Children: Resources on Nocturnal Biodiversity

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1. BOOKS :

a. Fact

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Available through Amazon. This book looks at creatures that live in a variety of settings: forest, riverbank, fields and orchards, desert, beach, mountains. Stylised drawings of animals with dense text. A possibility for a wide age range from reading with parents to independent readers able to cope with information-rich text in relatively small print. The ‘glow’ technology is unreliable.
Animals at Night: A Glow in the Dark Book

*Katy Flint
Cornelia Li
Wide Eyed Editions
9781786035394
2019

Available through Amazon. Covers different habitats from Animals at Night (above) and more realistic drawings. ‘Glow’ technology also unreliable.

Animals that Hunt in the Dark – Nocturnal Animal Book 1

Baby Professor
2017-09-15

(First Grade book) Photographs with large text. Covers characteristics of nocturnal animals, hunting strategies, night vision, glowing in the dark echolocation, nocturnal species (bats, opossums, owls, raccoons, red fox, skunks, leopards).

The Little Book of Night-Time Sounds.

Caz Buckingham
Fine Feather Press.
9781908489272
1.10.2106

Thick pages like an early years reader but very informative on 12 different creatures (Nightingale, Red Deer, Little Owl, Fox, Nightjar, Hedgehog, Barn Owl, Common Frog, Tawny Owl, Common Toad, Great Green Bush-Cricket and Badger). Good sound reproduction. Battery operated.

Night Animals

Sue Meredith
Usborne Beginners
978-0-7460-8050-4
2007-06-29

8 years +. Photographs, largish print. Looks at different creatures (Bushbabies, owls, bats, hedgehogs) but also at nocturnal creatures’ different characteristics i.e. big eyes, strategies for keeping cool, keeping hidden, light messages etc)
Night Animals
Louise Spilsbury
Blackwells/Collins Big Cat
9780007412952
2011-09-01

*A simple but beautifully photographed introduction to creatures that wake up as we go to sleep. Includes reading strategies to help teachers and grown-ups use the book to build reading skills.*

Night Explorer (National Trust Out and About series)
Robyn Swift
Nosy Crow Ltd
ISBN 978-1-78800-440-4
2017

*Fabulous book from the National Trust for older children and parents and children. A guide to over 100 insects, animals, birds and stars, it also gives practical tips on looking for wildlife at night (including keeping safe); what to wear at night; making a night-time den; using a torch and Morse Code; making Shadow Puppets with your hands; identifying animal tracks and much more.*

Night-time (Explore My World series)
Jill Esbaum
National Geographic Kids
ISBN 10 1426320485
ISBN 13 9781426320484
2015-07-31

*Available in the USA. I have not been able to review this publication.*

Nocturnal Animals : 100 Facts
Camilla de la Bedoyere
Miles Kelly Publishing Ltd
13: 9781848102354
2010

*Available from Amazon. A mixture of drawings and photographs this book includes 100 facts on nocturnal creatures and their habitats and hunting and mating strategies etc. It also includes projects, quizzes, fun facts and cartoons.*
Nocturnal Animals

Abbie Dunn
Raintree


Stunning large photographs. Large text. Activities. With its links to further information, it is also an introduction to research work.

Nocturnal Animals

Kelli Hicks
Capstone Press

ISBN13 9781620652589 2012-08-01

Currently unavailable.

Out of Sight Till Tonight!

Tish Rabe
Penguin/Random House

ISBN 9780375870767 2015-03-24

Entertaining and informative. Impressively includes diagrams of the cones and rods of the human eye and how they function.

All about Nocturnal Animals

Sounds of the Wild – Night-time

Maurice Pledger
Silver Dolphin Books

ISBN 9781840118797 2007-09-01

Available from Amazon. Beautiful pop-up book. The pictures are full of creatures (e.g. on the first two pages are a Tawny Owl, Red Fox, Eurasian Badger, Nightjar, Yellow-necked Mouse, and 9 different types of moth) and useful information is given on each. Unfortunately the ‘sound’ element is unreliable and I was unable to open the battery compartment to change the battery.
Where are the Night Animals?  Mary Anne Fraser  Harper Collins  0064451763  1998-12-12

Available on Amazon. Ages 4-8. A beautifully illustrated journey through the countryside at night starting at night-fall and ending at day-break. Includes what happens to the nocturnal animals during the day and suggests various follow up activities (playing hide and seek in the dark; exploring the night; building a mouse nest)

b. Picture Books (introductory/fiction)


This is the Hardback version. Available in the USA. I have not been able to review but it would appear to be beautifully illustrated.

