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Common Nightjar

Caprimulgus europaeus

The Common Nightjar is a medium-sized nocturnal bird renowned for its cryptic plumage and distinctive churring song that echoes through open woodlands and heathlands at dusk and dawn. Its mottled bro...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Caprimulgidae

Habitat: Open woodland, heathland, moorland, and forest clearings

Diet: Insectivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 4-12 years

Weight: 41-101 g

Scientific name: *Caprimulgus europaeus*

Did you know?

- Despite being called 'goatsuckers' in folklore, nightjars do not suck milk from goats; this myth arose from their frequent presence near livestock, w...
- Common Nightjars are masters of camouflage, making them very difficult to spot during the day. They have a unique 'churring' song, which can last for...

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