

OWLETS

HOW WELL DO YOUR KNOW YOUR OWLS?

DO YOU THINK THESE STATEMENTS
ARE TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Many owl species can rotate their head 360 degrees and can do so with speed and ease.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
2. Owls can catch their prey in almost complete darkness.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
3. All owls make a 'twit-twhooo' sound.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

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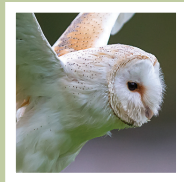
MATCH THE BIRD TO ITS NEST



Short-eared
Owl



Peregrine
Falcon



Barn Owl

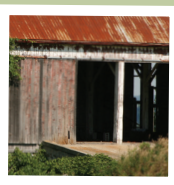


Secretary
Bird



Large nest in the
top of a Blackthorn
Bush in Africa

These trees are very difficult to get into and so good to keep predators out. These nests can be used more than once and the height of the tree gives them a good vantage point.



Barns

The birds that nest in barns do so because they provide protection from the elements and predators. Haylage and straw barns can also conceal small mammals which are on this bird's menu.



On the ground in
rough grass areas

Although this means that these birds are quite exposed to the elements and other predators, they are quite small and can hunker down into the longer grasses.

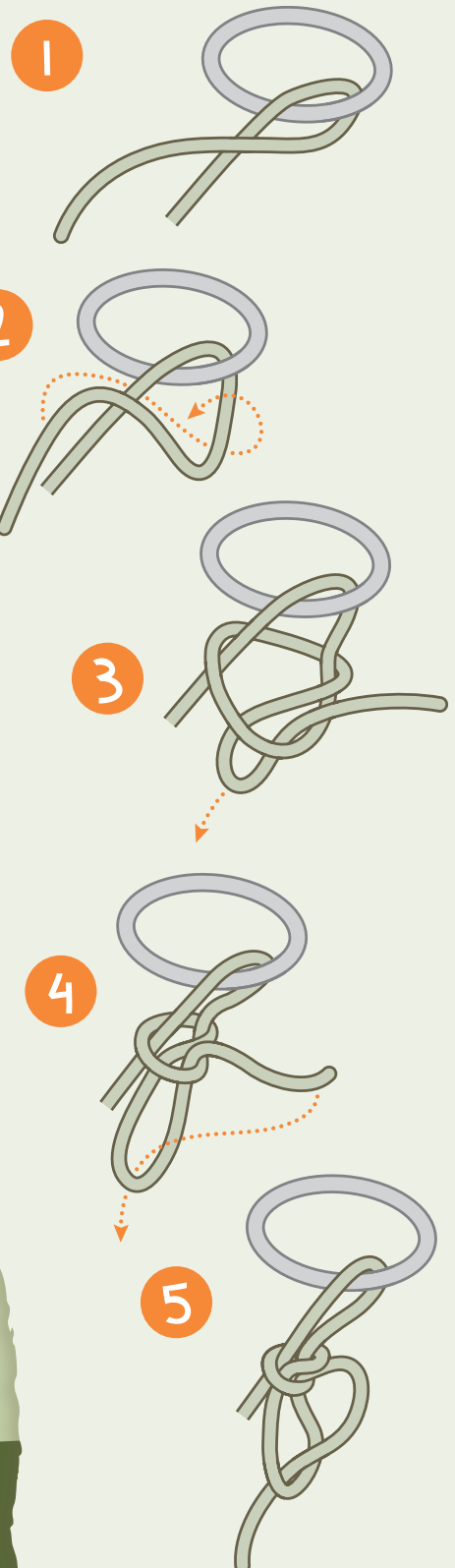


Ledges on cliffs
and buildings

The birds that nest here tend to prefer nest sites that are flat.

HOW TO TIE A FALCONER'S KNOT

Before any members of our bird team can handle any birds, they must master the art of tying a 'falconer's knot'. The trickiest part of this is the fact that it has to be done with one hand as the other would have a bird sat on it. See if you can master this for yourself using our easy instructions.



ANSWERS

How well do you know your owls? 1. False - they can actually rotate their heads 270 degrees! 2. True, 3. False, only Tawny Owls make this sound.
MATCH THE BIRD TO ITS NEST
Secretary Bird - ledges on cliffs and buildings.
Peregrine Falcon - top of a Blackthorn Bush.
Short-eared Owl - on the ground in rough grass areas.
Barn Owls - barns (of course!).