Moon  Britta Teckentrup  Little Tiger Press Ltd  ISBN 978-1-84869-867-3  2018

A beautifully illustrated journey round the night-time creatures of the world accompanied by the changing phases of the Moon.


An early reader book with thick pages with push, pull and slide activities on each page.
Night Animals

Gianna Marino

Viking Books for Young Readers

0451469542

2015-07-14

Also available on You Tube, read by Mr. Bragg

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTogMbtyM74

This is so well read on You Tube that I am not sure that it is worth buying the book.

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

Jill Tomlinson

Egmont UK Ltd

ISBN 978 1 4052 0177 3

2002

A charming and beautifully illustrated story of Plop, the baby owl, who is afraid of the dark.

Owl Babies

Martin Waddell

Walker Books

ISBN: 9780744531671

8 Sept 1994

A picture story book about three owl babies and the night they woke up and found their Mother had gone. Touching.

Stardust

Jeanne Willis

Nosy Crow

ISBN: 9781788000697

6 May 2018

Not about nocturnal creatures but an exciting picture story book on how the world began. “Everything and everyone is made of stardust...”
2. WEB-BASED RESOURCES: a

a. Encyclopedia

Nocturnal Animal Facts for Kids. Publisher Kiddle  [https://kids.kiddle.co/Nocturnal_animals](https://kids.kiddle.co/Nocturnal_animals)

b. Videos

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFG7etbxiSo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFG7etbxiSo) Children’s (3-5 years) animated song about nocturnal animals (bat, owl, racoon, hedgehog)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUSwd-kZbVs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUSwd-kZbVs) Children’s (3-5 years) set in a Lego classroom, this is a semi-animated short film on owls and bats

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fBSL5gpe8M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fBSL5gpe8M) Children’s (5-9 years) Animal Antics – Animals at Night: factual film in 4 parts on nocturnal animals (fox, hedgehog, owl, moth, ferret, gnat, moth, beetle)

c. Educational teaching resources

Key Stages:

KS 1: 5 – 7 years old (Years 1 and 2)

KS 2: 7 – 11 years old (Years 3 – 6)

KS 3: 11 – 14 (Years 7 – 9)

KS 4: 14 – 16 (Years 10 and 11)

KS 5: 16 – 18 (Years 12 and 13)
Pre-School

https://www.pinterest.com/amberbright09/nocturnal-animal-preschool-theme/  (Pre-School)

KS1

https://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/night-blight-2016-key-stage-1-lesson-plan/

https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/nocturnal-animals-6060705  Times Educational Supplement (TES) Children’s (KS 1) Beautiful photographs with voiceover (frog, hedgehog, fox, owl)


https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zsshfg8  BBC (KS 1) : Bite Size Nocturnal Animals and Birds.  Factual film (owls, mice, hedgehogs, bats, moths, badgers, moles, worms)

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2546272-nocturnal-animals-for-kids  Set across 9 slides, the powerpoint opens up the world of Nocturnal animals.  Each slide provides a hand-illustrated picture, a photograph and a quick fact-file, this resource is designed to keep children engaged.

https://www.dovelands.leicester.sch.uk/week-4-nocturnal-animals/  KS1  Lesson plans, song and story

https://www.bromstoneschool.com/nocturnal-animals-term-34/  KS1  Lesson plans including Wildwood Night visit

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=nocturnal+animals  KS1+2.  Factual flashcards

KS2

https://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/night-blight-2016-key-stage-2-lesson-plan/

https://study.com/academy/lesson/facts-about-nocturnal-animals-lesson-for-kids.html#:~:text=Examples%20of%20nocturnal%20animals%20include,skunks%2C%20aardvarks%2C%20and%20owls  Teaching plan (KS2) with film covering inter alia Aardvarks, bats, skunks, owls, badgers, opossum, sea turtles
International Dark Sky (IDA) Educational Resources

https://www.darksky.org/our-work/grassroots-advocacy/resources/educators/

For all the family

Nocturnal wildlife (rspb.org.uk)  RSPB factual descriptions with links to organisations (owls, moths, foxes, hedgehogs, badgers, bats)


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