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OWLETS

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE
THERE ARE EIGHT TO SPOT

WHO AM I?

1. I am a British bird of prey
2. I like to eat small mammals and birds, and insects
3. I'm not usually seen in groups
4. Males and females of my species have different feather colours and patterns
5. I'm best known for my ability to hover



MATCH THE BIRD TO ITS CALL

Ee-chup

Hint: this British bird makes two distinct calls. This one is short and used in courtship and the other is a longer, wailing call.

Twitt-twhooo

Hint: this is one of the best-known calls of all British animals. However, the sound is actually made by a pair of birds calling in harmony; one will call 'twitt' which is answered with a 'twhooo'.

**Weeeah, hee-ah
hee-ah hee-ah**

Hint: if calling when perched, this bird will throw its head back when it makes the call (it will also do this when flying!). It is so well-known that this bird is often referred to as 'the voice of Africa'.

Whooo whoo
oo-oo-oo who

Hint: this bird makes a very deep call, which is even deeper for the females. On a quiet night, the sound can carry exceptionally far.



TAWNY OWL



VERREAUX'S EAGLE-OWL



PEREGRINE FALCON



**AFRICAN
FISH-EAGLE**

ANSWERS

WHO AM I? I'm a kestrel. SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: 1. tail feathers, 2. foot, 3. radio transmitter, 4. bag strap, 5. rope colour, 6. wing feathers, 7. wristbands, 8. Gounther ring. MATCH THE BIRD TO ITS CALL: Ech-up – Peregrine falcon, Wee-ah, hee-ah – hee-ah hee-ah – African Fish-Eagle, Twit-twit-hoo – Tawny Owl, Whoo whoo oo-oo-oo who – Verreaux's Eagle-Owl.