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Tawny Owl



Description: Round head, flat face with large dark eyes. About the size of a pigeon.

Habitat: Woodland, shrub land, parks and gardens

Diet: Carnivorous - mice, voles, small birds, frogs, large insects and earthworms

Fox



Description: Reddish brown fur, white chest and a bushy white tipped tail or 'brush'.

Habitat: Hedges, meadow/ woodland areas and sheds.

Diet: Carnivorous - small mammals/birds, insects, earthworms, fruit and berries.

Hedgehog

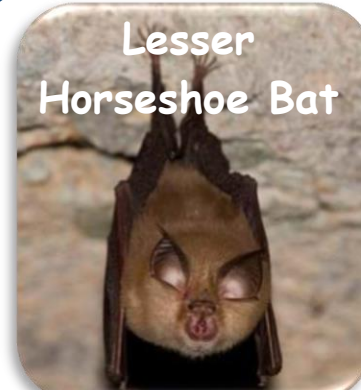


Description: Short legs, round body covered in short dark yellow tipped spines.

Habitat: Hedgerows, woodland, meadows and gardens.

Diet: Omnivorous - garden grubs such as insects and snails. Also frogs, snake eggs and carrion.

Lesser Horseshoe Bat



Description: A horseshoe shape flap of skin surrounding their nostrils gives these bats their name.

Habitat: Summer roosts in old, uninhabited buildings; winter roosts in caves, cellars and mines

Diet: Small insects including midges, moths, crane flies and lacewings

Badger



Description: Distinctive black and white striped face with large grey body.

Habitat: Woods, underground burrows or 'setts'.

Diet: Omnivorous - frogs, small mammals, seeds and berries. Favourite food - juicy worm!

Barn Owl



Description: White heart shaped face and white chest. Long legs, toes and talons

Habitat: Old trees, attics and barns near to field edges, watercourses and grass strips good for hunting.

Diet: Carnivorous - short-tailed vole and other small rodents.

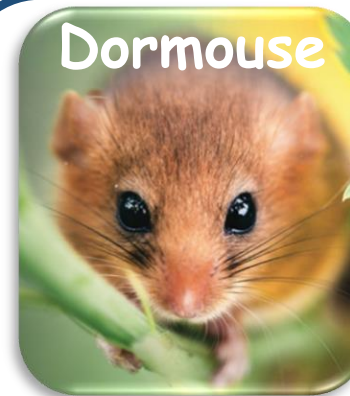
Silurian Moth



Description: A rare and endangered moth found in the Brecon Beacons National Park. Tawny to reddish brown.

Habitat: High moorland areas.
Diet: The caterpillars feed on bilberry plants.

Dormouse



Description: Body length of just 6-9cm, soft golden brown fur, big black eyes and a long feathery tail.

Habitat: Branches in the woodland canopy only descending to ground level to hibernate.

Diet: Omnivorous - nuts, seeds, berries and hawthorn/oak flowers