We need your barn owl sightings!

These beautiful birds are rarely seen nowadays. Loss of field margins, woodland edges and hedgerows from farmland means fewer places for barn owls to hunt for rodents. Ideal nest sites are also lost as farm buildings are converted into dwellings or demolished.

Through the BOOLS Project, FWAG and SAC Farm Conservation Advisers are working with farmers to improve habitat for barn owls; the RSPB and Local Biodiversity Partnerships are raising awareness in local communities and schools. It is vital however, to know where barn owls are seen - your sightings are very important, but please remember the birds are protected by law and it is illegal to disturb nesting barn owls.

The birds are very distinctive

*White underwings. *White heart-shaped face with dark eyes. *Golden brown upper parts.*
*Long "shrieking" call, unlike the tawny owl's familiar "ke-wick" or "hooting" calls.
*Often seen hunting at dusk.

Location:.....

Date seen:..... OS 6 fig Grid Ref (if known):.....

What was the bird doing: In flight ☐ Feeding ☐ Found dead ☐ other ☐

If other please give details:.....

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