Owls



If you go outside night when there is moonlight, you could see an owl.

Owls have big eyes. They can't see when it is *very* dark but they can see quite well when there is a little bit of light from the moon. When there is a little bit of light, the black circles in the centre of their eyes become bigger to let the light in.

Owls can't move their eyes, so they turn their heads to look around. Owls can turn their heads almost all the way around.

There are more than two hundred different kinds of owls in the world. In Fiji there is only one kind, the barn owl.

Owls can fly without a sound. They hunt very quietly. They catch small animals like mice and lizards. They have very good hearing and can even hear a mouse running through the grass.

You may hear an owl's call if you go out after the sun has set. You could hear an owl making this sound: "Hoo hoo hooooo".



