogs, rats and hedgehogs
badgers	mice, birds and insects

4. Look at the **Did You Know...?** section. Find and copy one word which shows that the adder will not usually come out to hurt people.

5. What is the most common British bird?
