








Nocturnal Animals Picture Sheet

<p>Moth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insect • Attracted to light • Has a hairy body to keep itself warm while it is flying • Uses the moon and stars or the North and South Poles to find its way around 	
<p>Chevrotain (mouse deer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small, shy mammal • Lives in forests in Africa, India and South East Asia • Feeds mainly on plants and fruit 	 <p><i>Photo taken by Linda Kenney (licensed under Creative Commons Attribution ShareAlike 2.0)</i></p>
<p>Hamster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodent • Moves quickly • Often kept as pets • Originally from Syria where they live in the desert 	
<p>Bush baby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small animal, about the size of a squirrel • Feed on insects, leaves and fruit • Produces a loud cry that sounds like a human baby • Has large, round eyes that help it to see well in the dark • Has large ears that help it to find insects in the dark • Lives in trees 	 <p><i>Photo taken by Hans Hillewaert (Lycaon) (licensed under Creative Commons Attribution ShareAlike 2.5)</i></p>

<p>Slow loris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lives in trees • Moves slowly • Eats insects, birds' eggs and small animals 	
<p>Sloth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spends about 15 hours upside-down every day, so many of its organs are in different positions to other mammals. • Its hair curves in the opposite direction to allow the rain to run off. • It doesn't drink; instead it gets its water from juicy leaves and dew. • Its long grey or brown hair helps it to be camouflaged from predators. • On the ground it moves very slowly. 	
<p>Aye aye</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Found in the forests of Madagascar • World's largest nocturnal primate • Has a long middle finger to pull grubs out of trees • Eats nuts, seeds, fruits and grubs 	

Fennec Fox

- Large ears (15cm) for hearing prey and thick fur to keep it warm at night and cool during the day
- Lives in the Sahara Desert
- Eats Jerboa, scorpions, spiders, beetles, snakes and lizards.
- Pants like a dog to cool



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Owl

- Large eyes for hunting at night
- Flies to catch prey
- It cannot move its eyes very much, so turns its whole head to look in other directions.
- Has large ears, so has sensitive hearing.
- It cannot chew, so has to swallow its food whole
- Has special feathers to help it fly silently





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Jerboa

- Small jumping desert rodent
- Has burrows in sand to avoid the heat of the day and to escape predators
- Eats seeds, insects and plants



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<p>Bat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flies to catch prey • Instead of <i>looking</i> for its prey, it uses echolocation – produces high-pitched squeaks, which bounce back when they hit an object. The bat then uses these echos to work out where the object is. • Many bats eat fruit, but some eat insects, fish, frogs and small animals. • Vampire bats drink the blood of cows, horses and other large mammals! 	
<p>Badger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Found in UK • Lives in burrows called setts • Setts protect them from predators like people and dogs • Eats earthworms, insects, small mammals and amphibians 	
<p>Scorpion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insect which is a close relative of the spider • Lives in burrows • Usually eats insects • When a scorpion attacks its prey, it holds it with its claws and stings it with its tail • All scorpions are poisonous, but most do not hurt humans 	