

Barn Owl (*Tito alba*)

Each month, the **iWatchWildlife** Project choose a wildlife species that we'd like to know more about. We ask people to tell us when they spot that species, so we can then convert the observation into a Wildlife or Species Record. Species records are important because the more we know - the better we can protect our local wildlife.

During **August**, we will be collecting records of **Barn Owls**
please get in touch if you spot one with your name, location, date and photo if possible



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How to spot a Barn Owl:

- buff colour with pure snowy-white feathers
- heart-shaped face
- are mostly nocturnal seen at dusk and dawn flying low and silently
- like to hunt in open country, farmland and woodland edges
- listen out for their blood curdling screech in flight
- mainly hunt by sound, rather than sight – their heart shaped face helps collect and funnel sound

About Barn Owls:

- have declined in the UK during the past century
- on the Island: We still see them regularly, but not in the numbers they once were
- eat mice, voles, shrews and some larger mammals, small birds and beetles
- produce pellets containing the undigested parts of their prey e.g. bones, teeth and fur

Tell us about or Tag us with your observations and share your pictures at any time of year on:
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