

Nocturnal Animals *Worksheet*

Why do nocturnal animals like the dark?

Nocturnal animals usually need their ears more than their eyes. We think a wood is quiet at night. But nocturnal animals listen for small sounds.

Where can we see them?

Nocturnal animals live in many different parts of the world. They usually prefer woods and other quiet places.

You can see nocturnal animals in many zoos. Their rooms are dark and quiet during the day. At night they turn the lights on to help them sleep!

Are hedgehogs nocturnal?

Yes, **hedgehogs** sleep during the day. They also hibernate from November to March. You don't usually see them in the winter or during the day.

Other nocturnal animals include **foxes**, **snails** and **owls**.

What is the biggest nocturnal animals?

A lemur called the **Aye-aye**. It lives in the forests of Madagascar.

And the smallest?

The smallest animal in the world is the 'bumblebee' bat.



Tasks:

Collect information about five nocturnal animals.

Find out:

- a) Where do they live?
- b) What do they eat?
- c) What can they see at night?
- d) What they can hear at night

2. **Choose one nocturnal animal.** Find more pictures and information.

True or False?

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| 1.Nocturnal animals go to bed at night. | 5.Hedgehogs are nocturnal |
| 2.They can see well in the dark. | 6.Bats hibernate. |
| 3.Nocturnal animals usually have good hearing | 7.The Aye-aye is very small |
| 4.There are no nocturnal animals in zoos | 8. Bees are nocturnal |
| | 9. Snails are nocturnal |
| | 10. Foxes are nocturnal |